

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

President Bob Hornbeck called the Marseilles Board of Education meeting to order in the MES library at 7:00 p.m. Members answering roll call were Jim Barnes, Dee Crawshaw, Gary Fleming and Bob Hornbeck, Shawn Schmitke and Bill Stapleton. Rich Callahan arrived at 7:07 p.m. Superintendent JoEllen Fuller and Principal Jeff Owens were also present.

Aubrey Williamson was introduced at the Student of the Month for April. She led The Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitors included Beth Pleasant, Jennifer Morello, Lori Williamson, Aubrey Williamson, Robert Williamson, Mary Jean Weihman, Christy Carpenter, June Wilcoxon, Kristin Carpenter and Janice Orlandi. Stephanie Szuda from *The Times* was also present.

Ron Blumenshine presented the treasurer's report.

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

- Minutes of March 23, 2009 Regular Board Meeting
- Treasurer's Report
- Bills
- Payroll
- Activity Fund Report
- Destruction of Closed Meeting Audio Recording From Sept. 24, 2007

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Crawshaw and seconded by Hornbeck to approve the PRESS Plus School Board Policy updates and changes, as presented.

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Schmitke and seconded by Callahan to accept the retirement notice from Janice Orlandi, 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 Hornbeck and seconded by Crawshaw to approve the amended 2008-2009 school calendar, because of four emergency days. School will end on June 4, 2009.

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

A motion was made by Hornbeck and seconded by Fleming to accept the firm milk bid from North Central Illinois Milk Distributors for the 2009-2010 school year.

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

A motion was made by Schmitke and seconded by Crawshaw to accept the soy diesel fuel bid, for school buses, from Grainco FSI, Inc. at \$203.6 gallon.

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

A motion was made by Crawshaw and seconded by Fleming to accept the contract with the Ottawa Youth Football League, for the use of the MES football field in the fall, with corrections in spelling.

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

The school board decided to meet alone on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and to meet with the support staff negotiating team on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

#### REPORTS TO THE BOARD:

##### Community Relations Committee - Dee Crawshaw

- A breakfast will be sponsored by the school on Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> for all volunteers who helped at the school this year.
- Next meeting is Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, at 6:00 p.m., to plan for the next school year.

##### Booster Club - Shawn Schmitke

- Meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup> for election of officers
- Ordered 25 track uniforms
- Ordered a new wrestling mat
- Signed up to be accredited by the IESA

##### Building & Grounds Committee – Bill Stapleton

- Twenty-four tons of pea gravel was spread on the playground at a cost of \$300.00.
- The fenced-in preschool area is getting six tons of pea gravel donated by River Ready Mix.

Principal/AD Jeff Owens reported:

- Interviewing many teacher candidates. Will have recommendations for next school year at the May board meeting.
- Will have a list of teacher placements for the 2009-2010 school year at the next meeting.
- Student Improvement Day (SIP) on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Teachers will be working on OHS Articulation.
- SIP days for 2009-2010 have been selected.
- Working on scheduling Steve Navario for one of the teacher in-service days to speak on reading skills.
- Distributed the SWIS discipline referral report.
- Discussed the probability of starting 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys' baseball during the 2009-2010 school year. The startup cost would be about \$1,500.00. Mr. Owens is talking with the Booster Club. The board gave him the go-ahead to start scheduling games for next year.
- There are still three coaching positions open for next year.

Superintendent Fuller reported:

- LaSalle County Board of Review Appeal with Global Clay vs. MES made a decision to reduce tax assessment for Global Clay by \$169,891. This is less than Global Clay anticipated.
- Application has been submitted to try to recoup the expense for new lights.
- Balance in Ray Hawley Scholarship Fund is \$7,815.80. Four applications, for a scholarship, from MES/OTHS high school seniors, have been submitted.
- Johnson Controls will give estimate on cost of replacing supply branches to current steam radiators and cost of replacing the current radiators to unit ventilators, which would circulate air in classrooms six times per hour.

New Business:

- Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> 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 Hornbeck to adjourn to closed session at 7:55 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 Fleming to return to regular session at 8:21 p.m.

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

A motion was made by Hornbeck and seconded by Crawshaw to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

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

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President

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Secretary