

MARSEILLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #150
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MARCH 23, 2009

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

Allison Morello was introduced at the Student of the Month for March. She led The Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitors included June Wilcoxon, Jennifer Morello, Allison Morello, Rose McIntyre, Pat Solis, Adrian Jones, Lana Shane, Janice Orlandi, Sue English, Bev Hall and Jim Kavanaugh. Stephanie Szuda from The Times was also present.

Superintendent Fuller presented the treasurer's report for Ron Blumenshine.

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

- Minutes of February 17, 2009 Regular Board Meeting
- Minutes of February 24, 2009 Special Board Meeting
- Minutes of the March 5, 2009 Special Board Meeting
- Treasurer's Report
- Bills
- Payroll
- Activity Fund Report
- Destruction of Closed Meeting Audio Recording From August 20, 2007

Aye: Barnes, Callahan, Crawshaw, Fleming, Hornbeck, Schmitke, Stapleton

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Schmitke and seconded by Callahan to not re-employ Tanna Smith, a non-tenured hearing itinerant teacher, for the 2009-2010 school year.

Aye: Barnes, Callahan, Crawshaw, Fleming, Hornbeck, Schmitke, Stapleton

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Fleming and seconded by Callahan to accept the resignation of Courtney Hicks, effective at the end of the school year.

Aye: Barnes, Callahan, Crawshaw, Fleming, Hornbeck, Schmitke, Stapleton

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Crawshaw and seconded by Hornbeck to accept the resignation of Ayten Ibraimovska, effective at the end of the school year.

Aye: Barnes, Callahan, Crawshaw, Fleming, Hornbeck, Schmitke, Stapleton

Nay: None Motion carried

A motion was made by Schmitke and seconded by Hornbeck to accept the resignation of Jessica Warren, effective at the end of the school year.

Aye: Barnes, Callahan, Crawshaw, Fleming, Hornbeck, Schmitke, Stapleton

Nay: None Motion carried

A motion was made by Schmitke and seconded by Fleming to re-employ the following non-tenured staff and set their salaries for the 2009-2010 school year, per their contract placement: Laurie Leslie, Elaine Robinson, Anita Pellegrini, Jonathon Fox, Eileen Carusono, Kristin Carpenter, Marcia Hetelle, Mary Jean Weihman, Michel Dushek and Kristi Schmidt.

Aye: Barnes, Callahan, Crawshaw, Fleming, Hornbeck, Schmitke, Stapleton

Nay: None Motion carried

A motion was made by Hornbeck and seconded by Fleming to re-employ the following non-union certified staff and set salaries at a later date: Traci Grandgeorge, Stacy Brannan, Joanne Sheridan and Adrian Jones.

Aye: Barnes, Callahan, Crawshaw, Fleming, Hornbeck, Schmitke, Stapleton

Nay: None Motion carried

A motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Schmitke to re-employ the following non-union, non-certified staff and set salaries at a later date: Donna Cynar, Robert Sineni, Janice McDonald, Betty Weishaar, Robin Girard and Janice Ruger.

Aye: Barnes, Callahan, Crawshaw, Fleming, Hornbeck, Schmitke, Stapleton

Nay: None Motion carried

A motion was made by Callahan and seconded by Fleming to employ Rose McIntyre as full-time assistant principal/dean of students for the 2009-2010 school year, with her salary to be set at a later time.

Aye: Barnes, Callahan, Crawshaw, Fleming, Hornbeck, Schmitke, Stapleton

Nay: None Motion carried

A motion was made by Crawshaw and seconded by Schmitke to re-employ the classroom, individual, lunchroom and bus aides for the 2009-2010 school year.

Aye: Barnes, Callahan, Crawshaw, Fleming, Hornbeck, Schmitke, Stapleton

Nay: None Motion carried

A motion was made Schmitke and seconded by Crawshaw to accept the retirement of Lana Shane, effective at the end of the 2012-2013 school year.

Aye: Barnes, Callahan, Crawshaw, Fleming, Hornbeck, Schmitke, Stapleton

Nay: None Motion carried

A motion was made by Crawshaw and seconded by Fleming to employ James Blanton as a full-time Maintenance/Facility Manager.

Aye: Barnes, Callahan, Crawshaw, Fleming, Hornbeck, Schmitke, Stapleton
Nay: None Motion carried

A motion was made by Callahan and seconded by Fleming to accept the bid from Holland & Sons to purchase a tractor with a front end loader, snow blower and 72" mower deck, at a cost of \$37,200.

Aye: Barnes, Callahan, Crawshaw, Fleming, Hornbeck, Schmitke, Stapleton
Nay: None Motion carried

The Ottawa Youth Football League contract was tabled.

A motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Callahan to re-employ the non-union, non-certified clerical staff: Gail Carlson, Denise Medler, and Adeline Dale; and the non-certified custodial staff: Angie Stapleton, Amanda Wood, Tom Goodin and Janet Raikes; and the non-certified kitchen staff: Mary Ellen Wood, Bobbi Patten and Jennifer Stock.

Aye: Barnes, Callahan, Crawshaw, Fleming, Hornbeck, Schmitke, Stapleton
Nay: None Motion carried

A motion was made by Callahan and seconded by Schmitke to re-employ the MES District bus drivers for the 2009-2010 school year: Dennis Orvis, Nancy Pitsenbarger, Tammi Fuentes, Chris Close and Bobbi Patten.

Aye: Barnes, Callahan, Crawshaw, Fleming, Hornbeck, Schmitke, Stapleton
Nay: None Motion carried

Lana Shane addressed the board as a member of the IEA/NEA Grass Roots Organization.

- Was informed that the LaSalle County Superintendents took a vote at one of their meetings and they are not interested in an insurance cooperative. She would still like to pursue this issue.
- Gave members a publication called "The Capital Buzz", which presented many concerns of the group.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD:

Community Relations Committee - Dee Crawshaw

- Working with the cafeteria to sponsor "Grandparents to Lunch Days" on March 30th, 31st and April 1st. Michel Dushek is helping with this.
- Culinary Kids Club will be offered to twelve fifth grades on a first sign-up basis. Sessions will take place from 5:00 – 7:00 on April 14, 21, 28.
- A partnership program has been established with the Ottawa YMCA, the Marseilles Recreation Board and MES to offer youth and adult programs on Saturdays and evenings. The Youth Sports Program and

Playgroup for toddlers was canceled for lack of interest. An adult yoga class, offered for six weeks, is still being held.

- Next meeting is Thursday, May 14th at 6:00 p.m.

Booster Club - Shawn Schmitke

- A fundraising dinner and basket auction is being planned with the American Legion and the Marseilles Nursing Service for October 4th. The dinner will be prepared and donated by the American Legion. Music will also be provided. Students will be asked to donate \$1.00 to help with the cost of the baskets. Dinner is planned from 3:00-5:00, the auction from 5:00-8:00 and music and dancing from 6:00-8:00.

Leadership Committee – JoEllen Fuller

- Discussed the development of a homework, at-risk plan
- Technology training for staff and the community is being planned.
- There have been positive first year PBIS results
- Handbook changes were proposed
- Suggestion made to implement school-wide curriculum mapping for writing, as well as training all staff on ISAT criteria.
- Next meeting will be on April 14, 2009.

Building & Grounds Committee – Bill Stapleton

- Need to prioritize summer projects. Hope to carpet, tile and paint the lower hall classrooms.
- New outside lights have been installed around the school as part of the life safety project.
- Getting bids to cut down trees, lay asphalt, paint the cafeteria, stair wells and north and south gymnasium walls.
- The Stimulus Package may offer a matching capital improvement/maintenance grant.

Principal/AD Jeff Owens reported:

- Social Studies Textbooks have been ordered.
- Reading will be the emphasis for the 2009-2010 school year. Looking for speakers for institute and SIP days.
- ISAT testing is completed and shipped out.
- Compiling a list for handbook revisions.
- Scheduled seven track meets for this spring.
- All non-certified coaches will need to take an IESA Coaching Essentials online course. The school will repay them the \$19.95 fee, upon completion.
- Ottawa Youth Football League contract with MES has not been completed yet.

Superintendent Fuller reported:

- Received a note from Bill Pitsenbarger informing the board that he spread 18 tons of white rock on the road between the school and his property.
- Received information from Sharon Swanson on Cobra coverage.
- Cafeteria received 100% rating on their inspection from the LaSalle County Health Department.
- Received Library Grant from the Secretary of State's Office for \$450.63.
- Received R.O.E. Compliance Report. MES is in total compliance.
- Will meet with Johnson Controls to March 26th to discuss hot water vs. steam for the boiler system.
- Illinois River Area Chamber of Commerce Dinner and Auction is March 28th. All board members are invited.
- Bob Hornbeck received a certificate from IASB for attending the Delegate Assembly.
- Excellence in Education Banquet will be held at Pitstick's on May 7th.

New Business:

- Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 26th for the newest School Board Policy updates and changes from PRESS Plus. Recommendations will be brought to the next meeting.
- The school truck needs new tires, a power steering box and an oil change.
- Bids are being taken for summer work projects.

A motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Fleming to adjourn to closed 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, Hornbeck, Schmitke, Stapleton

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Stapleton and seconded by Crawshaw to return to regular session at 8:28 p.m.

Aye: Barnes, Callahan, Crawshaw, Fleming, Hornbeck, Schmitke, Stapleton

Nay: None

Motion carried

After closed session, a motion was made by Schmitke and seconded by Barnes to amend the motion to re-hire custodians to include Jennifer Morello.

Aye: Barnes, Callahan, Crawshaw, Fleming, Hornbeck, Schmitke, Stapleton

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Stapleton and seconded by Crawshaw to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

Aye: Barnes, Callahan, Crawshaw, Fleming, Hornbeck, Schmitke, Stapleton

Nay: None

Motion carried

President

Secretary