



MARTENSDALE- ST. MARYS COMMUNITY SCHOOL

February 1, 2013

From the Desk of Bob Newsum,
Superintendent

Greetings and Think Spring:

Congratulations to Mr. Tom Wood, currently our elementary school principal, for his recent promotion to the position of elementary principal/superintendent! Tom interviewed with your board of education for this shared administrative position early in December and was approved by the board at the regular January 14, 2013, board meeting. Mr. Wood will officially take the new position on July 1, and will be working closely with Dr. Newsum during the spring semester transition period. Make sure you congratulate Tom on his promotion, the next time you see him. He is going to do a great job serving our district in his new role!

Your district communications advisory committee has been busy with a variety of projects and activities designed to share information about the many great things happening throughout our school district. The communications advisory committee met on Monday, February 21st, to consider the 29 entries submitted by students, staff, and community members for the 'Blue Devil' image contest and selected the top six for further consideration and submission for a community vote. Be on the lookout for an explanation of the procedures that will be used for YOU to cast our vote for your favorite. Later this spring we will announce the first, second, and third place winning entries and cash prizes will be awarded. At that time, all of the 'Blue Devil' image contest entries will be displayed. Thanks to Susan Matlage-Simms and Brenda Halverson for co-chairing the 'Blue Devil' image contest subcommittee.

This invitation is from Nancy Wilbur, new district volunteer coordinator

Martensdale-St Marys teachers would love to have a minute of your time; or an hour or two--- whatever you can spare. They could also use your assistance several hours a week, if you would like to help on a regularly scheduled basis. Dr. Newsum has requested help from community members to assist teachers with copying, laminating/cutting; die-cutting letters; and helping to prepare bulletin board materials, to name a few. Nancy Wilbur is in the process of compiling teacher wish lists/needs lists and is now looking for people willing to help out in their own ways. **Your district needs you!**

There is an immediate need now to help the music department make copies and make music booklets for the fast approaching 4th grade recorder concert.

Kindergarten teachers would appreciate help copying and assembling paper books for student use; labeling file folders and filing; die-cutting letters; writing sight words on flash cards; organizing classroom items, and bulletin board work.

Fifth grade teachers are requesting data entry (as needed); copying; organizing files for Every Day Math games and Daily 5 activities; putting together reading logs for the next two quarters, small projects for Daily 5 activities.

This is just a partial listing of activities that you can accomplish on your own schedule.

The district can also utilize the services of someone willing to write and prepare grants. There is an untapped market of money waiting for the right grant writer!! **If you have time to share with our teachers and students, there are a variety of ways you can get involved.**

Please contact Nancy Wilbur at nwilbur49@gmail.com or call [641-764-2653](tel:641-764-2653) if you can spare some time to make our school a better place!!

If you are interested in helping us improve our efforts to communicate about the many excellent programs, experiences, and activities taking place in the Martensdale St. Marys Community School District, **please accept this message as an invitation to become a member of a 'District Communications Advisory Committee'**. I am currently working with board members Amy Harper and Dean Furness to address communication issues and we have decided to organize a committee of board members, administrators, teachers, students, parents, and members of the community to provide comments, suggestions, and ideas for improvement.

The organizational District Communications Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 7, beginning at 7:00 PM, in the school media center. Additional evening meetings will be scheduled throughout the second semester. If you are interested in participating as a member of this important committee, please contact a board member, Mr. Crozier at the high school office (641-764-2686), Mr. Wood at the elementary office (641-764-2621), or Bob Newsum at the superintendent's office (641-764-2466) or cell phone (641-203-8893).

From the Desk of Tom Wood,
Elementary Principal

On January 17th our elementary hosted a family math night. This night was planned to give parents more information on the new materials, *Everyday Math*, and how it is being implemented in the elementary. Mr. Moser, our curriculum director, and I shared with families the selection process, benefits of the program and its connection to the Iowa Core. Due to our requirements to implement the Iowa Core this program became a natural fit for our school. After that families were invited to classrooms in order to explore the materials and play the games within the program. We were overwhelmed by the number of people we had show up. I had estimated around 50 people ahead of time; we ended up with around 150! Thank you to those who attended, and if you were unable to attend we do have the handouts in the office. We truly appreciate your interest and participation in your children's education.

Another exciting piece of news is that we have a new staff member beginning February 1st. Jenny Schwery will be starting as a special education and reading teacher in the elementary. This position became available due to an increased need in our special education department; we did have a similar position several years ago. Please feel free to introduce yourself to Ms. Schwery. We feel very lucky to have made this hire.

From the Desk of Mike Crozier,
Secondary School Principal

I would like to start my article this month by congratulating Mr. Wood for being promoted to the Superintendent/Elementary principal's position here at Martensdale-St. Marys. I am confident that his leadership will move the district forward.

We have just finished taking the Iowa Assessments and the results from these tests should be back around spring break time. If you have any questions regarding the test or test results, feel free to contact myself or Mr. Folkerts, the secondary guidance counselor.

On January 18th, 27 students, two teachers, the secondary guidance counselor, and I went on a field trip to the DMACC Ames Huntzinger Career Academy Center. This trip was very informative regarding the programs that DMACC offers in their career academies. Students were able to see what the classrooms and labs looked like and witness classes in progress. The DMACC Southridge Career Academy will be very similar to the Ames Academy, with the latest and greatest equipment and technology available. Our students were very interested in the programs. I am confident that we will be sending some of our students to the Southridge Academy next year.

The second semester is off to a good start. Before we know it, we will be sending our seniors out into the world. Have a great February.

From the Desk of Mr. Craig Huegel,
Activities Director

The recent cold weather means our winter seasons are heading toward the postseason. Our winter teams are working hard during the break to improve for the stretch run into February. Please be sure to double check our website for game schedules, as they have and will continue to change with weather.

The Pride of Iowa Conference wrestling meet was held on Dec. 15th at Wayne High School. Results from that meet are as follows:

Champions: *Dylan Gibson (Dylan is a 3-time POI Champion)*

4th Place: *Nash Wiegert, Corben Ameigh*

5th Place: *Lane Gehringer, Noah Orta*

Upcoming wrestling dates of importance: Feb. 2nd sectionals at Nodaway Valley, Feb. 9th districts at Corning. Both are noon starts.

MSTM will be hosting two rounds of regional girl's basketball on Feb. 7th and Feb. 12th. At this time, we do not know about boy's basketball, but we do host Murray on Feb. 8th. If you have not had a chance to come to a ball game, here are your last chances!!

MSTM is happy to announce that we will be offering girls and boys golf again after a short hiatus. Details at this time are still being worked out, but we are glad to offer students another opportunity to participate.

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>

Sportsmanship Reminders

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

Upcoming Fine Arts Events

1/31/2013		ICDA Honor Choir	Newton High School
2/4/2013	7p.m.	Grades 5, 6 Concert	MSTM HS Gym
2/14/2013		Central College Honor Choir	Pella
2/22/2013	7p.m.	JH/HS Variety Show	MSTM Elem. Gym

Track HELP!

I know this is early, but track season will be here soon. Right now, we are hosting six meets, including both the JH and HS conference meets, with a possible district/regional track meet. MSTM is known for running a quality, efficient track meet. That is because of you! If you are interested in helping, please contact me. Below are the meet dates and the help we need:

Timers: Time each race with a stop watch (watches are furnished). Each timer times one runner. 8 people needed.

Pickers: Each timer is assigned a picker whose job is to keep track of which runner was timed. 8 people needed.

Field Event Judges: Measure and record each throw or jump. Four people per event. (High jump, long jump, Discus, and Shot Put) 16 people needed

Inspectors/Curve Judges: Check to see that runners do not violate lane or exchange zone regulations. 4 people needed

Concession Stand: We need volunteers for all home meets.

Each of the above jobs as well as several not listed can use assistants and relief help. As you can see, many workers are required to put on a track meet. Please contact me if interested, phone (641-764-2385) or email at craig_huegel@mstm.us

I would like to volunteer to help with the track meets

Name _____
Phone _____
Address _____

High School Meets I would like to help with:

_____ MSTM Boys Invitational, April 18th, 5:00 p.m.
_____ MSTM Girls Invitational, May 6th, 5:00 p.m.

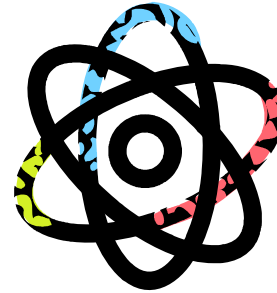
Junior High Meets I would like to help with:

_____ MSTM Junior High Track Meet, April 22nd, 4:15 p.m.
_____ MSTM JH Invitational, May 2nd, 4:15 p.m.

If you have a preference of jobs, please list them:

1st Choice: _____
2nd Choice: _____
3rd Choice: _____
Concession Stand: _____

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



From the Desk of Mr. Foell and Mrs. Connor, Secondary Science

Mr. Foell's

The 7th grade science class is starting to work on Astronomy this quarter and will focus on the make-up of the planets, the importance of the Sun, and recognizing constellations. We will be working on several projects and will tie into mythology and converting measurements.

The 8th grade will continue to work with the scientific method in researching magnetism and magnetic fields. They will also be working on electrical currents and simple circuits. We will be working on building electro-magnets and testing the strength of different shaped and sized magnets.

The Earth science classes will also be focusing on Astronomy but we will be spending time researching the origins of the universe. We will also be reviewing our planetary system and the Sun which fuels it all. We will speculate on the vastness of space and discuss if money spent researching space is worthwhile.

The Anatomy class will continue its discovery of the different systems of the human body. Also learning how different disorders can affect each system all while gaining an understanding of how to care for their body now and in the future.

Ms. Connor

Physics

Students will be do engineering challenges- The first challenge involved building three mouse trap cars with a different purpose for each; distance, accuracy, and power up an incline. Students were required to submit an engineering proposal to be awarded the contract before building began.

Biology

Students will once again be hatching chicks. We will be looking at the embryology of the chick's development. This will include mitosis and meiosis as well as looking at the genetics of the chicks to determine paternity.

Chemistry

We will soon be writing balanced chemical equations and taking that knowledge into the lab to investigate the five different types of reactions. Students just completed a unit in which they were required to teach a portion of a chapter, create their own grading guidelines and submit peer reviews for each presentation.

From the Desk of Mrs. Clark, *Vocal Music*

ICDA High School Honor Choir, January 31st @ Newton High School, 7p.m.

Central College High School Honor Choir, February 14th @ Central College, 7p.m.

Variety Show February 22nd @ 7p.m.

Pre-Variety Show dinner sponsored by the Music Boosters @ 6p.m. Free-will donation accepted.

ICDA Junior High Honor Choir, Tuesday, March 5th @ Dallas Center-Grimes, 7p.m.

Spring Concert Grades PK-K-1st April 2nd @ MSTM, 7p.m.

ICDA 5th/6th grade Honor Choir, April 4th @ Grinnell High School 7p.m.



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

The 5th/ 6th grade band and vocal concert is Tuesday, Feb 4th at 7:00 p.m. Band students will need to be in the music room at 6:30 p.m. Vocal students will need to arrive at 6:45 p.m.



From the Desk of Mr. Folkerts, *Secondary Guidance*

As a student, you hear a lot of advice about what it takes to be successful.

- Get involved in different activities.
- Plan for the future.
- Achieve high grades.
- Challenge yourself with harder classes.
- Be responsible.
- Study hard.
- Go out and have some fun.
- Earn some money.

So how do you manage those all at the same time? The key is balance. Think of ways to work some of these ideas in with others. For example:

- **To balance classes**, take some courses that you know you can get high grades in, a couple of harder classes that will challenge you, and one or two electives that let you explore new options each year.
- **To balance activities**, get involved in different organizations that let you have some fun and give you opportunities to be a leader and work as a team.
- **To balance the present with the future**, take a part-time job that helps you earn money for the future, shows that you're responsible and gives you experience you can use later.

Success in high school leads to success later in life, whether you choose to continue your education or pursue a career. Find the balance that works for you to start achieving success now.

Recommended Courses

Which is better: Taking a class you know you'll get a high grade in or choosing one that will challenge you but won't guarantee you an A?

Good grades look great on a college or job application, but a 4.0 GPA isn't everything. Colleges look at the courses you take as well as the grades you earn. They prefer students who don't always go for the easy A. Besides, a different or more challenging course may change your outlook on life or help you determine what you want for your future. Colleges also require that you take and pass certain classes in high school. How do you know which ones you should take? You'll need to

take the classes your school requires for graduation, of course. For additional planning, consider these points:

If... Then...

You already know where you want to go or what you plan to do after high school

- Use the college or program's admissions requirements as a guideline.
- If you plan to go to Iowa State University, the University of Northern Iowa or the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Iowa, use the Iowa Board of Regents Admission Index ([RAI](#)) at the following web site: <http://www2.state.ia.us/regents/RAI/> as a guideline. This scoring system includes [SAT](#)[®] or [ACT](#)[®] scores, high school rank, GPA and number of high school courses completed in core subject areas.
- For electives, choose courses that reinforce your interests.
- Even if you change your mind, you'll have a good foundation.

If you're not so sure of your plans after high school

- Talk to your counselor about your career interests and what classes may fit those interests. If you decide that you might want to go to college, ask your counselor about the recommended courses.
- Since every college's admission requirements differ, you can use the [RAI](#) as a guideline for required courses. You'll qualify for automatic admission to Iowa's three state universities and create a good foundation for admission to most four-year colleges in Iowa.
- Once you do choose a college or course of study, be sure you find out what the admissions requirements are and change your course plan as necessary.

Challenge Yourself

Besides giving you greater confidence and a better idea of what you might like to do in life, advanced courses have additional benefits:

- Honors or [Advanced Placement](#)[®] (AP) classes are usually given more weight in the college admissions process because they demonstrate your desire to learn.
- Some high school courses may allow you to earn college credits at the same time. Ask the counseling

office about dual-enrollment classes that are available.

- 9th and 10th grade TAG students, Juniors and Seniors, you are eligible to start taking college classes through Post Secondary Enrollment Options Act (PSEO). PSEO encourages high school students to take advantage of this opportunity to enroll in college courses while still in high school. For further information contact the counseling department.

Expand Your Horizons

You'll have the chance to choose courses that aren't required, called electives, during high school. Choose classes that fit your interests and your goals for life after high school. These classes might help you discover your true calling or get some needed experience.

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

- DHL Grafix
- Gib's A&W
- Reynold's Feed Service
- R&R Contracting
- Fareway Stores
- City State Bank
- Bussanmus Towing & Repair
- Walmart
- Blanchard Dentistry

***From the Desk of Ms. Brinkman,
Elementary Guidance Counselor***

The Elementary School is collecting Pennies for Patients to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. A representative from the Leukemia and Lymphoma society was at our school for an assembly to kick-start our fundraiser! Our school goal this year is to raise \$600 in 3 weeks! The collection will start Monday, January 28th and last until February 15th. Each Friday, we will have an activity to collect even more money! Students who pay \$1 on Friday, February 1st are able to wear a hat to school, students who pay \$1 on Friday, February 8th, are able to wear their pajama's to school, and students who pay \$1 on Friday, February 15th are able to dress up like their favorite hero! Students will each get their own box to take home to start collecting money! If our school raises at least \$500, the top fundraising classroom will win a pizza party! If you have any further questions about this fundraiser, please contact Ms. Brinkman!

From the Desk of Mrs. Meier and Mrs. O'Mara,
3rd Grade

Mother Nature threw a wrench in our plan to show off our dramatic talents. We went ahead and gave the play to the second graders so the class still had a chance to perform.

In Reading, the stories have centered around various themes such as the current unit called "Determination". We have enjoyed leveled readers and a variety of genres in the first semester. You may have noticed that our spelling and language lessons are integrated with our stories and share a common thread. We also use the Daily 5 system to organize our reading block.

We enjoyed seeing many of you during Math night. The students enjoyed showing parents how to play the games. In Math we just finished our Geometry unit. The class found it challenging, but lots of fun.

In Science we have been studying the earth and changes that take place on our planet. Before winter break we were able to borrow the Star Lab portable planetarium and enjoyed stargazing in our own library! In Social Studies much of first semester was spent exploring Native American cultures and other early communities.

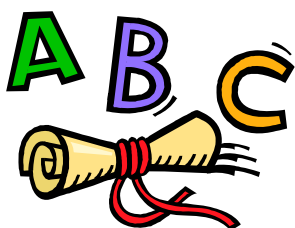
Looking ahead, we have the Valentine parties coming up in February. Please have your child design a box for his/her valentines at home. We will send home a list of student names at the beginning of February.

Kindergarten Round Up –

There will be a parent meeting for all incoming kindergarten students of the 2013-2014 school year on April 9th at 6:30p.m. in the HS media center. If you will have a child in kindergarten next year, please plan to attend.

Kindergarten round up will be held on April 12th from 9am-2p.m. in the kindergarten classrooms for those students who will be 5 by September 15, 2013 and plan to attend kindergarten.

If you have, or know of a child that will be 5 by the Sept. 15th cut off, please contact the elementary office at [641-764-2621](tel:641-764-2621) so that we can get their name and address on our mailing list.



MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

December 10, 2012

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

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

Members Absent: Amy Harper

I. Welcome Board President

Mrs. Bunch called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and welcomed all guests.

II. Presentations

A. Mrs. Noga and 5th Grade Students

Mrs. Noga introduced a pilot group of five 5th grade students and one 4th grade student to discuss the new learning methods of a student-centered classroom for Everyday Math. Students included were Grace Hart, Morgan Dunn, Grace Wood, Tyler Noga, Isaac Gavin, Jack Franey. The students presented to the Board the purpose and code of operation for their student-centered classroom, the learning matrix that is used, the assessments that are used, how they chart their learning progress, and the flow chart that the students must follow when they have a problem. The students shared their math journal and reference book, the materials they use for hands on projects, discussed the videos that they can watch to learn a new concept, and the games they used to apply what they have learned. The students learn how to use their resources to solve problems before going to their teacher for help. The students do not feel rushed and they have the opportunity to learn at their own pace. Questions asked by the Board included if this concept would work in a larger classroom setting and if this method of learning is going to be used in the secondary level when these students get to that point. Mrs. Noga feels strongly that this method of student-centered learning will definitely work in the larger classrooms because the students will still be able to work at their own pace and find those resources and other students who are at the same level to work with. Mr. Wood stated that this method of learning is still being introduced to teachers in the secondary level and elementary level but change like this

happens a little at a time. The students did a great job with their presentations and the Board thanked them. Mrs. Noga introduced the Board to visit their classroom any time.

A. Matt Gillespie, Piper Jaffray

Matt Gillespie from Piper Jaffray & Co presented to the Board the district's status of its existing debt and estimated future sales tax cash flow. Factors that influence our sales tax cash flow are enrollment, allowable growth, and tax evaluations. Mr. Gillespie predicted that we will not need to refinance our General Obligation Bond for fiscal 2014. The Board thanked Mr. Gillespie for his presentation and the update on the district's financial position.

B. Gary Sinclair, Iowa Association of School Boards

Gary Sinclair of the Iowa Association of School Boards presented to the Board the district's financial position after the 2011-2012 school year. He reviewed the district's certified enrollment, solvency ratio, percent of revenue spent, unspent authorized budget ratio, annual unspent spending authority, percent of salaries and benefits, and the district's new money. Mr. Sinclair then presented to the Board accurate assumptions and tools to project a five-year budget plan. He presented several scenarios for the Board to help them determine future staffing and if the district would be able to sustain those future positions. The Board thanked Mr. Sinclair for his presentation and the update on the district's financial position.

III. 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. Gibson. Roll call: 4 ayes.

IV. Celebrations
Life is good!

V. Public Comments - none

VI. Old Business

A. Reports Supt. Newsum

- 1) MSTM Music Booster Minutes–
November 12th meeting.
- 2) MSTM Athletic Booster Minutes –
November 14th meeting.
- 3) MSTM PTO Minutes – none

C. Presentations

1) Principal's Report Mr. Wood

Mr. Wood announced that there will be a Parent Math Night on January 17, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. The Elementary Leadership Team will be leading the initial planning.

2) Principal's Report Mr. Crozier

Mr. Crozier informed the Board that the staff is having their Holiday Fundraiser again this year with a goal of \$500. He stated that he has a student who is requesting early graduation. Four students along with Mr. Crozier and Mr. Moser attended the Governor's Anti-Bullying Summit on November 27, 2012. Mr. Hansen took several students to the Leadership Academy on November 27, 2012. The Jr/Sr/ High Music Concert will be held on December 20, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. The November Students of the Month include:

- 7th Grade – Tim Hornback
- 8th Grade – Cheyenne Warner
- 9th Grade – Jennifer Hraha
- 10th Grade – Tyler Fluharty
- 11th Grade – Kaitlyn Belieu
- 12th Grade– Abby Wetzler

3) Curriculum Director's Report Mr. Moser

Mr. Moser informed the Board of the Professional Development days on December 5th and December 12th. He stated that the schedule for FY14 will be completed by spring break. Representatives from the Career Academy presented to the staff. Mr. Moser will be assisting Mr. Wood set up the Parent Math Night in January.

4) Superintendent's Report Supt. Newsum

Mr. Newsum discussed the resolution the Board will need to review and discuss regarding sequestration. He discussed the student situation that the district is working on right now and that we will be setting up a closed session board meeting.

VII. New Business

- A. Approve At Risk/ Modified Allowable Growth Application Supt. Newsum

Mr. Gibson motioned to approve the Budget Proposal and Modified Allowable Growth application for Dropout Prevention for the 2013-2014 school year, seconded by Mr. Furness. Roll call: 4 ayes.

- B. Approve 1st Reading Board Policy 407.6: Licensed Employee Early Retirement Supt. Newsum

No action taken on this business item due to lack of motion and second.

- C. Approve Early Graduation Request Supt. Newsum

Mr. Gibson motioned to approve Russell Lester to graduate at mid term, seconded by Mr. Furness. Roll call: 4 ayes.

- D. Approve Personnel Recommendations Supt. Newsum

Mr. Furness motioned to approve hiring Constance Bell as Special Education Associate, seconded by Mr. Shutt. Roll call: 4 ayes.

- E. Discuss/Approve Hiring Special Education Teacher Supt. Newsum

Mr. Furness motioned to approve hiring a Special Education Teacher for the second semester, seconded by Mr. Gibson. Roll call: 4 ayes.

- F. 2nd Reading of 800 Series – Building and Sites Supt. Newsum

Mr. Furness motioned to approve the 800 series with the minor changes requested, seconded by Mr. Gibson. Roll call: 4 ayes.

- G. 2nd Reading of 900 Series–School– District Community Relations Supt. Newsum

Mr. Gibson motioned to approve the 900 series with the minor changes requested, seconded by Mr. Shutt. Roll call: 4 ayes.

H. Confirm – Next Meeting Dates

Supt. Newsum
01/09/13 – Agenda subcommittee by e-mail
01/10/13 – Agenda Meeting
01/14/13 – 4:00p.m. Board Meeting

The Board agreed to meet for the private hearing on Wednesday, December 12, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. if the school's attorney would also be available.

The Board agreed to meet to interview for the Superintendent/Elementary Principal position on Thursday, December 13, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

VII. Adjournment

Mr. Gibson motioned to adjourn the meeting seconded by Mr. Furness. Roll call: 4 ayes.

APPROVED


Board President


Business Manager

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

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

I. Welcome Board President

Mrs. Bunch called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Public Comments - none


III. New Business

- A. Interview for Superintendent/Elementary Principal Position

VII. Adjournment

Mr. Furness motioned to adjourn the meeting seconded by Mr. Gibson. Roll call: 5 ayes.
Time: 7:30 p.m.

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Board President


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Members Present: President, Nicole Bunch; Vice President, Dave Shutt, Wade Gibson and Dean Furness; together with Superintendent Bob Newsum and Business Manager Jill Gavin. Additional members present: Mike Crozier, Tom Wood, Randy Folkerts, Drew Bracken, Ahlers & Cooney, Attorney Ryan Genest, Parents of Student and Student.

Absent: Amy Harper

- I. Welcome – Board President
President Nicole Bunch called the meeting to order.
Time: 3:00 p.m.
- II. Public Comments - None
- III. New Business
 - A. Hearing concerning the recommended discipline of a student (Closed session - Iowa Code Section 21.5(1) (e) and Iowa Code Section 21.5(1) (a).

Mr. Dean Furness motioned to go into Closed Session to consider disciplinary action against a student as provided by Iowa Code Section 21.5(1) (e) and to review and discuss records which are required by state or federal law to be kept confidential as provided by Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(a), seconded by Mr. Wade Gibson. Roll Call: Mr. Dean Furness – Aye, Mr. Wade Gibson – Aye, Mr. Dave Shutt – Aye, Mrs. Nicole Bunch – Aye.

Mrs. Amy Harper arrived at 3:12 p.m.

Mrs. Amy Harper motioned to adjourn the Closed Session, seconded by Mr. Dean Furness. Roll call: 5 ayes. Time: 5:23 p.m.

- B. Action regarding recommended discipline of a student.

Mr. Dave Shutt motioned to request a one year out of school suspension effective December 3, 2012 for the student with the possibility of readmission at the request of the parents before the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year to see if the student has met the conditions of the Board, seconded by Mr. Wade Gibson. Roll call: 5 ayes.

IV. Adjournment

Mrs. Amy Harper motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Dean Furness. Roll call: 5 ayes. Time: 5:25 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

The Martensdale-St.Marys District Newsletter is published by the last day of the preceding month.

The newsletter is available for pickup in the Superintendent's office and the Jiffy station, both 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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Post Prom Fundraiser

Attention all scrappers – your MSTM ScrapFest will be held Saturday, March 9, from 9a.m. to 10p.m. in the Martensdale-St. Marys High School gym. Please register by March 2nd to ensure a spot. We will have fun raffle and door prizes. A free will offering lunch and dinner will be provided. Please contact Lisa Trom with any questions at marktrom@netzero.net or call [515-306-0960](tel:515-306-0960).

Please mail your registration form and payment to:

Lisa Trom * 3312 - 144th Court * Cumming, IA 50061* marktrom@netzero.net



Saturday, March 9th

9:00 am to 10:00 pm

Martensdale – St. Marys High School Gym

Registration is \$20 non refundable

Free Will Offering for lunch and dinner

We will have a Raffle with fun prizes

\$1 per ticket or \$5 for 6 tickets

Please reserve your seat by **March 2nd**

(Cash or Check payable to MSTM Post Prom due at the time of registration)

Name: _____

Email: _____

Please list name(s) of anyone you would like to sit with:

Are you bringing a Cricut or a laptop? Yes _____ No _____

Vendors: Creative Memories, Pampered Chef, Thirty-One Bags, Tastefully Simple, Beauty Control, Maple St. Memories, Slipada, Scentsy, Norwex, Tupperware and Lia Sophia to name a few.

