

MARSEILLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #150
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
DECEMBER 21, 2009

President Gary Fleming called the Marseilles Board of Education meeting to order in the MES library at 7:02 p.m. Members answering roll call were Dee Crawshaw, Gary Fleming, Shawn Schmitke, Bill Stapleton and June Wilcoxon. Jim Barnes arrived at 7:04. Christy Carpenter was absent. Superintendent JoEllen Fuller and Principal Jeff Owens were also present.

Visitors included Mark, Cindy, Ken and Chandler Armstrong, Beth Pleasant, Jan Orlandi and Lana Shane. Stephanie Szuda from The Times was also present.

Ken Armstrong was announced as December Student of the Month. He was present and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ron Blumenshine presented the treasurer's report. He received the sixth tax distribution for the school year and \$2,599,000 has been distributed to the school so far this year.

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

- Minutes of:
 - November 16, 2009 Regular Board Meeting
 - November 18, 2009 Special Board Meeting for Negotiations
 - December 2, 2009 Special Board Meeting for Negotiations
- Treasurer's Report
- Bills
- Payroll
- Activity Report
- Destruction of Closed Meeting Audio Recordings from 5/19/08 and 5/28/08

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Wilcoxon to approve the 2009 Tax Levy as presented.

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Schmitke and seconded by Wilcoxon to designate Janice Ruger and Robin Girard as the School Board's Freedom of Information officers as required by the Illinois Attorney General's Office.

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Schmitke and seconded by Barnes to approve a resolution to adopt an MES District 150 403(b) plan and to authorize Supt. Fuller to execute this plan.

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

Nay: None Motion carried

A motion was made by Fleming and seconded by Schmitke to correct the omission from the March 2009 meeting of Kristi Schmidt having tenure, starting with the 2009-2010 school year.

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.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD: None

Principal/AD Jeff Owens reported:

- Assessing needs for 2010-2011 school year. Looking at classroom sizes. Two teachers will be retiring at end of this school year.
- Goal is to have reading textbook selection by Feb. 12th.
- SWIS Report was given on discipline.
- Marseilles Holiday Tournament will be Dec. 26, 27, 29, 30.
- New wall mats in the gym have been installed.
- New cinders are needed for the track in the spring.

Superintendent Fuller reported:

- Waste Management sent a note thanking us for our recycling efforts.
- Elevator inspection was completed with minimal corrections needed to be made by Jan. 1, 2013.
- Reported on flood damage in principal's offices, nurse's room, library and tech lab. Estimates are being collected for carpet and tile replacement.
- Received a request from Independence Tube to decrease assessed value by possibly \$100,000.
- Set up interviews over Christmas break for another school nurse.
- Gave updates on the grant monies received and not received for the school year.

Old Business

- Negotiations
 - Board will meet with attorney on January 6th
 - Board and union representatives will meet on January 13th

New Business

- First reading of PRESS Plus School Board Policy updates. Set committee meeting for January 11, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Fleming and seconded by Schmitke to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

President – Gary Fleming

Secretary – Janice Ruger