



MARTENSDALE- ST. MARYS COMMUNITY SCHOOL

July 1, 2011

Message from Dr. Bob Newsum
Superintendent

Patriotic Greetings:

My message to you for July will be brief, as there is not nearly as much school-related news to report once your children are not in school. That certainly does not mean that there is not any important news to share, however. We hope you have enjoyed the first half of your summer break and trust your family has either taken a summer vacation during the month of June or plans to do something special before we begin again, with school registration, on August 10 and 11. I do know that those families with young ladies and gentlemen on our summer sports' teams probably have not spent much time together, as it seems like the baseball and softball teams play games nearly every day. As I am sure you know, the baseball team began the season as the top-ranked Class 1A baseball team and had won all of their games last summer, to finish 43-0. They have just kept on winning this summer, as well, and have shattered the record for most games won, in a row, in any class, by an Iowa baseball team. In addition, the boys are currently tied for the second most games in a row (75 games) by any American high school baseball team. As of the day this message was written, the boys have won all thirty-two games this summer. Not to be outdone, the varsity softball girls began the season as the second-ranked team in Class 1A and have cruised through the first thirty-three games without a loss. If you have not already done so, please find time to attend one of the remaining Martensdale-St. Marys varsity baseball or softball games. You will not be disappointed!

About this time last year, the Martensdale-St. Marys School suffered some damage, due to water leaks that occurred during the torrential rains we experienced. The district submitted a claim to our property insurance carrier for the water damage to the varsity gym floor and it was originally denied. Thanks the persistence of Mr. Jim Lynch, District Director of Buildings and Grounds, the insurance company recently reconsidered and approved the district claim for water damage to the gym floor. When you return to school for 2011-2012, your varsity gym floor will have been completely sanded; had lines and graphics repainted, resealed, and refinished; and will look brand new. Jim and the custodial staff have also repainted the lower half of the gym walls.

July is traditionally the most patriotic month of the year and would be an excellent time for you to consider your civic responsibilities and contributions. Two of your school board

members, Mrs. Nicole Bunch, current Board President, and Mr. Scott Anderson will be up for re-election on September 13, 2011. Martensdale-St. Marys Community School District Board Members are elected by district and I would encourage you to contact Ms. Jill Gavin, District Business Manager, at 641-764-2608, if you have questions about the districts that Nicole and Scott serve or to pick up a school board candidate packet. You may also obtain a school board candidate nomination packet by going to the district web site www.mstm.us and clicking on the school board election link.

The next quarterly newsletter is currently in the works and will be mailed to all district box holders during the last week in July or first week in August. Be looking for your copy in the mail.



SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION
SEPTEMBER 13, 2011

MARTENSDALE-ST. MARYS SCHOOL
7:00AM TO 9:00PM

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**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
MAY 6, 2011**

The Board of Directors of the Martensdale-St. Marys Community School District met in regular session, pursuant to law, on Friday, May 6, 2011 per conference call.

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

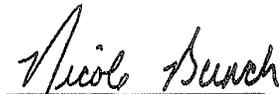
Members Absent: Wade Gibson and Scott Anderson

The President called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

Supt. Newsum reviewed the agenda items for the Tuesday, May 10, 2011 Board Meeting.

Harper moved to adjourn, seconded by Shutt. Roll call: 3 ayes. Time: 12:16 p.m.

APPROVED


Board President


Business Manager

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
MAY 10, 2011**

The Board of Directors of the Martensdale-St. Marys Community School District met in regular session, pursuant to law, on May 10, 2011.

Members Present: President, Nicole Bunch; Vice President, Dave Shutt; Wade Gibson, and Amy Harper; together with Mike Crozier, Tom Wood, Josh Moser, Superintendent Bob Newsum and Business Manager Jill Gavin.

Members Absent: Scott Anderson

- I. Welcome Board President
Bunch called the meeting to order at 7:03 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

Harper requested information on the Pop Fund Balance and what that money is going to be used for. Harper motioned to approve the consent items seconded by Shutt. Roll call: 4 ayes.

- III. Celebrations

Mr. Wood announced to the Board that the district received the Connecting Kids and Culture Grant; which exposes kids to new cultures. The grant allowed The Science Center of Iowa to put on an assembly for the PK-6 students. It also allowed to have R. J. Hernandez bring his Mariachi Band and introduced the Pk-6 students to new instruments, where they came from, how to play them and included the students in singing some songs. Mr. Wood expressed his thanks to Mr. Hernandez for his enthusiasm and willingness to share his culture with our students.

Mr. Wood announced to the Board that we had Kindergarten Roundup on May 6th and 48-51 students were signed up to attend. He said we will keep track of this class over the summer but this is a good problem to have. The Preschool has 25 on the list right now. These numbers are a little low but we think parents are waiting to hear what the legislature will decide on the Preschool program. The 6th Grade class participated in the Junior Achievement Biz Town on May 6th. This is a great program and a fun day for the students where they learned how to get a job, run a business, run for Mayor and learned how to take care of their money. Mr. Wood received many compliments about how well our students behaved.

- IV. Public Comments
 - Heather Gibson – 3202 Garst Trail, Norwalk, IA 50211 – Benefit Proposal for Classified Staff, answer any board questions.
 - Lori Hager – 3928 Kirkwood Street – Para Educator Benefit Proposal

Supt. Bob Newsum set the stage for the Board in regards to the Classified Staff. He has met with the secretaries, custodians and the para educators and will be meeting with the cooks, daycare and nurse later this week regarding the Classified Handbook. Heather Gibson was the spokesperson for the para educators who proposed to the Board changes to the benefits that would provide increased equality to the classified staff. A compilation of current benefits for all classified personnel was provided to the Board. The Board thanked Heather and Lori for attending the meeting and appreciated the information that they provided. Supt. Newsum stated that the next step would be to go into closed session at the end of the board meeting to discuss negotiations and the classified handbook.

- V. Old Business
 - A. Reports

1) Facilities Report – Supt. Newsum informed the Board that we received word from EMC that our appeal of the original decision to deny our claim for gym floor repairs and heating system booster valves has now been approved. The district has

received a check for \$19,027 to redo the gym floor and install a heating system upgrade. The district is in the process of selecting a flooring contractor to sand the gym floor, add new graphics and boundary lines on the floor and apply floor finish this summer.

2) MStM Music Booster Minutes – Minutes were provided from the April 12, 2011 meeting. Mrs. Bunch asked about the Music Boosters helping with the portion of the ticket fee for the trip to Adventureland. She asked who is paying the other portion. Mrs. Harper asked what the funds from the Caleb Strable Fund and the Betty Anthony Fund were going to be used for. Mrs. Gavin will verify this information with the Board.

3) MStM Athletic Booster Minutes – Minutes were provided from the March 8, 2011 meeting. Mrs. Harper inquired about uniforms the Boosters are funding for and whether they have decided on colors and designs. Mrs. Harper is a member of the Communications Committee and the goal of the committee is to standardize uniforms. Mr. Gibson stated that the Athletic Boosters provide the funding but the Activities Director and Mr. Crozier approve all colors and designs.

4) MStM PTO Minutes – Minutes were provided from the April 12, 2011 meeting. The Board would like to thank the PTO for funding the field trips for the Elementary.

B. Presentations

1) Principal's Report Tom Wood

Mr. Wood informed the Board about Kindergarten Roundup on May 6th. It was a smooth start and the numbers look great. Mr. Wood attended a Preschool meeting last week regarding the requirements necessary to hold preschool here at MStM and how those requirements are now not being required to be completed until 2013. There are a lot of details involved and now we have more time to complete those details. The PTO Fun Run is being held on Friday, May 13th. Kandance Dunn has been in charge of the Fun Run for a few years and the kids have a great time. The 4th grade will be having their Recorder Concert and the 5th and 6th grades will be having their Band Concert on May 13th at 2:00. Preschool and Kindergarten Graduation is scheduled for May 25th. Mr. Wood provided an update on the school-wide discipline plan for the Elementary that

includes the purpose of the plan, character traits to be modeled and reinforced, behavior goals and behavior expectations.

2) Principal's Report Mike Crozier

Mr. Crozier informed the Board about the Student Council Retreat recommendations that included Student Council involvement, changes in the handbook, and student recommendations. Mr. Crozier was impressed with the involvement of the students which included grades 7-12, three per grade. Baccalaureate was attended by 15 MStM students and 18 I-35 students. The Fine Arts/Academic Awards Night will be May 16th. The Every 15 Program is currently going on. The program went really well earlier today and there are a lot of people to thank who were involved in putting this all together. An update on this program will be given at the June board meeting. The cost for the program is in the \$1,500 range. The Board approved \$2,000 for the program. Graduation will be held on May 22nd. April 2011 Students of the Month were announced.

7th Grade- Gabe Haupts

8th Grade- Zach DeLong

9th Grade – Phillips Hand

10th Grade – Emma Ferin

11th Grade – Andria Harper

12th Grade – Elijah Schnurman

3) Curriculum Director's Report

Josh Moser

Mr. Moser provided the 2011-2012 Professional Development framework to the Board and reviewed the April 13th Data Day for grades 3-12. He attended the last Curriculum Network meeting on May 6th, updated the Board on the Technology Documentation/Iowa Core Technology Literacy Integration and provided an update on the Iowa Core/Common Core Implementation. He updated the Board on the Annual Progress Report Goals for 2011-2012 and the Iowa Testing Services Training is on May 17th.

4) Superintendent's Report

Supt. Newsum

Supt. Bob Newsum updated the Board on negotiations that we had reached a settlement with the MStM Education Association today. With the new fencing at the baseball field, there are fencing panels for sale. Bids are due on May 23rd.

Richard Bown is retiring as a bus driver for 40 years and we will be having an Open House in his honor on May 20th. The Spring Newsletter has been mailed to all MStM patrons as of today.

VI. New Business

A. School Board Recognition Week

Supt. Newsum

Supt. Bob Newsum expressed his appreciation to our board members and thanked them for their commitment. He presented them with a certificate and cake was also provided for the celebration.

B. Approve Personnel Resignations

Supt. Newsum

We have received formal letters of resignation from Mr. Jed Alexander and Mr. Ron Peterson. Jed will be moving to Van Meter as high school math teacher and varsity boys' basketball coach and Ron has decided to retire. In addition to those resignations, Mr. Lynch has terminated the employment of Mr. Scott Estell as full-time custodian, and Mr. Larry Moore has submitted his letter of resignation, effective at the end of the current school year. The board accepted these resignations with regret and thanked the teachers for their contributions to the Martensdale St. Marys Community School District.

Gibson motioned to approve the resignations of Jed Alexander, Ron Peterson, Scott Estell and Larry Moore seconded by Harper. Roll call: 4 ayes.

C. Approve Personnel Recommendations

Supt. Newsum

It was recommended that the board approve an increase of the teaching contract for Mr. Randy Olson to full-time as instrumental music instructor for the Martensdale St. Marys Community School District for 2011-2012. This position could be funded by the Education Jobs monies, which will allow the district to take this action with minimal impact on district finances. It will also honor the commitment the board expressed at the February regular board meeting. The Board discussed long range concerns with this position since the Education Jobs money is one-time funding and the Legislature still has not set Allowable Growth for 2011-2012. The Board will need to revisit this

position again next year. The Board agreed that he has done a good job.

It was recommended to hire Brian Spanhut as the new Junior High Baseball Coach for the 2011 season.

Harper motioned to approve the teaching contract of Mr. Randy Olson from part-time to full-time and Brian Spanhut as the Junior High Baseball contract seconded by Shutt. Roll call: 4 ayes.

D. Approve Student Teaching Contract with Simpson College Supt. Newsum

Gibson motioned to approve the student teaching contract with Simpson, seconded by Harper. Roll call: 4 ayes.

E. Discuss/Approve Annual Progress Report Goals Supt. Newsum

Harper motioned to approve the Annual Progress Report goals for 2011-2012, seconded by Shutt. Roll call: 4 ayes.

F. Approve 2011 Graduates Supt. Newsum
Gibson motioned to approve the 2011 Graduates seconded by Harper. Roll call: 4 ayes.

G. Discuss Textbooks/Materials Supt. Newsum

Mr. Moser provided information about purchasing secondary textbooks for English/Language Arts for the 2011-2012 school year. This area is about three years behind in curriculum review and purchase cycles. He is still waiting on quotes from vendors and also looking into purchasing online licenses. More information will be provided between now and the June board meeting.

H. Discuss 2012 Legislative Action Priorities Supt. Newsum

Supt. Bob Newsum provided his top five choices for the 2011 IASB Legislature Action Priorities and Resolutions that included 1) support sufficient state revenues to adequately fund public education, 2) support setting allowable growth at a rate that encourages continuous school improvement and reflects actual cost increases 3) support funding to ensure 3- and 4-year olds have access to a high quality public school preschool program 4) opposes unfunded mandates 5) supports the use of

PEEL funds for the purchase of computer software. Other items board members chose included support preserving the integrity of the statewide penny sales tax, support increasing the regular program state cost per pupil for all districts, support school district spending authority for any shortfall in state funding, and require arbitrators to first consider local conditions and ability to pay.

I. Discuss/Approve 2011-2012 Registration Fees
Supt. Newsum

Gibson motioned to approve not increasing registration fees for the 2011-2012 school year, seconded by Shutt. Roll call: 4 ayes.

J. Discuss/Approve 2011-2012 Lunch Program Fees
Supt. Newsum

Gibson motioned to approve not increasing the lunch program fees for the 2011-2012 school year, seconded by Shutt. Roll call: 4 ayes.

K. Discuss/Approve 2011-2012 Activities Pass Fees
Supt. Newsum

Gibson motioned to approve not increasing activities pass fees for the 2011-2012 school year, seconded by Shutt. Roll call: 4 ayes.

L. Discuss/Approve 2011-2012 Secondary Computer Fees
Supt. Newsum

Gibson motioned to approve secondary computer fees of \$50 for the 2011-2012 school year, seconded by Shutt. Roll call: 4 ayes.

M. Closed Session – Negotiations
Supt. Newsum

Shutt motioned to go into closed session to discuss negotiations, seconded by Gibson. Roll call: 4 ayes. Time: 8:35 p.m. Harper motioned to go out of closed session, seconded by Shutt. Roll call: 4 ayes. Time: 9:33 p.m.

N. Confirm – Next Meeting Dates
Supt. Newsum

Conference Call will be posted for May 12, 2011 at 11:30 to consider approval to ratify the negotiated agreement with the MStM Education Association.

06/08/11 – Agenda subcommittee by e-mail
06/09/11 – 5:00 p.m. Board Agenda Meeting

06/13/11 – 6:30 p.m. Board Meeting

VII. Adjournment

APPROVED


Board President


Business Manager

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
MAY 12, 2011**

The Board of Directors of the Martensdale-St. Marys Community School District met in special session, pursuant to law, on May 12, 2011 by conference call.

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

Members Absent: Wade Gibson

I. Welcome Board President
Bunch called the meeting to order at 11:30a.m.

II. Public Comments - None

III. New Business

A. Consider Approval to Ratify the Negotiated Agreement with the MStM Education Association

The Board was informed that the MStM Education Association approved the negotiated agreement offered to them of \$340 on the base that totaled a 2.89% increase for Certified Staff.

Anderson motioned to approve the 2011-2012 increase for Certified Staff of 2.89%, seconded by Harper. Roll call: 4 ayes.

IV. Adjournment

Harper motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Anderson. Roll call: 4 ayes. Time: 11:41 a.m.

APPROVED


Board President


Business Manager

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING MAY 24, 2011

The Board of Directors of the Martensdale-St. Marys Community School District met in special session, pursuant to law, on May 24, 2011 by conference call.

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

Members Absent: None

I. Welcome Board President
Bunch called the meeting to order at 11:30a.m.

II. Public Comments - None

III. New Business

A. Consider Approval for Classified Employee Handbook for 2011

In response to the Classified Staff addressing the Board at the May 10, 2011 Board Meeting, the Board discussed changes to the Classified Handbook for the 2011-2012 school year to make it more consistent. Life and LTD will be given to all full-time classified staff; an additional personal day will be given to the nine-month employees, the three family sick days will be removed, and two personal days after 90 days of accumulated sick leave were added. Discussions were made about moving the confidential secretary to salary instead of hourly. Gibson motioned to approve the Classified Handbook for 2011-2012 with the confidential secretary position added back to the handbook seconded by Anderson. Roll Call: Ayes – Shutt, Gibson, Anderson, Harper. Nays – Bunch.

B. Consider Approval for Classified Staff Contracts

Shutt motioned to approve contracts for the Classified Staff at an increase of 2.89% seconded by Anderson. Roll Call: 5 Ayes.

C. Consider Approval for Administration Staff Contracts

Supt. Newsum informed the Board that the Mr. Crozier and Mr. Wood currently have a two-year contract and he recommended extending that two-year contract for the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school years. The Board discussed that they would be more comfortable approving a one-year contract due to the uncertainty of allowable growth, whether or not we will have a part-time or full-time superintendent in the next

two or three years, and the possibility of dual duties for the principals.

Shutt motioned to approve all administrative staff contracts at an increase of 2.89% and a one-year contract for the 2011-2012, seconded by Harper. Roll Call: 5 Ayes.

D. Consider Approval for Extra Curricular Staff Contracts

Gibson motioned to approve all extracurricular staff contracts at an increase of 2.89% for the 2011-2012 school year, seconded by Harper. Roll Call: 5 Ayes.

E. Consider Approval for Bus Drivers Contracts

Anderson asked if we needed to fill Richard Bown's bus route position and just combine the routes with the other drivers. Mr. Newsum and Mrs. Gavin stated that the other buses are already full and kids are not allowed to ride more than an hour. Due to timing, mileage and logistics, it would be difficult to merge a full route with other routes. Mr. Newsum informed the Board that in the past the District provided a flat dollar amount for each bus driver as an increase. The Board requested to base their increase by total mileage. Gibson motioned to approve to spend a total of \$3,000 to the bus drivers based on mileage for the 2011-2012 school year, seconded by Harper. Roll Call: 5 Ayes.

F. Approve Recommendations

Mr. Crozier recommended Marcy Roff as the 7-12 Science Teacher and JH Volleyball coach for the 2011-2012 school year. There were six applicants and three were interviewed. Gibson motioned to approve Marcy Roff as the 7-12 Science Teacher and JH Volleyball coach for the 2011-2012 school year, seconded by Harper. Roll Call: 5 Ayes.

Mr. Crozier recommended Adam Hansen as the Secondary Math Teacher for the 2011-2012 school year. There were only two applicants. Hansen has three years of experience in the upper level math and AP Calculus classes. Shutt noted that he did not have time to review the applicant's information. Anderson motioned to approve Adam Hansen as the Secondary Math Teacher for the 2011-2012 school year, seconded by Gibson. Roll Call: Ayes – Bunch, Gibson, Anderson, Harper. Nays – Shutt.

Bids for the fencing sections were due on Monday 23, 2011 at noon. The District received three bids. Gibson motioned to approve getting rid of all the fencing sections from the highest

bid down, seconded by Shutt. Roll Call: 5 Ayes.

G. Approve Resignations

Harper motioned to approve the resignations of secondary teachers Caleb Hales and Justin Herrick, seconded by Shutt. Roll Call: 5 Ayes.

IV. Adjournment

Harper motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Gibson. Roll call: 5 ayes. Time: 12:12 a.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@m-stmarys.k12.ia.us

The Martensdale-St. Marys District Newsletter is published and disbursed by the end of the preceding month.

The newsletter is available for pickup in the Superintendent's office and the Jiffy station, which are located in Martensdale. Copies are also available at Kum & Go in Bevington. You may also view it on the <http://mstm.us/> website.

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Martensdale-St. Marys Middle School Volleyball Camp Registration

2011

(Grades 7th-8th)

August 1st - August 5th

(11:30-1:30)

Cost: \$15.00

Make checks payable to: MSTM Volleyball

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Grade: (Fall of '11) _____

Age: _____

Shirt Size: S M L XL XXL (Circle one)

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Email Address:

Parents or legal guardian must co-sign if the participant is under 18 years of age.

Fee must accompany entry form.

Waiver: I agree to waiver/release any and all claims for damage or injury arising from my participation in the Martensdale-St. Marys Volleyball Camp.



Martensdale-St. Marys High School Volleyball Camp Registration

2011

(Grades 9th-12th)

August 1st - August 5th

(9:00-11:00)

Cost: \$25.00

Make checks payable to: MSTM Volleyball

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Grade: (Fall of '11) _____

Age: _____

Shirt Size: S M L XL XXL (Circle one)

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Email Address:

Parents or legal guardian must co-sign if the participant is under 18 years of age.

Fee must accompany entry form.

Waiver: I agree to waiver/release any and all claims for damage or injury arising from my participation in the Martensdale-St. Marys Volleyball Camp.

What to bring, kneepads (black), shorts, t-shirt and volleyball shoes.

