

MARSEILLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #150
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
201 Chicago Street
Thursday, May 22, 2025
7:00 pm
Library

President Jim Barnes called the Marseilles Board of Education meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Members answering roll call were President Jim Barnes, Christy Carpenter, Lawrence Cowie, Brad Miller, Julie Morey, and Vicky Thomas. Christy Carpenter arrived at 7:04 pm. Members absent with notice were only Cherise Byone. Superintendent Brenda Donahue, Shawn Collins, Deb DeGraaf, Craig Hepner, Paula Wheeler, and Tim Misener were also in attendance. Many parents and grandparents were also present for the award presentation.

GRIT recipients led the Pledge of Allegiance and then received their awards from Mr. Collins.

Mr. Barnes asked Ms. DeGraaf if anyone had requested public comment. Ms. DeGraaf replied that no one had registered or requested to speak.

Marseilles Education Association: Tim Misener and Paula Wheeler

- Shared grade level news:

Thanked everyone for a wonderful school year. The 5th grade went on a field trip to Ottawa and enjoyed Mrs. Weygand's art gallery. 4th grade is working on fractions and telling time. They also shared how much they enjoyed promotion being held in the MPR.

Principal: Shawn Collins

- The last day of student attendance is next week - the year has flown by!
- 8th grade Awards and 8th Grade Promotion were held last week in the MPR. We had families request tickets for admission. It was the best ceremony of my 4 years by far.
- Students who reached their reading goal for the year have earned a trip to the Gamer's Garage for tomorrow. Look to continue and improve our reading incentive program as literacy will continue to be a priority next year.
- End of the Year Awards: Rookie-Sam DeGraaf, Para- Andrea Hart, Support Staff- Tyler Amm, Teacher-Monica McGill
- Handbook updates for next year:
 - Updated language stating that we do not hold grades, transcripts, or diplomas for unpaid balances on student accounts.

- Students who are prescribed medical marijuana need to be registered with the Illinois Department of Health
- Updated Medicaid billing information
- Students who have a doctor's note excusing them from PE will also be excluded from physical activity during recess.
- Updated Parent Communication information
- PBIS to RISE
- Suicide Prevention hotlines have been added to the handbook
- Students are allowed to make modifications to athletic uniforms for the purpose of modesty per their religious or cultural beliefs.
- PUNS is a statewide database that records information about individuals with developmental disabilities who are planning for or seeking services through the Illinois Department of Human Services. At each annual review for a student with a disability, the IEP (Individualized Education Program) team must determine if the student is registered for PUNS.

Superintendent: Brenda Donahue

- The Kindergarten wing roof project is unfortunately getting more and more costly. The cost has increased by over \$30,000 due to insulation and permitting, for example. That's the main reason the budget is included.

Treasurer's Report: Craig Hepner

- The balance in the operating account as of April 30 was \$1.78 million, which represents a decrease of approximately \$60K from the balance at March 31.
- Receipts for the month of April were \$739K and included \$282K in general state aid and \$38.4K in investment income. Revenue is running about 6% ahead of budget year-to-date.
- Expenditures in April were \$777K. Expenditures are running in line with budget for the year.
- The yield on the CD investment portfolio as of April 30 was 4.051%, which is in line with the yield at March 31.

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Barnes to approve the Consent Agenda:

- 6.01 Minutes of:
 - Regular Meeting: April 24, 2025
- 6.02 Treasurer's Report
- 6.03 Disbursements / Bills
- 6.04 Deposits / Receipts

- 6.05 Employee and/or Board Member professional development, travel expenditures, and/or reimbursements
- 6.06 Payroll
- 6.07 Activity Fund Report
- 6.08 Expenditure Budget Report
- 6.09 Revenue Budget Report
- 6.10 Requests for District documents under the Freedom of Information Act: Requests for District documents under the Freedom of Information Act: Received on 5.7.2025 by Abbas Khan and responded to on 5.12.2025.

Aye: Barnes, Carpenter, Cowie, Miller, Morey, and Thomas

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Thomas to approve the following resignations: Cheyenne Timm (fifth-grade teacher), Lainey Mason (junior high teacher), Haylee Casey (part-time custodian), Lainey Hicks and Tonya Thompson (TNT club sponsors), and Jared Mason (boys basketball coach).

Aye: Barnes, Carpenter, Cowie, Miller, Morey, and Thomas

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Carpenter to approve the following transfer/hires pending appropriate licensure and passing of all background checks (if new): Lexi Greve (fifth grade teacher) and Lisa Smith (special education teacher).

Aye: Barnes, Carpenter, Cowie, Miller, Morey, and Thomas

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Morey to approve the intent to retire at the end of the 2028-2029 school year, from Janice Johnson (second grade teacher).

Aye: Barnes, Carpenter, Cowie, Miller, Morey, and Thomas

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Thomas to approve the first reading of Press Policy Issue 118.

Aye: Barnes, Carpenter, Cowie, Miller, Morey, and Thomas

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Morey to approve the placement of Fiscal Year 2025 budget on display.

Aye: Barnes, Carpenter, Cowie, Miller, Morey, and Thomas

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Morey and seconded by Carpenter to approve raising the adult lunch price by 25 cents for the 25-26 school year as required by the National School Lunch Program and Section 205 of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010.

Aye: Barnes, Carpenter, Cowie, Miller, Morey, and Thomas

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Morey to approve the payment of \$82,434.31 for the Property/Casualty/Liability Package and \$59,682.31 for the Workers Compensation Package to the Prairie State Insurance Cooperative.

Aye: Barnes, Carpenter, Cowie, Miller, Morey, and Thomas

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Morey and seconded by Carpenter to approve the 2024-2025 final public school calendar.

Aye: Barnes, Carpenter, Cowie, Miller, Morey, and Thomas

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Morey to approve the designation of interest earned as interest income.

Aye: Barnes, Carpenter, Cowie, Miller, Morey, and Thomas

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Miller to approve the 2025-2026 handbook.,

Aye: Barnes, Carpenter, Cowie, Miller, Morey, and Thomas

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Morey and seconded by Carpenter to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm.

Aye: Barnes, Carpenter, Cowie, Miller, Morey, and Thomas

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried


President – Jim Barnes


Secretary – Deborah DeGraaf