

MARSEILLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #150  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
OCTOBER 19, 2009

President Gary Fleming 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, Christy Carpenter, Dee Crawshaw, Gary Fleming, Shawn Schmitke, Bill Stapleton and June Wilcoxon. Superintendent JoEllen Fuller was also present.

Visitors included Mary Jean Weihman, Adrian Jones, Jennifer Morello, Janice Orlandi, Lana Shane, Pat Solis and Jillian LaRou. Stephanie Szuda from The Times was also present.

Ron Blumenshine presented the treasurer's report.

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

- Minutes of:
  - September 21, 2009 Budget Hearing
  - September 21, 2009 Regular Board Meeting
- Treasurer's Report
- Bills
- Payroll
- Destruction of Closed Meeting Audio Recordings from 3/17/08

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

Nay: None Motion carried

A motion was made by Fleming and seconded by Barnes to approve of board members receiving \$100 for each day they attend the Triple I Conference in Chicago to pay for expenses.

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

Nay: Motion carried

A motion was made by Crawshaw and seconded by Schmitke to approve the Blue Cross/Blue Shield overall rate increase of \$565.15 for health insurance for 2009-2010.

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

Nay: None Motion carried

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Wilcoxon to approve the job descriptions for a part-time nurse and a three hour per day, part-time office worker.

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

Nay: None Motion carried

A motion was made by Fleming and seconded by Carpenter to approve the postings for a part-time nurse and a part-time office position.

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

Nay: None Motion carried

A motion was made by Crawshaw and seconded by Schmitke to approve the Johnson Controls Service Agreement in the amount of \$18,650, instead of \$18,500, as stated in the September minutes.

Aye: Barnes, Carpenter, Crawshaw, Fleming, Schmitke, Stapleton, Wilcoxen  
Nay: None  
Motion carried

A motion was made by Schmitke and seconded by Barnes to approve the correction of the employment of Ellen Tiffin as a kitchen worker at 6 ¼ hours per day, instead of 6 ½.

Aye: Barnes, Carpenter, Crawshaw, Fleming, Schmitke, Stapleton, Wilcoxen  
Nay: None  
Motion carried

A motion was made by Crawshaw and seconded by Barnes to approve of morning walkers using the MES facilities starting on November 2, 2009 through March 26, 2010, from 5:30 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.

Aye: Barnes, Carpenter, Crawshaw, Fleming, Schmitke, Stapleton, Wilcoxen  
Nay: None  
Motion carried

A motion was made by Schmitke and seconded by Crawshaw to approve the payment of \$781.42 for the L.E.A.S.E. 2009-2010 Peru Building Levy.

Aye: Barnes, Carpenter, Crawshaw, Fleming, Schmitke, Stapleton, Wilcoxen  
Nay: None  
Motion carried

A motion was made by Schmitke and seconded by Crawshaw to accept the resignation of Julie Hart, as a teacher aide, effective October 30, 2009.

Aye: Barnes, Carpenter, Crawshaw, Fleming, Schmitke, Stapleton, Wilcoxen  
Nay: None  
Motion carried

A motion was made by Schmitke and seconded by Crawshaw to approve of Jonathan Walker, of Edward Jones Investments, to help manage the 403(b) funds for employees.

Aye: Barnes, Carpenter, Crawshaw, Fleming, Schmitke, Stapleton, Wilcoxen  
Nay: None  
Motion carried

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

## REPORTS TO THE BOARD:

### Booster Club - Shawn Schmitke

- The Booster Club and the Marseilles Nursing Service each made a little over \$2,000 from the Fall Fling.
- Their next fund raiser will be from the High School Basketball Tournament, held at MES, in December.

### Finance/Administrative Committee – JoEllen Fuller

- Non-certified union staff negotiations are not settled yet.
- State may not be able to pay categorical grants or some state aid payment for this school year.

New Business:

- Meeting was set for Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> to discuss the PRESS Policy updates

Principal/AD Jeff Owens reported:

- SIP Day on October 26<sup>th</sup> for OHS articulation
- Thinking about providing a Leap Frog “Letter Factory” DVD for all incoming kindergarten students next year at a cost of about \$10.00 each.
- Hosted the OHS Girls’ Shootout because of the OHS teacher’s strike.
- The new newspaper, Ottawa Delivered, has contacted the school about their services

Superintendent Fuller reported:

- 403(b) plan needs to be done and in place by January 1, 2010.
- School Breakfast Incentives Funding will be cut by 50% this school year , because of budget cuts.
- Vintage Tech Recyclers thanked us for recycling 930 pounds of electronics
- ISBE sent a letter concerning the overrepresentation of one group for IEP’s. The district needs to submit a self-assessment to ISBE by November 20<sup>th</sup>.
- District goals need to be updated.

A motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Schmitke to adjourn to closed session at 7:40 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 placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students. 5 ILCS 120/2©(10).

Aye: Barnes, Carpenter, Crawshaw, Fleming, Schmitke, Stapleton, Wilcoxen  
Nay: None  
Motion carried

A motion was made by Wilcoxen and seconded by Barnes to return to regular session at 8:48 p.m.

Aye: Barnes, Carpenter, Crawshaw, Fleming, Schmitke, Stapleton, Wilcoxen  
Nay: None  
Motion carried

After executive session, the board talked about looking into property for sale on Illinois Street, across from the gymnasium, and about setting goals for the district.

A motion was made by Wilcoxon and seconded by Barnes to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

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President – Gary Fleming

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Secretary – Janice Ruger