



October 1, 2012

From the Desk of Bob Newsum,
Superintendent

Greetings:

Thanks to all of you who voted at the September 11 district voted-physical plant and equipment levy referendum. Eighty-one voters cast their ballots, with sixty-three voting to extend the current physical plant and equipment levy program for another ten years and eighteen voting no. Since the PPEL program renewal only required a simple majority to pass, it has been extended. Physical Plant and Equipment Levy revenues can be used for technology, such as computer purchase and replacement; musical instrument purchase and replacement; roofing repair and replacement; masonry repairs; energy conservation improvements; concrete and asphalt repairs and replacement; school grounds landscaping and improvement; and school transportation vehicle purchase. Your support for this program is another clear indication of your commitment to our 'Small community HUGE results!'

One of the requirements included in the federally legislated No Child Left Behind program is that all public school districts organize a district advisory committee, comprised of parents and community members, staff, students, board members, and administrators. This committee is charged with receiving student performance information and making recommendations for board of education and administrator consideration. The Martensdale-St. Marys Community School District advisory committee is known as the Quality Supports Committee and we are currently setting membership for this important committee. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Quality Supports Committee, please contact any administrator or board member and we will make sure you are included. You may contact me at bob_newsum@mstm.us or call 641-764-2466 (office) or 641-203-8893 (cell phone).

From the Desk of Mr. Crozier,
Secondary Principal

Happy autumn to MStM parents and patrons!

We are one month into the new school year and we are off to a great start. I have had the opportunity to meet with the student council, which is very involved in school issues and will have a huge amount of input on decisions during the year. They

helped plan the homecoming events and will be attending a leadership conference in November.

There continues to be a focus on bullying and harassment in the state and nationwide. We are educating our students on this issue in our advisory program. Earlier this year the students had the opportunity to watch a video put out by Josten's regarding bullying and harassment. We will be watching the movie "Bully" through our advisory program as soon as it comes out. After watching the movie, the students will be guided through discussions in their advisory groups. If you do not want your child to watch this movie, please contact the high school office and they will be excused from participating. The Martensdale-St. Marys Community Schools in no way condones bullying or harassment behaviors. You can find our policy regarding bullying and harassment in our student handbook and in the board policies on the district website.

Remember, Parent/Teacher conferences are on October 29th and November 1st. This year's format will be the traditional format. Parents will have the opportunity to talk with all of their child's teachers in the teacher's classroom.

- October 29th 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM
- November 1st 3:30 PM – 7:30 PM

It is great to be a Blue Devil!

From the Desk of Ms. Skellenger
Media Center

I would like to offer a huge THANK YOU to those who have helped the library this year through donations and time. With the help of Manda Gibson and the donations of a chair from Brent and Jen Parrott and a loveseat from Mrs. DePauw and her family, the high school library now has a lounge area where students can relax and do their work. It has quickly become students' favorite spot. If anyone would like to make this area bigger and better, we are still on the lookout for a couple chairs and a gently used sofa.

In addition to the new lounge area in the high school, we have had a lot of donations of books to both the elementary and high school library. The Sweet family was generous in donating several bags of books that will greatly help out the high school and the Mortale family donated a box for the elementary. Wade and Manda Gibson, along with their children, donated many boxes and bags of books to both the elementary and high school libraries.

Finally, in addition to the generosity of our local community, I was able to connect to best-selling YA author Maureen Johnson (*Thirteen Little Blue Envelopes*, *The Bermudez Triangle*, *Name of the Star*) and she donated several books to our library. Maureen Johnson is a great author and super fun. I highly recommend checking her work out and, if you are a Twitter user, following her. Her information can be found here: <http://www.maureenjohnsonbooks.com>

The library is always taking donations. If you need to get rid of any gently used books that would be appropriate for our students, we are willing to take them.

From the Desk of Mr. Huegel
Activity Director

Our fall seasons are going well, and we celebrate Homecoming on September 28th with a football game versus Bedford. Schedules for our fall & winter sports are online at; http://www.prideofiowa.org/g5-bin/client.cgi?G5genie=590&school_id=7 or go to www.mstm.us and click activity calendar. We also have a way for you to sign up to receive email and/or text message reminders about upcoming activities. Those instructions will be posted under the sports and activities link on our school website. Please remember to check often, as they are subject to change. Also, double check to see that your son/daughter have a current physical and concussion acknowledgment form on file with the school. Both forms can be found on our website at;

<http://www.mstm.us/pdf/athletics/physicalform.pdf>
http://www.mstm.us/pdf/athletics/HEADS_UP_CONCUSSION_FACT_SHEET.pdf

A major point of emphasis this year in athletics has been concussion recognition and treatment. It is important to know that concussions and any kind of head injury can happen at any time, and in any sport, not just football. If you suspect your son/daughter may have suffered a concussion, please inform your coach. We have an athletic trainer who can help us diagnose and treat these kinds of injuries. Also, below are some resources;

http://www.iahsaa.org/Sports_Medicine_Wellness/Concussions/concussions.html
<http://www.nfhslearn.com/electiveDetail.aspx?courseID=15000>

Upcoming Fine Arts Events...please note, our 2nd-4th grade concert in November has been moved to November 13.

10/9/2012	7pm	Simpson HS Honor Choir	Simpson College
10/15/2012	7pm	8th Vocal Festival	Norwalk
10/18/2012	7pm	JH-HS Concert	MSTM HS Gym
10/20/2012			Indianola
11/6/2012		POI Honor Choir	
11/13/2012	7pm	Grades 2, 3, 4 Concert	MSTM HS Gym
12/20/2012	7pm	JH-HS Concert	MSTM HS Gym

Sportsmanship Reminders

1. Be Loud!
2. Be Positive!!
3. Cheer **for your team** only... (not at officials, opponents, etc.).

I feel compelled to write a short note of appreciation to Coach Justin Dehmer. Coach Dehmer has resigned his position as our head baseball coach. I have only known Coach for one year, but the numbers speak volumes: 171-28 over 5 seasons, 3 consecutive state titles, and many athletes who are better baseball players and young men for their experience. On behalf of our school district, I would like to thank Coach Justin Dehmer for his dedication and commitment to our baseball program.

With Blue Devil Pride,
Craig Huegel, A.D.
Twitter: @MSTM_BlueDevils

From the Desk of Mr. Moser
HS English Language Arts

My 13 years teaching at MStM has allowed my philosophy of education to evolve, causing me to contemplate my role in the classroom. For example I used to think that I had to have absolute control over every aspect of my course load (which includes American Ideas, Composition, and Reading Enrichment). This is not to say I am completely removed from my role as an educator, but I have begun to relinquish control of certain elements of my classroom to the people most affected by my instructional decisions: the students.

This new approach is an attempt to embrace in a more project-based, standards-driven learning environment, wherein students are no longer the receptacles of the teacher's knowledge but creators of their own knowledge. All components of student learning are guided by the Iowa Core, a curricular framework mandated for all Iowa schools. The standards for English Language Arts can be viewed [here](#), the Iowa Core page of the Iowa Department of Education's Web site. Students in all of my classes have access to and continue to build an understanding of these standards, as they are the basis for all of the work in the classes I facilitate.

Another revision in my educational philosophy involves grading and assessment practices. The learning process is ongoing; there is no specific endpoint to the act of learning. Therefore, students may continue to revise and resubmit assignments (and that's all assignments, including any tests and long-term projects) until they have demonstrated mastery of the concepts and skills. My rationale for adopting this policy is to demonstrate the value of the learning process. We are all part of a system that relies heavily on GPA and class rank, yet letter grades alone are not the full picture of what a student has truly learned in their education. If students earnestly focus on learning, then good grades will follow.

These revisions to my philosophy of education have been several years in the making, and it continues to evolve after every class period with MStM students. We have some of the most creative, driven, and dedicated students I have had the pleasure to teach. As always, visitors are welcome to my classroom at any time, and I welcome questions and conversations about education any time. Please contact me via email at josh.moser@mstm.us, with a phone call at 641-764-2486 x 210, or follow me on Twitter @Blammo33.

From the Desk of Mr. Wood,
Elementary Principal

School Attendance

Students need to be in school every day to stay on track. Teachers' lesson plans are carefully constructed to introduce new concepts, reinforce them with learning activities, and then move on to new skills and ideas. When children aren't in school, they fall behind. And the more days they miss, the harder it is to catch up. That's where you come in.

Report In.

Schools are required to track attendance of every child in every classroom every day. It is essential that you always contact the school if your child is going to be late for class, will need an early dismissal, or will be absent.

Get the Work.

When you know ahead of time your child will be missing class, give the teachers plenty of notice so they can provide your child with makeup work to do. Be sure that your child follows through—you'll need to be his or her "teacher" on those days, so be available to explain concepts or monitor the work. If your child is out unexpectedly, due to illness or other reasons, in addition to contacting the school attendance office, make arrangements with your child's teachers to pick up a packet of work/readings from the school. If the absence will be lengthy (e.g., for surgery), alert the teachers as soon as you know and get updated assignments and work packets as the days go on.

Religious Absences.

It is inevitable that some families' important religious observances will fall on school days. Let your children's teachers know early in the year precisely which days your children will not be attending or will need to leave early.

How Sick Is Too Sick?

It's impossible to say categorically when a child should go to school or stay home. However, one typical guideline is that a child is usually fine to attend school if his or her fever is under 100° and there is no rash, "pink eye," nausea, or diarrhea for 24 hours. The decision to keep a child home from school is best made between you and your child's health care provider. If the doctor or nurse recommends that your child stay home,

find out exactly how long and on what conditions he or she can return to class (e.g., after 24 hours of antibiotics).

Faking It?

If your child is complaining of a fever, but you're suspicious, make sure to stay in the room the entire time the child's temperature is being taken. A child complaining of nausea will probably be paler in color and slightly sweaty, and will usually need to vomit more than once. Send your child to school if you don't see a real symptom, knowing that the school nurse will contact you if things change. Also, be alert if your child seems to be "sick" on school days but always rebounds for the weekend.

Vacation Plans.

It's tempting to pull your kids from school for a family trip, but it's a bad idea. Why? First, it gives your children the impression that their schooling is not your top priority. And when they miss class work, even if you ask for make-up work to be sent home ahead of time, they can fall behind because they're missing many hours of instructional time each day. Instead of thinking of how you can miss the crowds by taking trips during the school year, think about what it could be costing your child in the long run.

Check Those Appointments.

Schedule your kids' doctor and dental appointments for after-school or weekend hours unless there's an emergency. Schedule your children's twice-yearly dental appointment during winter and summer breaks, and schedule school physicals, immunizations, and other routine care for school holidays or summer break.

Finally, remember to show and tell your children that attendance is important—whether it's as a child in school or as an adult on the job. You'll be helping them succeed, both in school and in life.

From the Desk of Mr. Olson
Instrumental Music

Band Performances for October 2012:

October 12

Junior High and High School Performance on the field at half time. Students need to be in the stands by 6:25 pm. Any sixth grade students that would like to perform with the junior high and high school band are welcome to participate that night.

October 18

Junior High/High School Band and Choral concert in high school gymnasium at 7pm. Students will need to be in the music room to warm up at 6:30 pm.

From the Desk of Mr. Folkerts
Secondary Guidance

National ACT Testing Dates for 2012-2013

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
September 8, 2012	August 17, 2012	August 18 – 24, 2012
October 27, 2012	September 21, 2012	September 22 – Oct. 5, 2012
December 8, 2012	November 2, 2012	November 3 – 16, 2012
February 9, 2013	January 11, 2013	January 12 – 18, 2013
April 13, 2013	March 8, 2013	March 9 – 22, 2013
June 8, 2013	May 3, 2013	May 4 – 17, 2013

Scholarships

Scholarship information is available in the Counseling office for any senior interested in scholarship assistance for college. Talk to the guidance secretary, Kerry or the counselor for more information.

Senior Timeline

SEPTEMBER:

1. Register for fall ACT test, if you are planning to go to a four year university in the fall of 2013.
2. Make sure you meet the admissions requirements of the colleges that you are interested in. Change your schedule in the counseling office if you need to take extra courses.
3. Double check college admissions deadlines.
4. Start the process of getting recommendation letters from teachers and/or people who know you.
5. Search for scholarships online and review the scholarship notebook.
6. If planning on playing sports in college, be sure you register ASAP with the NCAA Clearinghouse at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net.

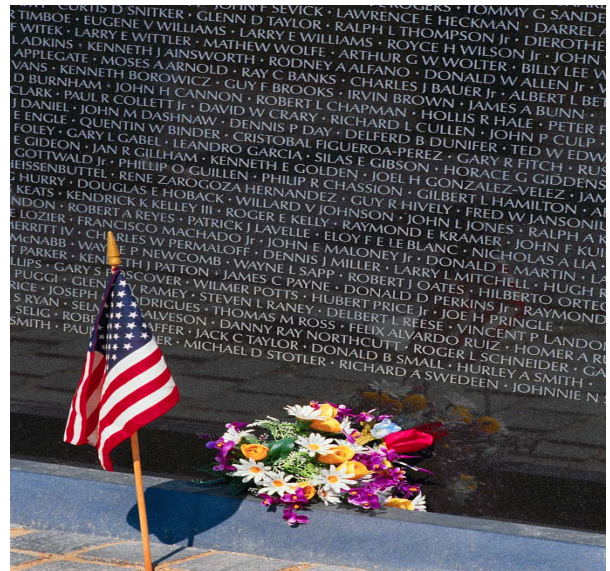
OCTOBER:

1. Make final decisions on possible colleges.
2. Complete college applications, paying close attention to early admission deadlines.
3. Request teacher and/or counselor recommendations if needed.
4. Request transcripts from the counseling office as needed.
5. Attend college sponsored campus visit programs.
6. Search for scholarships online and through the scholarship notebook.
6. Be aware of admissions deadlines, housing deadlines, scholarship deadlines, etc.
7. Take ACT or ACT tests. Make sure that the official scores are sent by the testing company to the colleges or universities that have made your final list of schools.
8. Register with the Selective Service if you are a male and 18 years old.

Junior Year Responsibilities

1. Attend College Planning Night...October 3rd @ 6:30 in the Media Center.
2. Take the PSAT/NMSQT on October 17th.
3. Register for spring SAT or ACT.
4. Take Advance Placement exams (if eligible) in May.
5. Review college options, requirements, and deadlines for admission, housing, financial aid, and scholarships to begin preparing to narrow college choices. Pay close attention to admission deadlines.
6. Visit college campuses of interest, if possible.
7. Register with NCAA Clearinghouse if you plan on being a college athlete for Division I or II schools. Registration can be completed online at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net.

Veteran Celebration!
Come One, Come All!



The public is invited to the celebration “Honor our Local Veterans” on Sunday, November 11, 2012 at Tom Brommel’s Party Barn at 5PM, dinner and a program will be at 7PM. If you are a Veteran or would like to volunteer to help with the celebration, please call Patty Gavin at [515-681-2339](tel:515-681-2339).



Pictured: Tom Brommel at the 2012 Iowa Outdoor Expo celebrating Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Tom used his tractor to shuttle over 7000 people in attendance over 2 days.

From the Desk of Mrs. Sowder
Talented and Gifted / Yearbook

Talented and Gifted Program: All students have set their yearly goals and started a host of accelerated classes or enrichment activities. Participants in grades 7-12 in "Scrunch the Universe" Enrichment Cluster meet on Fridays during seminar. A 10-week session will include a field trip to the Roving Mars exhibit and IMAX at the Science Center, a variety of hands-on activities, the use of www.KhanAcademy, and a research project.

High school students who are trying out for the Pride of Iowa academic bowl will have their first practice session this week. And others are beginning their mentoring/tutoring sessions to help others academically. Junior high TAG students have had their first Lunch Bunch session and the Information Technology Club has met with its leaders to undertake multiple IT projects, including getting hash tags on event programs. It's been a smooth start to, what I hope is, a school year filled with appropriate challenges and a wealth of new knowledge for these kids.

In 7th grade language arts, junior high students are involved in a persuasion unit and have written their first movie review, which had to include figurative language like a simile and creative word choice through adjectives and action verbs. Daily journaling has increased students awareness of foundational concepts like paragraph indentation and sentence structure. Mad Libs remain very popular for identifying parts of speech. The kids are just starting with the preposition song, so be prepared to hear that catchy tune at home and on the school bus!

The yearbook staff has been out promoting their new banner advertising packages in Winterset, Indianola, and Martensdale. Prices have increased, but the yearbook now provides more business name exposure than ever, including displaying names on a large banner that will be hung in the gymnasium, event programs, and the school Web site. Staffers have also decided on the theme and cover for the 2013 yearbook and have been taking great photographs at school events.

MARTENSDALE-ST.MARYS YEARBOOK

Martensdale-St.Marys school is now offering the banner advertising program for yearbook sponsorship. Be included on our large, easily visible banner that will be hung in our high traffic area, our gymnasium, by sponsoring a Gold Package.

Gold Package - \$150

- Your company's name on a large banner**
- Name on event and athletic programs**
- Name in yearbook**
- Name on website**
- Name in the monthly district newsletter**

Silver Package - \$100

- Name in yearbook**
- Name on school website**
- Name in monthly district newsletter**

Bronze Package - \$75

- Name in yearbook**
- Name on school website**

Please return this contract information sheet as soon as possible to get your name announced during football games this fall.

Business Name: _____
Contact Person: _____

Package Selected: _____ Gold _____ Silver _____ Bronze

Payment Method:
_____ Cash, Check, Money Order, In Person Delivery
_____ Check or Money Order, Included
_____ Bill Me Later

**Make checks out to Martensdale-St.Marys School District.
Send to Amy Sowder, MStM School, 390 Burlington St.,
Martensdale, Iowa 50160.**

Post Prom Trivia Rules
November 17, 2012

It is that time of year again, "Post Prom" is here.....the following are the rules for the trivia competition and fundraiser.....

Rules –

- There will be **10 Rounds with 10 Questions** each Round.
- **Each question is read twice.**
- Teams should discuss answers and put down **one answer per question, unless using a Mulligan** (see below).
- The **chance for three (3) bonus points** can be purchased for \$10 per table. An 11th question will be added to rounds 2, 3, and 5.
- Three (3) "**Mulligan**" stickers can be purchased for \$10 per table (only 3 per table). Put a sticker by any of the answers, including bonus questions (if participating), to be able to write down two (2) answers for that question. This gives you double the chance to get a point. A Mulligan is NOT a free point. You must present a correct answer.
- **No cell phones or texting**
- **No books or reference materials**

Side Fundraisers –

- **Heads and Tails** after round 3
- **Sink or Float** after round 7
- **Raffle** item winners announced after round 9

Scoring –

- **Write your table number on ALL answer sheets.**
- **On the first answer sheet, write your best prediction** as to the total points you think your team will earn over the ten rounds.
- **Turn your answer sheet in at the end of each round.**
- Answers will be read before the next round starts.
- The team with the most points at the end wins.
- **In the case of a tie**, the team whose final score comes closest to their 1st round prediction wins.
- Team scores will be posted as available.
- **Please no arguments allowed with judges on answers.** All answers used tonight are considered the RIGHT answers tonight!
- **Remember this is a Fundraiser, for FUN.**

Suggestions –

- **Ensure your table is paid up**, and all members of your team have obtained an attendance prize ticket.
- **Buy Mulligans** as soon as possible.
- **Buy chance for Bonus points** (by round 2)
- **Buy raffle tickets** (by round 8)
- **Jot down question reminders** as they are read, in case your team needs to go back to answer question later.
- Jot down your answers on a scrap piece of paper to **keep track yourself of your own score and verify with official score** (you can verify judges' addition)

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING AUGUST 13, 2012

The Board of Directors of the Martensdale-St. Marys Community School District met in regular session, pursuant to law, on August 13, 2012.

Members Present: Vice President, Dave Shutt, Wade Gibson, Amy Harper, and Dean Furness; together with Superintendent Bob Newsum and Business Manager Jill Gavin.

Members Absent: President, Nicole Bunch

Time: 5:05 p.m.

I. Welcome Board President

Mr. Shutt called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. and welcomed all guests.

II. Consent Items

- A. Approval of Minutes – Board President
- B. Approval of Agenda – Board President
- C. Approval of Bills and Secretary's Report –
Board President

D. Approval of Hot Lunch and Activity Reports – Board President

Mrs. Harper motioned to approve the consent items with corrections, seconded by Mr. Gibson. Roll call: 4 ayes.

I. Celebrations

Mr. Crozier congratulated the Softball Team for qualifying for the State Tournament for the fifth year in a row and being State Champions. He also congratulated the Baseball Team for winning the State Tournament three years in a row. MStM was the 5th school to have both softball and baseball teams win state championships in the same season. Go Blue Devils!

Mr. Crozier stated that our participation numbers for the fall sport teams look really good.

Mr. Wood stated that our Preschool class is now full with 35 students.

Mr. Newsum reminded the board that we graduated 45 in the Spring and only have 31 in Kindergarten this fall. Registration was held last week and we registered several new families that have moved into the district or open enrolled in.

Mr. Newsum thanked Jim Lynch and his custodial staff for all their work over the summer. They did a great job preparing the school for the new school year.

II. Public Comments - none

V. Old Business

A. Presentations

- 1) Principal's Report Mr. Wood

Mr. Wood informed the Board about the new elementary guidance counselor, Katie Brinkman. She has been a counselor for several years but not in a school. She is a Drake grad and is anxious to get started.

Mr. Wood provided an update on the Quality Learning program and how several elementary teachers will be piloting new activities in the classroom with the new math program and with a reading program. He will be inviting teachers and students to upcoming board meetings and invited the board members to see the classrooms in action.

He reviewed the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) goals and covered benchmarking, progress monitoring and formative assessment requirements. Data from these assessments will be used during

collaboration time to structure interventions and adjust lessons.

2) Principal's Report Mr. Crozier

Mr. Crozier informed the board that 7th grade and new student orientation was held on August 9th. The students were informed about block schedules, received their lockers keys and took a tour of where their classrooms will be. The Industrial Arts room is set up with new work tables and new equipment. We are asking the public to donate hand tools. Jim Lynch and his staff have done a great job preparing the room for the students and finding shop items from other schools. The Family Consumer Science room is almost complete from its summer remodel. There are new kitchen cabinets, a 3 bay sink, new oven hoods and new prep tables for the students.

New staff members include, Mr. Foell, Science; Andrea Benson, Spanish; and Chris Lee, Industrial Arts.

Mr. Crozier and Mr. Huegel will provide softball and baseball awards at the September board meeting. The participation numbers for fall sports look great.

3) Curriculum Report Mr. Moser

Mr. Moser presented the Pre-service calendar and the FY13 In-Service schedule. Currently the elementary and Jr/Sr High have been put on the watch list for reading. Mr. Moser informed the board that this year's professional development days will focus on reading strategies and that all teachers need to know that they are all reading teachers.

4) Superintendent's Report
Supt. Newsum

Mr. Newsum took the Board on a quick tour of the facilities that included the new elementary gymnasium roof, the sidewalk replacement in front of the school, the new industrial arts room, the refurbished Family Consumer Science classroom, and the floor ventilation system in the high school gym.

Mr. Newsum asked the Board how the district should handle those families with outstanding financial obligations that have shown no effort in making any payment. Mr. Gibson will provide information on the

collecting service that Indianola district uses.

VI. New Business

A. Discuss Staff Evaluation Procedures
Supt. Newsum

Mr. Newsum invited Mr. Huegel to the meeting to discuss the 360 degree evaluation process that involves staff, players and parents in the evaluation process. Mr. Huegel reviewed with the Board his current evaluation process. He meets with each coach at the beginning of the season to reinforce expectations and reinforce the value and the meaningful experience the players should receive. He evaluates the coaches throughout the season during practices and games. Mr. Huegel presented a copy of a survey he has used in the past and the administration will consider using a similar survey with our players. Mr. Huegel stated that parents are not to talk to a coach before, during or after the performance. It was discussed that the 360 degree approach should not include the parents in the evaluation process but would be important to involve the players.

B. Discuss/Approve District Mentoring and Induction Plan
Supt. Newsum

Mr. Moser provided information on the FY13 Mentoring and Induction program. We will have two new beginning teachers in the program. He went over the components of the mentor training, how they are observed in and out of the classroom, and how the evaluation process is completed. The mentor will need to log at least 12 hours per semester. The document provided to Board for approval is still subject to approval from the Department of Education and Mr. Moser can revise and add components throughout the year. Mr. Furness motioned to approve the Mentoring and Induction Plan for 2012-2013, seconded by Mr. Gibson. Roll call: 4 ayes.

C. Approve Shared Agreement with Indianola for Soccer
Supt. Newsum

Mr. Furness motioned to approve the sharing agreement with Indianola for soccer for the 2012-2013 school year, seconded by Mr. Gibson. Roll call: 4 ayes.

D. Discuss/Approve Logo, Graphics, Colors and Fonts
Supt. Newsum

Mr. Gibson motioned to table the approval of the district's logo, graphics, colors and fonts, seconded by Mr. Furness. Roll call: 4 ayes.

- E. Discuss/Approve Personnel Recommendations
Supt. Newsum

Mrs. Harper motioned to approve the following personnel recommendations, seconded by Mr. Furness. Roll call: 4 ayes.

Junior High Volleyball – Holly Morrow
Junior High Volleyball – Jayne Sherwood
Junior Varsity Volleyball – Jodi Wyman
Dance – Shannon Hager
Special Ed Bus Driver – Cheri Minella
Part-time Kitchen Helper – Teresa Peralez

- F. Discuss/Approve Open Enrollment Request
Supt. Newsum

There were no open enrollment requests submitted to the board.

- G. Approve 2012-2013 Equipment Breakdown
Insurance Supt. Newsum

Additional discussion was made by the board members about tracking how much the district will save with the new policy. Training from Jester Insurance will be given to the custodial and technology staff.

Mr. Gibson motioned to approve the Breakdown Equipment Insurance policy for the 2012-2013 school year, seconded by Mr. Furness. Roll call: 3 ayes: Mr. Shutt, Mr. Gibson, and Mr. Furness. 1 nay: Mrs. Harper.

- H. 2nd Reading Board Policy Series 300 –
Administration Supt. Newsum

Mrs. Harper approved the second reading of the 300 series of board policy with requested changes, seconded by Mr. Gibson. Roll call: 4 ayes.

- I. Approve Title I Documents 2012-2013
Supt. Newsum

Mrs. Harper motioned to approve the Title I documents for the 2012-2013 school year, seconded by Mr. Furness. Roll call: 4 ayes.

- J. Confirm – Next Meeting Dates
Supt. Newsum

The Board requested to move the agenda meeting to September 5th at 5:30.

09/04/12 – Agenda subcommittee by e-mail
09/05/12 – Agenda Meeting
09/10/12 – 6:30 p.m. Board Meeting

VII. Adjournment

Mrs. Harper motioned to adjourn the meeting seconded by Mr. Gibson. Roll call: 5 ayes. Time: 7:04 p.m.

APPROVED


Board President


Business Manager

It is the policy of the Martensdale-St. Marys Community School District not to illegally discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, disability, religion, creed, age (for employment), marital status (for programs), sexual orientation, gender identity, and socioeconomic status (for programs) in its educational programs and its employment practices.

There is a grievance procedure for processing complaints of discrimination. If you have questions or a grievance related to this policy, please contact the district's Equity Coordinator.

MStM's Equity Coordinator is Mike Crozier, secondary principal. His address is MStM Community School, 390 Burlington, Martensdale, Iowa 50160. His phone number is 641-764-2686 and his email address is: mike_crozier@mstm.us

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The newsletter is available to be picked up inside and on the outside of the Superintendent's office, at City State Bank and at the Jiffy station, all are located in Martensdale.

You may also view it on the <http://www.mstm.us> website. Questions or concerns may be addressed to:

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