



November 1, 2012

From the Desk of Bob Newsum,
Superintendent

Greetings:

By the time you read your November newsletter, we will have nearly reached the end of the latest barrage of election-related infomercials and direct mailings and will have had the opportunity to vote for those candidates who we want to lead us. As a former Vietnam veteran, I would strongly encourage you to take the time to exercise your civic duty and responsibility and cast your vote!

It's hard to believe that we're about to hold fall parent-teacher conferences. Conferences will be held on Monday, October 29, from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM, and Thursday, November 1, from 3:30 PM to 7:30 PM, and there will be NO SCHOOL on Friday, November 2. Classes will be dismissed at 2:15 on November 1. You are an important member of your child's educational team and you can do your part in encouraging your children in their educational efforts by attending parent-teacher conferences. We have lots of important information to share with you that can help your children be successful!

Three weeks after we complete the parent-teacher conferences, we celebrate Thanksgiving on November 22 and less than a month later we'll take a several day break for the holiday vacation, beginning with an early dismissal on Friday, December 21. The weather forecasters are predicting that the 'La Nino' phenomenon will result in a warmer and drier early winter season, similar to last year's. I certainly hope that's the case!

We have worked with the programmers at EDJE Technology to update the Martensdale-St. Marys Community School District web site. If you have not already done so, check out www.MStM.us and see what's been changed. All weather-related school day schedule changes, including late starts, early dismissals, and cancellations will be posted on the web site. In addition to posting school schedule changes on the district web site, we will notify the Channel 5 WOJ, Channel 8 KCCI, and Channel 13 WHO television stations, as well as the Iowa Radio Network, through 1040 WHO AM. We have added a twitter link, so you can follow school activities, including school schedule changes, on your cell phone.

'Good News'. Our increased student enrollment is good news for our district and indicates that our message of 'Small community HUGE results!' is bringing results.

The tentative time for delivery of the fall quarterly newsletter to all district mailbox holders is set for on or about November 10. One of the features in this newsletter is to highlight another of our high school graduates with an 'Alumnus Spotlight'. If you know of someone who graduated from Martensdale-St. Marys and has brought honor and pride to our district, community, and family through special achievement, invention, discovery, philanthropic activity, or in some other noteworthy manner, please call Bob Newsum, superintendent, at the district office (641-764-2466), on his cell telephone (641-203-8893), or via email bob_newsum@mstm.us with your nomination.

From the Desk of Tom Wood,
Elementary Principal

Raising Responsible Children

Raising a child means more than helping him or her grow up healthy and happy. It's important that, by the time they're ready to leave home, children have learned to be self-sufficient and responsible. Those kinds of lessons take an entire childhood to learn, but they're among the most important legacies you can pass on to your children. Here are some ways to start:

Make them Calendar Girls (and Boys)

Give your child his or her own calendar. Have children mark when a test or project due, or when a sports or group activity is scheduled. Each child's calendar should be posted in a visible spot, and get them in the habit of checking it every day—either adding new events and deadlines or crossing off things they've completed.

Keeping Track

As tempting as it is to bail out your children if they forget their lunch or homework or put off an assignment until too late, those mistakes can be excellent tools to teach responsibility. If your child needs to borrow lunch money, make sure it is paid back from his or her own savings. If the project is due the next day, fight the urge to step in and help get it done. Children only need a few such lessons, and some serious follow-up

discussions from their families and teachers, to realize that it's not worth it to be irresponsible.

Helping Others

No matter what your child's situation in life, there always are others in greater need. Get your child involved in helping those less fortunate by working through community, school, or religious groups that focus on community service. Show that you believe in what you're teaching by volunteering yourself as well.

Pet Smarts

Taking care of the family pet is an excellent way to learn responsibility. Children quickly learn the consequences if they forget to take the dog out, forget to feed the cat, or let a caged pet stay out unattended. Your children need to know that their pets depend on them.

Get to Work

Assign weekly chores to everyone in the house, rotating them so that, eventually, everyone has a turn at doing the dishes, putting away laundry, and taking out the trash. Divide the jobs by age, with older children doing the harder jobs, and make sure to never list anything as a "girl" job or a "boy" job.

Save for the Future

Financial responsibility is easy to teach if you start when your children are young. From their very first birthday money, teach them to set aside a certain amount for the future. A good rule of thumb is to put half away for savings and save half for spending, either on things they want right away or things they'd like to buy in the future.

Consider Matching Funds

If your children are saving for something that's a big-ticket item, consider setting up a matching fund, where, if they earn the first half, you'll chip in the second. Even though it sounds like the same concept as saying you'll split the cost with them, it's actually more effective to have them demonstrate to you first that they've worked and saved enough to pay for their share.

Finally, remember that the only way to teach your children responsibility is to model the behavior yourself. Make sure they know that they can depend on you to follow through on promises. Help them see that you value your contributions to your job, your community, and your family.

From the Desk of Mr. Crozier

Goodbye first quarter. It seems like time flies. For those of you who attended conferences, we thank you for participating in your child's education. Many of you have had constant communication with your child's teachers and we continue to encourage your participation. We have had a great start to our

school year. With the support of parents, teachers, administrators, and staff, our students can continue on this path which will lead to success.

New Career Academy Coming to Southridge Mall

Last year in a newsletter, I mentioned the new career academy that was coming to Southridge Mall. This is a combined project through DMACC and the schools of Warren County. We are very excited about the opportunities that our students will be provided through the career academy. For some of the programs, it will be natural progression, especially for our industrial arts program. Classes at Southridge will begin at 7:40 in the morning and end at 9:40, and in the afternoon they will begin at 1:10 and end at 3:10. We believe that this will work out in our class schedule for our students. Students that take morning classes will be 10 minutes late for 2nd block and we believe our teachers are flexible to make this work out. Students taking afternoon classes would not be scheduled for blocks 3 and 4 in our district. The administration feels that we need to do whatever is possible to provide more opportunities for our students. Students will be responsible for their own transportation to and from Southridge Mall.

These classes will be dual credit classes for both high school and college. A student that enters the academy their junior year and takes classes both semesters for two years will have the opportunity to accumulate 25 college credits that are paid for by the school district. They will also have the opportunity to finish a program at DMACC immediately following graduation with no waiting to get admitted into a program. Students may opt to explore different programs both years.

Programs that will be offered at the DMACC Career Academy:

- Auto Collision
- Auto Tech
- Building Trades/Finish Carpentry
- Career Work Experience
- Criminal Justice
- Visual Communications/Web Page Design
- Teacher Academy
- Welding

School hours:

School hours for students are 7:30am – 3:15pm. Students need to have permission from a teacher or staff member to be in the building beyond these hours or be involved in an extracurricular activity. We do not have supervision beyond these hours.

From the Desk of Mr. Craig Huegel,
Activities Director

Our fall seasons are winding down, and I would like to thank all of our coaches, athletes, and parents involved with our football, volleyball and cross country. Although we may not have been as successful in terms of wins and losses in every activity, we learned how to keep competing and by doing so, represent Martensdale-St. Marys in a positive manner. Schedules for our winter sports are online at

[http://www.prideofiowa.org/g5-](http://www.prideofiowa.org/g5-bin/client.cgi?G5genie=590&school_id=7)

[bin/client.cgi?G5genie=590&school_id=7](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.

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 MStM** only... (not at officials, opponents, etc.).

With Blue Devil Pride,

Craig Huegel, A.D.

Twitter: @MStM_BlueDevils



One more honor has come our way as a result of our state champion softball team. Emma Michels was named the Mid-Atlantic Bottling Class 1A Player of the Game in pitching the Blue Devils to an 11 inning 1-0 thriller of a win over Earlham. Emma is pictured below accepting her award from Mr. Mike Stifel, Mid-Atlantic Bottling representative. Congratulations, Emma!

From the Desk of Mr. Folkerts,
Secondary Guidance

PSAT Tests

The PSAT / NMSQT test was administered Wednesday, October 17, 2012. Results should be returned to us in December.

PLAN Test

Sophomores can sign up in the guidance office to take the PLAN test on Wednesday, November 7th. The PLAN test is a "Pre-ACT" test, and is a predictor of success on the ACT. It also has some career prep information along with suggestions on how to improve academic achievement. PLAN results should be back by the end of the 1st semester.

Senior College Visits

If a student is interested in visiting a college he/she needs to come to the Guidance Office and request a college visit form. The student should bring the form home for a parent to sign. Mr. Folkerts will call and set up the visit. Make sure you bring the signed form back from the visit.

College Planning Night

We hosted College Night on October 3rd, 2012, for juniors, seniors, and their parents. This night gave the students and parents a chance to look at post high school options and to visit with the College Planning Center representative about college planning.

Financial Aid Night

Financial Aid Night will be held on Wednesday, December 5th in the media center at 6:30. The College Planning Center will give seniors and parents information on financial aid. A main topic to be presented will be the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) ---the form required to apply for any federal and/or school aid. Additionally, other scholarship sources, application time lines and resources/contacts for parents in search for more financial aid will be discussed. The best thing students can do right now to help in the process of seeking scholarship money is to be sure all school applications and related paperwork is completed by the end of the first semester. You need to have this done before you will receive a financial aid package.

ACT Testing

Test Date: December 8th, 2012

Regular Registration Deadline: November 2nd, 2012

Late Registration Deadline: November 3rd - 16th, 2012

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

Yearbook Fundraiser

Hat Week, November 5-9

Pk-grade 12

\$2.00 for the week/\$.50 a day

Pay and get stamped in the commons daily



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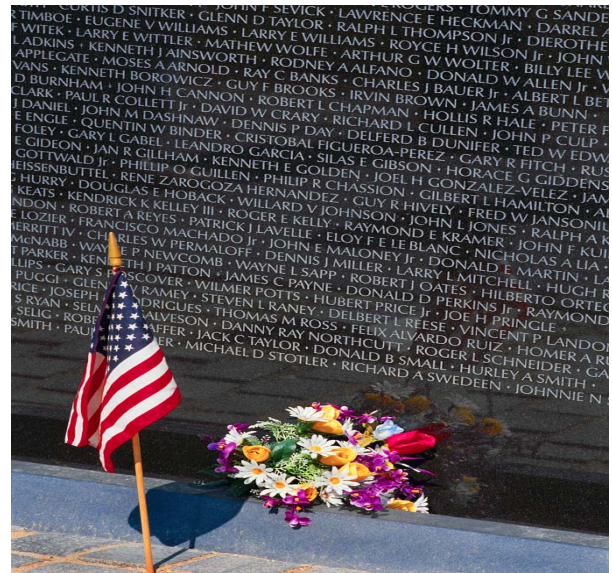
The Carpenters

Montross Pharmacy

Norwalk Veterinary Clinic

Gavin Insurance Agency

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, the 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). **PLEASE NOTE: 5PM DINNER HAS BEEN CANCELLED.**

From the Desk of Ms Brinkman, Elementary Guidance

The Elementary school celebrated the Citizenship Character Counts Pillar by having a collection to benefit the Warren County Necessity Pantry in Indianola. The collection was held during the week of October 15-19th. We collected over 500 items for those in need! What a great turnout!!

The week of October 29-November 1st, the Elementary school is celebrating Red Ribbon Week with lots of fun activities planned! Monday is Wear Red Day, Tuesday is Pajama day, Wednesday the kids will wear their Halloween Costumes and participate in a parade, and Thursday is Hat day. Martensdale-St.Marys students are proud to be Drug Free!!

From the Desks of Mrs. Henson and Mrs. Webster,
Kindergarten

On Wednesday, October 17th, the kindergarten classes took a field trip to Center Grove Apple Orchard. It was a chilly rainy day, but everyone had a wonderful time.



The children enjoyed riding the giant pedal tractors, had a picnic style lunch in the top of an old barn, and really enjoyed playing in the giant corn pool. We were educated in a one room school house about school in the 1800's, listened to the pollination process for the apples in the orchard, and even got to taste two different kinds of apples to compare the flavors. We toured the sorting room where one man delivers the apples that he picks from the 6000 trees, and visited the enormous cooler where they store the sorted apples waiting to be sold. While at the orchard we took a hayrack ride and all of the children got to pick a pumpkin to bring home. Visiting the orchard in Cambridge Iowa has been a tradition for the kindergarten classes for 3 years now. Thank you MStM PTO for continuing to provide the funds for us to take this trip!

From the Desk of Mr. Olson,
Instrumental Music

Thank you to all parents, staff, and students who came to the games to support the band during marching season. This year, our theme was 70's and 80's music and we had a variety of songs that never seem to go out of style. Also, I would like to congratulate the junior high and high school bands for a great performance October 18 as we presented our indoor marching concert. Job well done!

Currently, the junior high and high school band and choir are preparing for the December 20 performance. Concert and jazz band will begin second quarter as well as pep band for basketball. I look forward to each performance and rehearsal.

Elementary band is in full swing as well. We have twenty-seven new band members who are practicing diligently. If there are any fifth or sixth grade students that still may be interested in band, please talk to me. It is not too late to get started.

Martensdale St. Marys Music Patron

The MStM Music Boosters invite you to become a MStM Music Patron for the 2012 - 2013 school year. This year the MStM Music Boosters are trying to eliminate a fund raiser that tries to sell you something you really don't want or need. As a MStM Music Patron, your donation will help support the PK-12 music program in our school district and help defray expenses not covered by the school budget. In the past Music Booster donations have helped to purchase music stands and folders, props for elementary musicals, rhythm sticks and glockenspiels for elementary music and some percussion instruments for the high school band. With your help we hope to be able to work toward the goal of:

- 1) Help support the cost of music related field trips for PK-12
- 2) Instrument tuning for school owned instruments
- 3) Purchasing Sound Shells - to be used for PK-12 vocal music programs as well as band concerts
- 4) Maintenance of Choir Robes - repair & cleaning
- 5) Other Music Program extras

If you would like to become a MStM Music Patron, please fill in the information below and send your contribution to:

Martensdale-St. Marys Music Boosters
PO Box 350
Martensdale, IA 50160

Donation Amount \$ _____

Donations of any amount are welcome. With a donation of \$25 or more your name will appear on the concert program.

Please print your name(s) as you would like it to appear in the Patron list:

Due to the time necessary to prepare and print the Patron list, recent donations may not appear until the next concert event.

From the Desk of Mrs. Clark,
Vocal Music

High School Chorus

Three students auditioned for the All-State Chorus on Saturday, October 22 in Indianola at the high school. Students that sang were senior Taylor Furness, sophomore Kyle Kisling, and freshman Reid Frederiksen. Also, senior Abby Wetzler went into the audition room with the trio and was the pitch giver for the singers. Thank you to our four students for representing Martensdale-St. Marys with your musical talents! The next concert for High School Chorus is Thursday, December 20 in the high school gym.

Junior High Chorus

Junior high students presented their fall concert on Thursday, October 18 here in our high school gym. One of the songs the students sang was an "oldie" called "The Rhythm of Life." This is always a favorite! If you remember singing this song back in the day, send me an email. I would like the students to know of the tradition this song here at MStM!

Susan_gabbertclark@MStM.us

Elementary Music

Students in grades 2, 3, and 4 will present their fall concert on Tuesday, November 13, here in the high school gym. In 2nd grade, students have been working hard on learning and demonstrating the dynamics of *piano* (soft) and *forte* (loud). In 3rd grade, students have been working hard on learning and demonstrating the difference between steady beat and rhythm, in 4th grade, students are developing their skills of performing a round with a steady beat.

The concert begins at 7:00pm, and students should be here to meet their classroom teacher in the cafeteria by 6:45 for warm-ups. Families are asked to bring one dozen cookies or bars for the Music Booster reception after the concert.

Concert attire for the students is nice appropriate school clothes. Please, no blue jeans since this is a dress up event.

New! MStM YouTube Channel

In an effort to help promote and celebrate all of the great things happening in our district, we have created a YouTube channel specifically for MStM. This will be your opportunity to submit videos of classroom activities, sporting events, fine arts performances, and anything else showcasing our many skills and talents.

Visit <http://www.youtube.com/user/MStMBlueDevils> to check it out. To submit a video, contact Josh Moser at josh_moser@mstm.us or call at [641-764-2486 x 210](tel:641-764-2486). Thank you for your perpetual support of everything at MStM. Go big blue!

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 5, 2012

The Board of Directors of the Martensdale-St. Marys Community School District met in regular session, pursuant to law, on Wednesday, September 5, 2012.

Members Present: Nicole Bunch, President; Dave Shutt, Vice President; and Dean Furness, together with Superintendent Robert Newsum and Business Manager Jill Gavin.

Members Absent: Amy Harper and Wade Gibson

The President called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

Supt. Newsum reviewed the agenda items for the September 10, 2012 Board Meeting. Mr. Tom Ferin presented to the board the updated style guide for the district's logos, colors and fonts.

Shutt moved to adjourn, seconded by Furness. Roll call: 3 ayes. Time: 6:25 p.m.

APPROVED


Board President


Business Manager

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 17, 2012

The Board of Directors of the Martensdale-St. Marys Community School District met in regular session, pursuant to law, on September 17, 2012, rescheduled from September 10, 2012.

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

Members Absent: None

I. Welcome Board President

Mrs. Bunch called the meeting to order at 6:35 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

Mr. Shutt motioned to approve the consent items, seconded by Mr. Furness. Roll call: 5 ayes.

III. Celebrations

Mr. Wood announced that the school year is off to a great start. He has asked a lot out of the elementary staff with the new Everyday Math, new assessments and keeping track of all the students and he would like to commend his staff for a great start.

Mr. Crozier announced that the Industrial Arts classroom is up and running. He stated that the teachers have done a great job and that we have a great student body this year and it has been a pleasure to be around them. We have also had a good start with the football and volleyball seasons.

IV. Public Comments - none

V. Old Business
A. Presentations

1) Principal's Report Mr. Wood

Mr. Wood invited the following 2nd and 3rd grade teachers to present and provide the board with the progress they feel Everyday Math has made.

Mrs. O'Mara, 3rd grade teacher, brought the new textbook materials for the board to look at. They are not the traditional textbooks. They provide family letters that go home before each new unit is started; there are home links to get the whole family involved, and there are games that incorporate what the students are learning. The instructional books for the teachers are very well organized to aid them on how to teach, what assessments to use, what lessons to review and what enrichment activities they can use. The challenge is getting it all put together. They feel Everyday Math promotes a higher level of thinking.

Mrs. Franey, 2nd grade teacher, presented the games and tools of Everyday Math that are used in her classroom. These games incorporate what they have been learning. The students are quickly picking up what needs to be done and have the opportunities to do these activities on their own or with a group. A lot of organization is required by the teachers.

Mrs. Scrivner, 2nd grade teacher, discussed the student learning aspect of Everyday Math. It provides a basis of routine and repetition and a lot of hands on activities. She teaches the students mini lessons and then an activity. She was amazed how fast the students picked up the new routine and she believes there will be an amazing payoff.

Mrs. Meier, 3rd grade teacher, discussed the strengths and challenges they have encountered of Everyday Math. In the past, you have the traditional curriculum, you intensively practice it, you test over it and then you abandon it until next year. The new curriculum is continuously revisiting recent and past learning. It involves real world applications and lifelong math thinking skills. They have applications to build strong problem solvers. They have multi approaches to solving a problem and the games reinforce the skills that are being taught. They have found the students to be

enthused about the new curriculum where they are practicing it every night and getting their parents involved. The challenges are, it was overwhelming at first, there are a lot of manipulatives involved, the assessments are different, the parents are not used to it, and the typical A-F grading scale is different. The presumed prior knowledge of the third graders is not there because they did not have the Everyday Math program as second graders.

The teachers invited the board members to visit their classrooms any time to see how the curriculum is working. The students are excited and the teachers are anticipating great things. Mrs. Bunch commented that the key is the enthusiasm of the students. She is interested to see how the assessments will turn out. The Board thanked the teachers for their presentations and their hard work.

2) Principal's Report Mr. Crozier

Mr. Crozier announced their classroom sizes have also increased from last year. He has invited each new student into his office to visit with them and they are all very excited about being here. The new students are commenting on how helpful and friendly everyone is and how they are making friends and fitting in well.

Mr. Crozier requested the board's permission to show the movie "Bully" to the 7-12 students during the first week of October. There will be a guided discussion afterwards during the student's seminar time. The board granted permission to show the PG13 version of the movie and requested a note be sent home to the parents.

Mr. Crozier presented a request from Elizabeth Gerdes to graduate a year early if she passes all her classes. She will have enough credits to do that.

Mr. Crozier announced participation numbers for the fall sports and activities.

Mr. Crozier presented his Leadership Team that includes Angela Davidson, Josh Moser, Vivian Butcher and Adam Hansen.

3) Curriculum Report Mr. Moser

Mr. Moser presented a Professional Development update on what the teachers have been doing during recent PD days. The elementary staff has been working

together on the new math assessment and how to move away from the A-F grading scale and sharing ideas on how to promote student learning. The secondary staff is working together to review and establish team norms. The teachers have been reading an article regarding high functioning student learning and instead of complaining about certain things that you can be more successful if you offer solutions. The secondary staff will also be putting together a series of workshops that include reading strategies, individual career development plans and shared planning.

The C-Plan was approved on September 14, 2012.

Mr. Moser presented some new ideas to the board that included a district YouTube site for MStM; which would be another way to communicate and showcase every aspect of our district. It would include short clips of sporting events and what is happening in the classrooms to promote and give new families and new students an idea of what it is like at MStM. Mr. Moser would like to be in charge of it and would control and monitor what is and is not allowed. The board members liked the idea and asked Mr. Moser to move forward.

Mr. Moser also commented on how the hiring process seems to be disconnected and requested to centralize the documents, have hiring questions, exit interviews and standardize the whole process. He will be taking a course this fall for Human Resources and would like to take this project on at MStM. Mrs. Bunch said that this makes sense and sounds like we need to update the process. She would like the administration to find a way to get more applicants to apply for positions. It was stated that candidates think we are a Catholic school and not close to the Des Moines area. It was suggested that when we advertise for an opening to make note that we are a public school and we are only 20 minutes from Des Moines and 10 minutes from the airport. Mr. Moser will move forward with this project.

4) Superintendent's Report Supt. Newsum

Mr. Newsum announced to the Board that the PPEL election was held on September 11, 2012 and results were 63 yes and 18 no votes. This reinforces the support that we have in the community for our school. Congratulations!

V. New Business

A. Elect Officers Supt. Newsum

Mr. Gibson motioned to nominate Mrs. Nicole Bunch as President and Mr. Dave Shutt as Vice President for the 2012-2013 school year, seconded by Mr. Furness. Roll call: 5 ayes.

B. Administer Oath of Office to Officers Supt. Newsum

Mrs. Gavin administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Nicole Bunch, President and Mr. Dave Shutt, Vice President.

C. Set Standing Committees Supt. Newsum

The board members agreed to keep the standing committees the same for the 2012-2013 school year.

D. Appoint Ahlers & Cooney as Legal Counsel Supt. Newsum

Mr. Shutt motioned to approve Ahlers & Cooney as legal counsel for the 2012-2013 school year, seconded by Mr. Gibson. Roll call: 5 ayes.

E. Appoint Member to IASB Delegate Assembly Supt. Newsum

Mr. Furness was appointed as member to the IASB Delegate Assembly held in November 2012.

F. Approve Special Education Supplement 2011-2012 Supt. Newsum

Mr. Furness motioned to approve the Special Education Supplement for the 2011-2012 school year with a special education balance of \$4,518.55, seconded by Mr. Gibson. Roll call: 5 ayes. The MStM District will not need to approve seeking allowable growth and supplemental aid due to a positive special education balance.

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

Mr. Tom Ferin attended the September 5th agenda meeting to share the revised MStM style guide with the district's logos, colors, fonts and graphics. Mr. Gibson asked, what happens if someone does not follow the guidelines. It was stated, all coaches and staff members have been informed and will have access to the MStM style

guide; therefore, all uniforms and anything school sponsored must go through the Athletic Director for approval. The district can inform and welcome outside groups to use the logos from the MStM style guide; however, outside groups (other clubs and organizations like the Little Devils for example) that are not school sponsored would not be required to follow the MStM style guide rules.

Mr. Furness motioned to approve the district's style guide that includes the logos, graphics, colors and fonts, seconded by Mrs. Harper. Roll call: 5 ayes.

H. Approve Personnel Recommendations
Supt. Newsum

Mrs. Harper motioned to approve the following personnel recommendations for the 2012-2013 school year, seconded by Mr. Shutt. Roll call: 5 ayes.

Cynthia Wetzler – Elementary Preschool Special Education Associate
Hannah Kirvin – Secondary Special Education Associate
Deb Roff – Secondary Special Education Associate
Tiffany White – Elementary Preschool Special Education Associate

I. Approve C-Plan for 2011-2012
Supt. Newsum

Mr. Shutt motioned to approve C-Plan for the 2011-2012 school year, seconded by Mr. Gibson. Roll call: 5 ayes.

J. Approve Quality Support Committee Membership and Meeting Date 2012-2013
Supt. Newsum

It was requested to contact the current Quality Support members to ask if they still wanted to be on the committee, put an announcement on the website requesting new members, and in the daily announcements for new members, open the meeting more to the student body, and set up the agenda to be more of a two-way conversation. It was requested to solicit feedback and bring that back to the next board meeting. Mr. Gibson motioned to table the Quality Support Committee and meeting date, seconded by Mrs. Harper. Roll call: 5 ayes.

K. Approve Early Graduation 2012-2013
Supt. Newsum

Mrs. Harper motioned to approve the early graduation request of Elizabeth Gerdes, seconded by Mr. Gibson. Roll call: 5 ayes.

L. Confirm – Next Meeting Dates
Supt. Newsum

The School Board requested to move the agenda meeting to Wednesday, October 3, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. and the board meeting to Wednesday, October 10, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

VII. Adjournment
Mr. Furness motioned to adjourn the meeting seconded by Mrs. Harper. Roll call: 5 ayes. Time: 8:07 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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