

MARSEILLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #150
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
201 Chicago Street
Thursday, June 26, 2025
7:00 pm
Library

President Jim Barnes called the Marseilles Board of Education meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Members answering roll call were President Jim Barnes, Cherise Byone, Christy Carpenter, Lawrence Cowie, Julie Morey, and Vicki Thomas. Brad Miller was the only member absent with notice. Superintendent Brenda Donahue and Deb DeGraaf were also in attendance.

Mr. Barnes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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: absent

Principal: Shawn Collins - absent

Superintendent: Brenda Donahue

- Summer camps are in full swing at MES
- Extended school year school (ESY) update: The first session was earlier this month, and will be again in August
- Air conditioning is working in the big gym
- We had a new teacher luncheon where all of the new teachers came to MES and enjoyed the morning, and lunch while chatting with Mrs. Wheeler and Mrs. Leslie
- The new air-conditioned bus is set to arrive in the first week of July

Treasurer's Report: Craig Hepner - absent. Mrs. Donahue read his report

- The balance in the operating account as of May 31 was \$1.54 million which represents a decrease of approximately \$245K from the balance at April 30.
- Receipts for the month of May were \$474K and included \$282K in general state aid, \$88K in Corporate Personal Property Replacement Tax, and \$36.4K in investment income. Revenue is running about 4% ahead of budget year-to-date.
- Expenditures in May were \$701K. Expenditures are running in line with the budget for the year.
- The yield on the CD investment portfolio as of May 31 was 4.015% which is slightly lower than the yield at April 30.

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

- 6.01 Minutes of:
 - Regular Meeting: May 22, 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 6.16.2025 from Owen Wang and denied on 6.16.2025, received on 6.23.2025 from Owen Wang and responded to as not applicable on 6.23.2025.

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Morey and seconded by Byone to approve the following resignations: Payton Slabaugh (paraprofessional) and Sally Graham (lunchroom aide)

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Morey and seconded by Carpenter to approve the following transfers/hires pending appropriate licensure and passing of all background checks (if new): Stephen Parker (substitute maintenance & custodial to permanent maintenance), Bethany Gama (ELL to Junior High ELA), Christian Honn (substitute to paraprofessional) and Dawn Putnam (lunchroom aide to paraprofessional).

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Byone and seconded by Morey to approve the request for FMLA from Ali Clark.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Byone and seconded by Carpenter to approve the second reading of Press Policy Issue 118 and the first reading of Press Policy Issue 119.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

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

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Byone and seconded by Barnes to approve the 2025-2026 School Improvement Plan.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Byone to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 pm.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried


President – Jim Barnes


Secretary – Deborah DeGraaf