



September 1, 2012

*From the Desk of Bob Newsum,  
Superintendent*

Greetings:

We have gotten off to an outstanding start of the 2012-2013 school year, with great enthusiasm and excellent courtesy and respect demonstrated throughout the building. Congratulations go to Mr. Todd Verwers, Lady Devils softball coach, for being named 2012 Iowa Softball Coach of the Year for all classes by the Iowa Girls' Coaches Association. Our varsity football team has gotten off to a strong start with a big win and is currently the seventh rated Class A football team in Iowa. Our volleyball team began the season with an impressive showing at the Clarke Classic Volleyball Tournament, winning the silver division.

You might have noticed a newspaper article in a recent Des Moines Sunday Register related to student safety on school buses. Please know that all Iowa public school districts are required to complete two thorough inspections of all vehicles in their transportation fleet, one each semester. These inspections are conducted by inspectors from the Iowa Department of Transportation. Citations are recorded for a wide variety of deficiencies, from burned out light bulbs to more serious infractions. As you are probably aware, we have contracts with six private drivers to provide daily bus transportation to-and-from school and the drivers are responsible for keeping their vehicles in safe working order and condition. Immediately after an inspection of all vehicles in our transportation fleet, the drivers take the necessary action to repair or replace cited deficiencies and no vehicles are allowed for use transporting students until the repair or replacement has been completed.

The Martensdale-St. Marys Community School District has relied on the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL) for many, many years to provide important 'maintenance' funding to repair roofs, playgrounds, and sidewalks; purchase transportation vehicles like activity buses and vans; purchase musical instruments for our band program; support classroom technology; and more. Well-maintained school buildings, athletic facilities, and grounds are an essential part of our school community and you have been an important member of our school-community. We have listed several Frequently Asked Questions related to the renewal of the district Physical Plant and Equipment Levy vote.

**When is the community vote to renew the district Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL)?**

On Tuesday, September 11, 2012, you will be asked to vote on a renewal of the district Physical Plant and Equipment Levy.

**How much does this levy generate and for how long?**

Maximum length of the voter-approved Physical Plant and Equipment Levy program is ten years. The current levy expires on June 30, 2013. Our district voter-approved Physical Plant and Equipment Levy program provided approximately \$80,000 per year for the past ten years.

**Will the passage of the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy raise my property taxes?**

Renewal of this levy will **not** increase your property tax rates. The district is asking you to continue the voter-approved Physical Plant and Equipment Levy at the same rate (sixty-seven cents per \$1,000 of assessed property valuation) that has been in place for at least the last ten years.

**Because of recent school district budget deficiencies, why hasn't the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy program been used to offset the general fund?**

Physical Plant and Equipment Levy revenues **cannot** be used for salaries, textbooks, or new educational programs. The requirements for use of Physical Plant and Equipment Levy funds are very specific and limited to maintenance, technology, and equipment.

**What are examples of the types of things the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy revenues can be used for?**

Physical Plant and Equipment Levy funds 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.

**What happens if the voter-approved Physical Plant and Equipment Levy does not pass?**

Some projects and purchases still need to be completed and would have to be funded by other revenue sources, such as the general fund, where approximately 80% is dedicated to salaries. Our district would struggle to meet the maintenance requirements for our facilities and grounds without the voter-approved Physical Plant and Equipment Levy in place.

## What is the difference between the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy program and the state one cent sales and services tax program?

For the Martensdale-St. Marys Community School District, the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy program is used as maintenance and facilities improvement fund and the state one cent sales and services program is used for major capital improvement projects, such as the new football and track complex.

## Where can I learn more about the district Physical Plant and Equipment Levy program?

If you have questions or want to learn more about our Physical Plant and Equipment Levy program, please call Bob Newsum, Superintendent, at school (641-764-2466), on his cell telephone (641-203-8893), by email at [bob\\_newsum@mstm.us](mailto:bob_newsum@mstm.us) or stop into the district main offices for a visit.

## New Teacher Bios



**Andrea Benson** - Miss Benson will be teaching junior high and high school Spanish. This is her first year of teaching and she resides in Indianola. Miss Benson is a graduate of Simpson College and enjoys running and training for marathons. She has lived in Argentina and loves music. Miss Benson grew up in Conrad, Iowa.



**Travis Foell (Fell)** - Mr. Foell will be teaching junior high and high school science. He is a 4 year veteran of teaching and resides in Waukee. Mr. Foell is an Iowa Wesleyan College graduate and he received his Masters in Education from Simpson College. He enjoys kayaking, fishing, camping, cooking, and oenology. Mr. Foell is married to Carrie and has a 16 month old son, Jarrett. He grew up in Boone, Iowa.



**Chris Lee** - Mr. Lee will be teaching junior and senior high industrial arts. This will be his 4<sup>th</sup> year of teaching. Mr. Lee grew up in Mason City, Iowa, and is a graduate of the University of Northern Iowa. Mr. Lee resides in Norwalk. He enjoys outdoor activities, wrestling, the Minnesota Vikings, and the Iowa Hawkeyes.



**Katie Brinkman** - Miss Brinkman is the new elementary counselor. She will begin her first year of counseling and resides in West Des Moines. Miss Brinkman is a graduate of the University of Northern Iowa and received her Masters Degree from Drake University. She enjoys volleyball, movies, reading, and spending time with friends and family. Miss Brinkman has a dog named Gus.

## From the Desk of Mr. Crozier, Secondary Principal

Welcome back to the 2012-2013 school year. The new school year provides an opportunity for a new start for all of us. Let's commit to making this year the best ever. The new freshmen were excited to get their computers. Social media continues to grow and be a part of our everyday society. It seems that everyone these days is on Facebook or tweets. Please make it a priority to talk to your children about the proper uses of these technology tools. We have enhanced our unit in our advisory program about the proper and safe uses of social media. It is also covered in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade technology class. You can follow me on Twitter @umpcrozier for educational issues and things that are happening at our school.

Our students are using social media in the classrooms. Mr. Moser's class has been conversing with the USDA and our congress men and women regarding the new school lunch guidelines. They have received tweets from the USDA and others discussing the issues involved. You can follow the thread at:

<http://crystalcattle.blogspot.com/2012/08/schoolfoodsrule-questions-or-not-by-usda.html>

We have several new students in our secondary building. I have had the pleasure of meeting and interviewing all of them. They all reported that the staff and students have been very

friendly and helpful. Martensdale-St. Marys is a great school district for students to excel in and be accepted by all. All community members should be proud of this fact.

We have 3 great additions to our staff, as I mentioned in my August article. Please stop by and welcome these new teachers to our community.

I am looking forward to another great year at Martensdale-St. Marys. Please call me at (641) 764-2486 if you have questions regarding your child's educational experience.

Michael R. Crozier  
[mike\\_crozier@mstm.us](mailto:mike_crozier@mstm.us)

**From the Desk of Mrs. Davidson**  
**Art Department**

**Visual Art Department**

**ARTSONIA**

Our school is a member of Artsonia.com ([www.artsonia.com](http://www.artsonia.com)), the largest online student art museum. Artsonia showcases artwork from thousands of schools around the world. I posted over 5000 pieces of art since we started in 2009.

In the art room, your students will be creating some beautiful art work that we would like to showcase on Artsonia. This opportunity allows parents and out-of-town relatives to see the work that your student is creating. Artsonia only uses a child's first name to ensure privacy. The program also allows you or family members to purchase merchandise with your child's artwork on it. The proceeds from the program will benefit our art department.

We will continue to use the accounts that we set up previously for the website. I will be sending home permission slips to those students not already enrolled. Please contact me if you need an additional permission slip or if you have any changes in your information. A second parent email can be added to the account. Please contact me if you would like another email address added to your account. Please feel free to view Artsonia's website or contact me if you have any questions.

**Art Supply Donations Needed**

I am looking forward to another great year in the art room at MStM. I want to thank everyone who has generously given supplies to the art room. We have put the items to good use.

If you have something that you would like to donate to the art room, please feel free to contact me at [angela\\_davidson@mstm.k12.ia.us](mailto:angela_davidson@mstm.k12.ia.us). The following is my list of things that I would like to collect for art projects this year. Many of the items would be your recycled items or things you have and do not need any longer.

**Paper Towel Rolls**  
**Brown Paper Grocery Sacks**

**Brown paper lunch sacks**

**Styrofoam egg cartons**

**Glitter**

**Yarn**

**Calendars with nice photography of landscapes, animals, flowers, etc.**

**Any craft items such as beads, buttons, ribbon, etc.**

**The Des Moines Art Festival's Nurturing Student Vision Exhibit.**

Eight Martensdale-St. Marys Students had the honor of exhibiting their artwork at the Des Moines Art Festivals Nurturing Student Vision Exhibit this June. Their work is currently on display at the Des Moines Public Library and there will be an end of display reception in August. The Honored Art Students received a membership to the Des Moines Art Festival and a Participation Certificate.

NSV recipients for Elementary were: Maggie Girardi, Isaac Gavin, Shelby McCasland, and Jessica Defenbaugh.

NSV recipients for Secondary were: Alexis Herron, Bridgette Ouimet, Madison Hall, and Vicki Kordick.

Thank you to all who participated! It is such a nice opportunity for students to represent our school at this event. I will again choose 8 students for the coming Des Moines Art Festival Exhibit for June 2013.

**From the Desk of Mrs. Clark**  
**Music Department**

Music at MStM is off and running! High School Chorus students are preparing for All-State auditions on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at Indianola High School. The High School Chorus is learning a medley of songs from the Broadway musical "Les Miserables" which will be appearing on the Civic Center stage in early October. The Fall Concert for the Junior High band and chorus, plus the High School band and chorus is Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

Elementary students are learning about steady beat and rhythm and what is the difference. The objective of rehearsing and establishing a steady beat is crucial in music education. Please encourage your child to tap their toes, pat their hands, snap their fingers, nod their heads, or somehow demonstrate a steady beat when listening to music.

Because of our growth in offering more course choices to our secondary students and the return of the Industrial Arts, classes that were in the shop room last year will now be in the students' classroom. Music is important in a child's education and will continue this year, just in a different room. Thank you for your support with this.

A big thank you goes to those in the district who are donating music and instruments to the music department. Sarah and Kyle Kisling and their family have donated music books to our program. Blake Eyberg, and his family has donated many

books and sheet music. Thank you to Gentry Davidson and her family for the donation of a guitar and stand. Thank you to all who donate to help music thrive in the lives of our students! If you have nice instruments in good condition, please consider donating them for a student to have the opportunity to learn music. Also, if you have books, sheet music, or other materials please consider donating them.

Dates to put on your calendar are:

Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm –  
JH/HS Band and Chorus Fall Concert

Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm –  
Fall Concert for grades 2, 3, and 4

### **From the Desk of Mr. Wood,** **Elementary Principal**

#### **So Many Activities, Too Little Time**

It's good to keep children involved in different activities, but how do parents know how much is too much? Check out these tips on how to keep your children from being overscheduled—they might very well make your child's life, and yours, a lot less stressful.

#### **Follow their passions.**

The best activities for children give them the opportunity to learn more about something they love. To make sure they keep their passion, instead of surrendering to burnout, keep their involvement to just a day or two a week, unless they absolutely beg for more. Even then, check with them periodically to make sure they still are as eager to attend as they used to be. If not, scale back.

#### **Get their input.**

Parents are so eager to provide opportunities for their children that they sometimes forget the fun of just being a child. Step back before you sign up for an activity and ask your child to tell you what three things he or she most likes to do after school or in the summer. Then choose activities that meet their interests while also providing stimulation.

#### **Broaden their horizons.**

Although following your child's interests is important, it's also great to introduce your child to something totally new, whether it's a new sport, a musical instrument, or a group like Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts. The secret to keeping enthusiasm high is to start slowly and gauge your child's interest before committing beyond the first few sessions.

#### **Be supportive, not critical.**

No matter what your child is interested in, remember that your job as a parent is to be supportive. The point of activities is to expand your child's interests and abilities, not to make him or her a child prodigy or the next athletic superstar.

#### **Schedule down time.**

Creativity can't happen if every minute of a child's time is scheduled. Children need time to ponder, explore, and play.

Make sure that when the day's over and the homework's done, there's still time for your child to be a kid.

#### **Play the field.**

When it comes to sports, specializing in one activity at such a young age is bad news. Not only do pediatricians discourage the kind of repetitive movements that come from concentrated work in one sport, but the kids who totally dedicate themselves to a single sport early often burn out later and regret not having learned several different sports early, so they have other options.

#### **Mix it up.**

Although every family and child is different, child psychologists often suggest involving a child in no more than three activities at a time: one social activity, like Boys' Club or a church group; one physical activity, like gymnastics, swimming, or basketball; and one artistic activity, such as an art class or music lessons.

#### **Watch for these signs.**

The stress of trying to keep up with too many planned activities can take a physical toll on your child. If your child is leading a very busy life, watch for signs of stress, including stomachaches and headaches, difficulty paying attention, a drop-off in interest in activities he or she used to enjoy, and increased "clinginess" with a parent or other close adult (e.g., teacher, babysitter). If you notice any of these signs, chances are your child needs to cut back on activities and de-stress.

If you have to schedule something for your child, make it family time. Children need to have meals with their parents, hear bedtime stories, share chores, and play games. While you're scheduling all their other activities to help them learn and grow, remember that what they most need to learn is that they are special and loved.

### **From the Desk of Mrs. Kirvin,** **Pk-12 Nurse**

With school just weeks away, please take the time to check with your child's doctor to make sure that their immunizations are up to date. Kids entering Preschool and Kindergarten can have their booster vaccines done as soon as they turn 4 years old. Pertussis (whooping cough) has seen a 500% rise in our state. Getting vaccinations is very important. Warren County does hold immunization clinics each month that may be beneficial if your insurance does not cover vaccinations. You can reach Warren County Health at 515-961-1074 and see if a time is available that will work for you.

If your child has a medical or religious waiver for immunizations please make sure that you file the proper paperwork with me at school. Please let me know if I can be of any help to you. You can reach me by phone at 641-654-2621.

Thanks for your help in getting us all to a healthy school year!!

Alene Kirvin, R.N.

**From the Desk of Mr. Olson**  
**Instrumental Music**

Dear fifth grade parents:

I am so excited to announce that beginning band for all interested fifth grade students will be starting on Monday, September 17. This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to explore their interest in music as well as enhance cognitive, social, disciplinary, and leadership skills. Please take some time to discuss this possibility with your child.

During the next two weeks, I will be meeting and working with your child to guide them in choosing an instrument that they will find exciting to play and practice. Students may choose to play an instrument from the following list:

Flute  
Clarinet  
Alto saxophone  
Trumpet  
Trombone  
French horn  
Tuba  
Percussion (including mallets and snare drum)

Please have your child consider three different instrument options. I will discuss those options with your child when we meet at school to try the instruments. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions. **If your child is considering percussion, I strongly recommend that the student has had two years of previous piano experience.**

**On Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm**, in the music room, parents and students are encouraged to attend beginning band registration night. This is a chance for me to meet you and talk about the goals and expectations of the band program. Students will also be signing up for their instrument choice. If you need to secure an instrument for your child, Rieman Music will be available that evening as well to discuss their rental plan and repair options of used instruments. **Students will need to purchase a beginning method book and portable music stand for practicing at home.** The books are approximately \$10 and the stands are \$20.

Small group lessons will be offered during the school day for beginning band members starting Monday, September 17. Students will meet with me to develop the basic mechanical skills of each instrument and for group rehearsals.

I look forward to meeting with you soon!

Respectfully,

Randy Olson  
Band Director  
Martensdale-St. Mary's School District  
Cell phone-763-213-3056  
Email [randy\\_olson@mstm.us](mailto:randy_olson@mstm.us)

***Is it time to retire the "Grand Old Flag"?***

Please bring your tired or tattered flags to be retired in ceremony by the St. Marys American Legion Post 716 and the Pack 222 of the Cub Scouts of America.

Please bring them to the Superintendent's office for collection by October 1, 2012.



**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**  
**JULY 11, 2012**

The Board of Directors of the Martensdale-St. Marys Community School District met in regular session, pursuant to law, on July 11, 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

I. Welcome Board President

Mr. Shutt called the meeting to order at 4:05 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, seconded by Mr. Furness. Roll call: 3 ayes.

Celebrations

Mr. Crozier announced that the MStM Softball Team won Monday night to win another trip to the State Tournament. This will be their 5<sup>th</sup> year in a row in

going to the Softball State Tournament. They will play on Monday, July 16, 2012 at 11:00 in Fort Dodge. Congratulations and Good Luck!

Mr. Crozier announced that the MStM Baseball Team won their first game in the baseball playoffs. They will now play against Murray on Thursday night, July 12, 2012 in St. Marys. Good Luck!

IV. Public Comments - None

V. Old Business

A. Presentations

1) Jester Insurance Presentation

Mr. John Seefeld

Mr. Newsum introduced John Seefeld from Jester Insurance Services to present to the Board School Equipment Breakdown Insurance. The insurance policy pays for the repair of our school's electrical and electronic equipment excluding heating, ventilating and air conditioning. The policy will allow the school to shift funds from PPEL/SILO or General Fund to the Management Fund to pay for repairs of electrical and electronic equipment; which also included technology that we have recently updated in the district. Mr. Seefeld listed most of our neighboring schools are currently participating in the program. Don Millage, the district's technology director, currently uses this program at Saydel and he stated that it has worked very well at Saydel for many years. The Board thanked Mr. Seefeld and Mr. Millage for their presentation.

2) Principal's Report

Mr. Crozier

Mr. Crozier received suggestions from Mrs. Harper prior to the meeting and discussed the changes and additions to the 2012-2013 Student Handbook and Faculty Handbook. Mr. Crozier shared a positive email from a Nodaway Valley spectator at a recent Junior High baseball game where a child got hit by a foul ball and several MStM community members did not hesitate to help out the child. Mr. Crozier updated the Board on his recommendation of hiring a new Spanish teacher. He had several candidates and interviewed three individuals.

3) Superintendent's Report

Supt. Newsum

Mr. Newsum presented an overview of how the District currently communicates information to our community members with electronic newsletters added to our district website and mailing out quarterly newsletters to every mailbox holder. The most recent mailing was a total of 1,140 newsletters at a postage cost of \$116. The costs of the paper, ink and assembly hours were still to be determined. Mr. Newsum provided an estimate of \$2,500 per year if the District decided to mail out the newsletters on a monthly basis again. Mr. Shutt did not think the

District needed to go back to mailing newsletters monthly unless there was something important that needed to be communicated. Mr. Gibson agreed that mailing them out quarterly was plenty. Mrs. Harper referred back to the survey that the District had last year and that community members that did not have children in the school system requested the necessary information and that we need to market our school to new members moving into the District that are not familiar with our school. Mr. Shutt requested to find out what it would cost to get a bid from other printing sources instead of printing them in house.

Mr. Newsum presented to the Board the idea of texting messages to district members snow delays, school updates, activity scores, etc. Mr. Furness and Mr. Wood have been discussing new ways to get information to district members with the help of Mr. Millage. They will continue to update the Board on several options of new communication.

Mr. Newsum informed the Board that since he has been an interim Superintendent for MStM that the district has not evaluated his performance. He would like the Board to go through the Superintendent's Evaluation system that is required by the Department of Education prior to his retirement after fiscal year 2013.

Mr. Newsum requested the Board interview his successor at a separate meeting shortly after school begins in August. The Board members agreed that this would be a good idea.

VI. New Business

A. Appoint Jill Gavin as Board Secretary/Business Manager

Supt. Newsum

Mrs. Harper motioned to approve the appointment of Jill Gavin as Board Secretary and Business Manager for the 2012-2013 school year, seconded by Mr. Gibson. Roll call: 3 ayes.

B. Administer Oath of Office to Jill Gavin

Supt. Newsum

Mr. Shutt administered the oath of office to Jill Gavin.

C. Designate Official Depositories

Supt. Newsum

Mrs. Harper motioned to approve City State Bank in Martensdale and Norwalk as our official depository for up to \$1,000,000 for the 2012-2013 school years, seconded by Mr. Gibson. Roll call: 4 ayes.

D. Discuss/Approve Transfer of LOSST Funds

Supt. Newsum

Mr. Gibson motioned to approve the transfer of LOSST funds monthly in accordance with the 2009 Revenue Bond issue, seconded by Mrs. Harper. Roll call: 4 ayes.

- E. Discuss/Approve Resolution Authorizing Inter Funds Loans Supt. Newsum

Mr. Gibson motioned to approve the resolution authorizing and directing the Board Treasurer and Chief Financial office to process inter fund loans between the General Fund, Activity Fund, Management Fund, PPEL fund, capital Projects Funds, Nutrition Fund, Trust Fund, and or Agency Fund not to exceed 35 days in duration, with all loans to bear interest at the rate established by Iowa Code section 74A.6(2) per annum, for the fiscal year July 1, 2012-June 30, 2013, seconded by Mr. Furness. Roll call: 4 ayes.

- F. Approve Resolution Ordering Election on the Question of Continuing to Levy a Voter Approved Physical Plant and Equipment Property Tax Supt. Newsum

Mrs. Harper motioned to approve the resolution ordering election on the question of continuing to levy a voter approved physical plant and equipment property tax on September 11, 2012, seconded by Mr. Furness. Roll call: 4 ayes.

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

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

- H. Discuss/Approve Personnel Recommendations Supt. Newsum

Mr. Gibson motioned to approve the recommended positions of Andrea Benson as Spanish teacher, Kristin Carroll as kitchen aide, Josh Moser as Curriculum Director, Dean Furness, Travis Foell and Brian Sweet as volunteer football coaches for the 2012-2013 school year, seconded by Mrs. Harper. Roll call: 4 ayes.

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

PCM recently approved the open enrollment request for a family to attend MStM for the 2012-2013 school year. Mr. Gibson motioned to approve the open enrollment request, seconded by Mr. Furness. Roll call: 4 ayes.

- J. Approve 2012-2013 Secondary Handbook Supt. Newsum

Mrs. Harper motioned to approve the 2012-2013 Secondary Handbook with the changes and additions that were discussed, seconded by Mr. Furness. Roll call: 4 ayes.

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

Mrs. Harper motioned to table the 2012-2013 Equipment Breakdown Insurance policy until the Board receives a quote from Jester Insurance, seconded by Mr. Gibson. Roll call: 4 ayes.

- L. Approve Simpson College Teacher Education Program Supt. Newsum

Mrs. Harper motioned to approve the Simpson College Teacher Education program for the 2012-2013 school year, seconded by Mr. Furness. Roll call: 4 ayes.

- M. Approve Graceland University Student Teaching Agreement Supt. Newsum

Mrs. Harper motioned to approve the Graceland University Student Teaching agreement for the 2012-2013 school year, seconded by Mr. Furness. Roll call: 4 ayes.

- N. Approve Winterset Participation in Vocational/Career Program Supt. Newsum

Mrs. Harper motioned to approve the participation in the Winterset Vocational/Career program for the 2012-2013 school year, seconded by Mr. Gibson. Roll call: 4 ayes.

- O. Discuss/Approve 2013 Legislative Action Priorities Supt. Newsum

Mr. Gibson motioned to approve items 3, 6, 11, 30, 33 of the 2013 Legislative Action Priorities, seconded by Mr. Furness. Roll call: 4 ayes.

- P. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Board Policy Series 300 – Administration Supt. Newsum

Mrs. Harper motioned to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of board policy 300 series, seconded by Mr. Furness. Roll call: 4 ayes.

- Q. Confirm – Next Meeting Dates Supt. Newsum

08/08/12 – Agenda subcommittee by e-mail  
08/13/12 – 5:00 p.m. Board Meeting

VII. Adjournment

Mrs. Harper would like to thank Jim Lynch and his staff for taking care of the little things at the softball field on such short notice. It was very much appreciated.

Mr. Newsum updated the Board that elementary roof project will start at the end of this week or the beginning of next week. Shortly after the roof project is complete, the remodeling of the Family Consumer Science room will begin.

Mrs. Harper motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Furness. Roll call: 4 ayes. Time 5:45.

APPROVED

  
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Board President

  
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Business Manager

*Enjoy your  
Labor Day  
Weekend*

*See you back on  
September 4<sup>th</sup>*



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](mailto:mike_crozier@mstm.us)

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

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