

MARSEILLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #150
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
JANUARY 20, 2009

Gary Fleming called the Marseilles Board of Education meeting to order in the library at 7:03 p.m. Members answering roll call were Jim Barnes, Rich Callahan, Dee Crawshaw, Gary Fleming, and Shawn Schmitke. Bob Hornbeck and Bill Stapleton were absent. Superintendent JoEllen Fuller and Principal Jeff Owens were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Gary Fleming.

Visitors included Lana Shane, Jennifer Morello, Eileen Carusona, Ann Terry and Kathy Blumenshine.

Ron Blumenshine presented the treasurer's report. The last distribution of property taxes, in the amount of about \$169,000 and \$2,000 interest, was received.

A motion was made Crawshaw and seconded by Callahan to approve the consent agenda:

- Minutes of December 22, 2008 Tax Levy Hearing
- Minutes of December 22, 2008 Regular Board Meeting (with a spelling correction)
- Minutes of January 14, 2009 Special Board Meeting
- Treasurer's Report
- Bills
- Payroll
- Activity Fund Report - None
- Destruction of Closed Meeting Audio Recordings from June 16, 2007

Aye: Barnes, Callahan, Crawshaw, Fleming, Schmitke

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Crawshaw and seconded by Schmitke to approve the certified staff seniority list.

Aye: Barnes, Callahan, Crawshaw, Fleming, Schmitke

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Schmitke and seconded by Crawshaw to approve the support staff seniority list.

Aye: Barnes, Callahan, Crawshaw, Fleming, Schmitke

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Fleming and seconded by Barnes to continue the IASB PRESS Plus Services to update the MES School Board Policy Manual.

Aye: Barnes, Callahan, Crawshaw, Fleming, Schmitke

Nay: None

Motion carried

One of the non-certified staff co-presidents asked that the action item, regarding changing the support staff contract concerning the sick leave bank, be deleted from the agenda. There was no discussion on this topic.

Lana Shane addressed the board as a member of the IEA/NEA Grass Roots Organization. Some of their concerns are: protection of pensions, consolidation of funds from other organizations and the cutting of services at all levels. Lobby Day will be May 6, 2009.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD:

Community Relations Committee: Dee Crawshaw

- Would like to sponsor a “Grandparents to Lunch Day” in March
- Are planning a Culinary Club for students and adults
- Next meeting is Thursday, March 12th at 6:00 p.m.

After School Program

- Will sell Gold Canyon candles to help support the program

Booster Club

- Planning a Chili Dinner before the Alumni Basketball Game for the 175th birthday of Marseilles on Saturday, February 21st.
- Purchased a new score board for the multi-purpose room.

Principal/AD Jeff Owens reported:

- SWIS Report explained the discipline for the month.
- New Social Studies textbooks will be presented for adoption at the Feb. meeting.
- Ottawa Youth Football drew up a tentative Football Field Agreement for the use of the MES field in the fall. The agreement was discussed, but not accepted at this time.
- An adult alumni basketball game, with Seneca, will take place in the MES gym on February 21st. Games will be played by the graduates of both schools by decades. The Booster Club will also serve a Chili Dinner before the games.
- Quotes were given by E.T. Paddock Enterprises to have four basketball backstops moved in the big gymnasium and for seat replacements in the multi-purpose gym.
- The 7th and 8th grade Volleyball Tournament will be held at MES on February 6th and 7th.
- The Wrestling Invitational will be held at MES on February 14th, at 9:00 a.m.

Mrs. Fuller presented her Superintendent's Report:

- A thank you was received from Rutland Township School for letting them use a spare bus for a day.
- The Leadership Team developed a Homework Policy.
- IASB is asking for proposals for panel presentations for the Joint Annual Conference in November 2009.
- Presented the Bleacher Inspection Report.
- Presented a tentative school calendar for 2009-2010.

A motion was made by Callahan and seconded by Barnes to adjourn to executive session at 8:02 p.m. to discuss:

- "The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity". 5 ILCS 120/2© (1), as amended by P.A. 93-0057
- Collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2©(2).
- The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the District. 5 ILCS 120/2©(6).

Aye: Barnes, Callahan, Crawshaw, Fleming, Schmitke

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Crawshaw and seconded by Barnes to return to regular session at 8:51 p.m.

Aye: Barnes, Callahan, Crawshaw, Fleming, Schmitke

Nay: None

Motion carried

After executive session, a motion was made by Callahan and seconded by Barnes to begin discussions with the City of Marseilles over property appraisals.

Aye: Barnes, Callahan, Crawshaw, Fleming, Schmitke

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Callahan and seconded by Fleming to send a letter to Milton Pope declining the offer to share superintendents.

Aye: Barnes, Callahan, Crawshaw, Fleming, Schmitke

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Schmitke and seconded by Fleming to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

Aye: Callahan, Crawshaw, Fleming, Schmitke, Stapleton

Nay: None

Motion carried

President

Secretary