

MARSEILLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #150
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
DECEMBER 22, 2008

Vice-President Bill Stapleton called the Marseilles Board of Education meeting to order in the library at 7:02 p.m. Members answering roll call were Rich Callahan, Dee Crawshaw, Gary Fleming, Shawn Schmitke and Bill Stapleton. Jim Barnes and Bob Hornbeck were absent. Superintendent JoEllen Fuller and Principal Jeff Owens were also present.

Stephanie Szuda from The Times was also present.

Tyler Marsh was introduced as the Student of the Month. He was not present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

Ron Blumenshine presented the treasurer's report.

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

- Minutes of November 17, 2008 Regular Board Meeting
- Treasurer's Report
- Bills
- Payroll
- Activity Fund Report - None
- Destruction of Closed Meeting Audio Recordings from May 24 and June 18, 2007

Aye: Callahan, Crawshaw, Fleming, Schmitke, Stapleton

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Fleming and seconded by Callahan to employ James Blanton in maintenance on a sixty (60) day probationary period.

Aye: Callahan, Crawshaw, Fleming, Schmitke, Stapleton

Nay: None

Motion carried

The consideration to hire Jonathon Walker to help manage the 403(b) funds for MES employees was tabled. The law doesn't make this mandatory until January 1, 2010.

A motion was made by Callahan and seconded by Fleming to accept the resignation of Laurie Halm, as a preschool aide, effective immediately.

Aye: Callahan, Crawshaw, Fleming, Schmitke, Stapleton

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Callahan and seconded by Fleming to approve the resolution to accept the 2008 Tax Levy, as presented.

Aye: Callahan, Crawshaw, Fleming, Schmitke, Stapleton

Nay: None

Motion carried

REPORTS TO THE BOARD:

Community Relations Committee: Dee Crawshaw

- No one attended the Holiday Helper session on December 9th, probably because of the bad weather.
- Next meeting is Thursday, January 8th at 6:00 p.m.

Leadership Committee

- Will meet on January 6, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

Evaluation Instrument Committee

- Will meet in January

Building & Grounds Committee

- Plan to meet in January

Principal/AD Jeff Owens reported:

- A full-time aide will not be replaced in the At-Risk preschool program. An aide from Jan Orlandi's class will help out there in the morning.
- Aims reading and math tests will be given January 12-16.
- Jr. High schedule has been changed to accommodate a group of 7th grade students at risk of failure.
- Social Studies textbook representatives will visit the school in January. There may not be enough money for K-8 books, just 6-8.
- One 7th grade student will now be attending the SAFE School in Ottawa.
- SWIS report explained the discipline for the month.
- The Rock Regional Church of Ottawa sent a letter requesting the use of the school on Sunday mornings and possibly Saturday nights. The board agreed to deny the request.
- Showed results of the Jr. High Sports/Club Survey.
- Athletic Committee met with Ottawa Youth Football. They may use the school's field next fall.
- An adult alumni basketball game, with Seneca, will take place in the MES gym on February 21st. Games will be played by the graduates by decades.

Mrs. Fuller presented her Superintendent's Report:

- The Pitsenbarger Agreement has been signed.

- Will complete the evaluations of other administrators by the January board meeting.
- Reported that our insurance carrier, Hinz Claim, gave the school a favorable report after the annual Worker’s Compensation Facility Safety Survey.
- Reported on the R.O.E.’s Compliance Visit and their recommendations.

The board will do an evaluation of JoEllen Fuller’s job performance at 6:30 p.m., before the regular meeting, on Tuesday, January 22, 2009.

A motion was made by Stapleton and seconded by Schmitke to adjourn to closed session at 7:43 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).

Aye: Callahan, Crawshaw, Fleming, Schmitke, Stapleton

Nay: None Motion carried

A motion was made by Callahan and seconded by Crawshaw to return to regular session at 9:05 p.m.

Aye: Callahan, Crawshaw, Fleming, Schmitke, Stapleton

Nay: None Motion carried

A motion was made by Crawshaw and seconded by Stapleton to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 p.m.

Aye: Callahan, Crawshaw, Fleming, Schmitke, Stapleton

Nay: None Motion carried

President

Secretary