

MARSEILLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #150
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
January 19, 2010

President Gary Fleming called the Marseilles Board of Education meeting to order in the MES library at 7:01 p.m. Members answering roll call were Jim Barnes, Dee Crawshaw, Gary Fleming, Shawn Schmitke and June Wilcoxon. Bill Stapleton arrived at 7:14 p.m. Christy Carpenter was absent. Superintendent JoEllen Fuller and Principal Jeff Owens were also present.

Visitors included Jennifer Morello, Sue English, Janice Orlandi, Kathy Blumenshine, Lana Shane, Laura Leppert and Dane Leppert.

Dane Leppert was announced as January Student of the Month. He was present and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ron Blumenshine presented the treasurer's report. He said there is \$3,640,000 in investments.

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

- Minutes of:
 - December 21, 2009 Tax Levy Hearing
 - December 21, 2009 Regular Board Meeting
 - January 6, 2010 Special Board Meeting for Negotiations
- Treasurer's Report
- Bills
- Payroll
- Activity Report
- Destruction of Closed Meeting Audio Recordings from 6/16/08

Aye: Barnes, Crawshaw, Fleming, Schmitke, Wilcoxon

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Wilcoxon to approve the employment of Jessica Mehalic as speech and language pathologist for the 2010-2011 school year.

Aye: Barnes, Crawshaw, Fleming, Schmitke, Wilcoxon

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Fleming and seconded by Crawshaw to approve the employment of Ashley Miller, as a school nurse, for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year, on days when children are present.

Aye: Barnes, Crawshaw, Fleming, Schmitke, Wilcoxon

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Crawshaw and seconded by Schmitke to approve the service Agreement with Simplex Grinnell for the Electronic Alarm System at a cost of \$7,146 a year.

Aye: Barnes, Crawshaw, Fleming, Schmitke, Wilcoxon

Nay: None

Motion carried

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

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

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

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Schmitke and seconded by Barnes to approve the PRESS Plus School Board Policy updates as recommended.

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

Lana Shane addressed the board on issues brought up at her IEA/NEA Grassroots organization meetings. She met with Representative Mautino on January 6th with some of her concerns on issues regarding education.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD:

Community Relations Committee – Dee Crawshaw

- Committee wants to have better communication between school and community
- Would like to see school participation in town's 175th town celebration.
- 43 volunteers in the school each week, in all but four classrooms
- By the end of the 2009-2010 school year, the volunteer hours will surpass 15,000 hours for this year only
- Next meeting will be March 11, 2010

Booster Club

- Volleyball tournament of February 5th and 6th
- Wrestling tournament of February 13th

MEA – Janice Orlandi

- Union representatives are prepared to meet with the board to start discussing negotiations

Principal/AD Jeff Owens reported:

- Will have reading series decision next month
- Presented the discipline report

- Marseilles Holiday Tournament made a \$5,700 profit. Great PR for the school. There will be 12 teams next year. Dates will be Dec, 27, 28 29 and 30, 2010.
- Sports schedules are being set up for the next school year.

Superintendent Fuller reported:

- Gave update on state aid and grant reimbursements from the state.
- Evaluations of administrative staff have been completed.
- Insurance company still working on flood repair claim
- We are in good standing with compliance visit through the R.O.E.
- Looked into liability of students riding a float in the Marseilles parade. Not recommended by school attorneys.

Old Business

- Negotiations still ongoing with non-certified union staff

New Business

- Certified Staff Negotiations

A motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Wilcoxon to adjourn to closed session at 7:49 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).
- ❖ Student disciplinary cases 5 ILCS 120/2©(9).

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

Nay: None Motion carried

A motion was made by Crawshaw and seconded by Schmitke to return to regular session at 10:50 p.m.

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

Nay: None Motion carried

After closed session, a motion was made by Schmitke and seconded by Crawshaw to approve the certified non-union employee contracts, with raises of two percent for the 2009-2010 school year, for Jeff Owens, Rose McIntyre, Adrian Jones, Stacy Brannan, Joanne Sheridan and Traci Grandgeorge.

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

Nay: None Motion carried

A motion was made by Schmitke and seconded by Wilcoxon to approve the non-certified, non-union employee contracts, with raises of two percent for the 2009-2010 school year, for Betty Weishaar, Janice McDonald, Robert Sineni, Donna Cynar, Robin Girard and Janice Ruger.

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

Nay: None Motion carried

A motion was tabled regarding the amendment to Superintendent JoEllen Fuller's contract.

A motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Stapleton to adjourn the meeting at 11:02 p.m.

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

Nay: None Motion carried

President – Gary Fleming

Secretary – Janice Ruger