

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

President Gary Fleming 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, Shawn Schmitke, Bill Stapleton and June Wilcoxon. Christy Carpenter was absent. Superintendent JoEllen Fuller and Principal Jeff Owens were also present.

Visitors included Tara Bati, Joanie Combs, Sharon McConnell, Bev Close, David Spicer, Gayle Bianchi, Lana Shane, Jennifer Morello, Jim Kavanaugh, Jan Orlandi, Michel Dushek and Rose McIntyre,

Ron Blumenshine presented the treasurer's report.

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

- Minutes of:
 - August 18, 2009 Regular Board Meeting
 - August 19, 2009 Special Board Meeting
 - September 9, 2009 Special Board Meeting
 - September 16, 2009 Special Board Meeting
- Treasurer's Report
- Bills
- Payroll
- Destruction of Closed Meeting Audio Recordings from 2/18/08

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Crawshaw and seconded by Fleming to hire Erica Benson as the 7th and 8th grade Cheerleading Coach for the 2009-2010 school year.

Aye: Barnes, Crawshaw, Fleming, Stapleton, Wilcoxon

Nay: Schmitke

Motion carried

A motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Schmitke to approve the 2009-2010 MES budget as presented to the board.

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Schmitke and seconded by Wilcoxon to approve the IASB PRESS Updates as presented to the board.

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Fleming to accept the resignation of Tammy Raikes as a preschool aide.

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Schmitke and seconded by Crawshaw to accept the employment transfer of Sarah Buckley from Kitchen Worker to Preschool Aide at 6 ¼ hours per day.

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

Nay: None Motion carried

A motion was made by Wilcoxen and seconded by Barnes to employ Ellen Tiffin as a Kitchen Worker at 6 ½ hours per day.

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

Nay: None Motion carried

A motion was made by Crawshaw and seconded by Schmitke to employ Blanca Castillo as a Kitchen Worker at 3 hours per day and as a bus monitor at 1 ½ hours per day.

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

Nay: None Motion carried

A motion was made by Fleming and seconded by Schmitke to accept the Application for Recognition of Schools.

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

Nay: None Motion carried

A motion was made by Crawshaw and seconded by Schmitke to subscribe to the State School News Service at a cost of \$260.00 per year.

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

Nay: None Motion carried

The decision to approve of job descriptions for a part-time nurse and a three hour per day, part-time office worker were tabled.

A motion was made by Schmitke and seconded by Wilcoxen to renew the Johnson Controls Agreement in the amount of \$18,500 for one year.

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

Nay: None Motion carried

The board acknowledged the request to meet with David Spicer in executive session.

Lana Shane addressed the board as a representative of the IEA/NEA Grass Roots Organization. She has invited Senator Gary Dahl to visit the school on September 25th to talk to the staff and administration, eat lunch and speak to Mrs. Zeitlin's history class.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD:

Community Relations Committee - Dee Crawshaw

- Michele Dushek and Bev Close will facilitate an art program for Jr. High students on Thursdays after school, for eight weeks, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.
- Committee is trying to get out more publicity regarding their programs.
- A Veteran's Day Program is planned for Friday, November 13th.
- Next meeting is Thursday, November 12, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

Booster Club - Shawn Schmitke

- Everything is in place for the Fall Fling on Sunday, Oct. 4th. Proceeds will be shared with the Marseilles Nursing Service.
- Members are hoping this will be the only fund raiser needed this year.
- Next meeting is October 8th at 7:00 p.m.

Finance/Administrative Committee – JoEllen Fuller

- Non-certified union staff negotiations are not settled yet.
- A balanced budget was presented to the board, but it may be in the red at the end of the year, depending on how much federal and state money is received.

Insurance Committee

- Blue Cross/Blue Shield Insurance increased 6.8% overall this year.
- It has been decided to stay with the current insurance plan.

Principal/AD Jeff Owens reported:

- Sent Internal Review Summary Report to the Regional Office of Education
- Presented the result of the 2009 ISAT scores to the board
- Presented the SWIS report
- Baseball season had 9 wins and 7 losses in their first season
- Girls' Basketball has started
- Cheerleading teams have been chosen
- Cinders are needed for the MES track
- Ottawa Youth Football has been happy with the MES field.

Superintendent Fuller reported:

- Administrative salaries and benefits will be posted on the MES website by October 1st.
- IASB Starved Rock Division Fall Dinner Meeting at Seneca's Oak Ridge Golf Club on Sept. 28, 2009.
- L.E.A.S.E. Alliance Governing Board meeting on Sept. 29th at Celebrations.
- The LaSalle County Health Department is keeping in touch with the school regarding the H1N1 Flu virus.
- Enrollment numbers are up this year

A motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Schmitke to adjourn to closed session at 7:52 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).
- The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the District, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. 5 ILCS 120/2©(5).

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

Nay: None Motion carried

A motion was made by Schmitke and seconded by Crawshaw to return to regular session at 10:12 p.m.

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

Nay: None Motion carried

After executive session, a motion was made by Fleming and seconded by Schmitke to follow the district’s attorney’s recommendation in taking disciplinary action for Employee A.

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

Nay: None Motion carried

A motion was made by Stapleton and seconded by Wilcoxen to adjourn the meeting at 10:13 p.m.

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

Nay: None Motion carried

President – Gary Fleming

Secretary – Janice Ruger