



July 1, 2010

From the Desk of Ms. Peterson, Superintendent

This will be my last newsletter article as Superintendent for the Martensdale-St. Marys Community School District. It is with very mixed emotions that I am leaving my current position to become the Superintendent of the Independence Community School District in Independence, Iowa. For those of you who may not be familiar with Independence, it is a town of approximately 6000 people and the school district has 1350 students. Independence is located about 20 miles east of Waterloo. This looks like it will be a great opportunity for me and one of super professional advancement.

I have had an incredible experience here at MStM. I have been very impressed with the staff. When Tom Wood, Mike Crozier and I all started here three years ago, we threw a lot at our staff and they have been extremely professional about working with us on all of our school improvement initiatives. I have seen such improvement to our overall educational program and I thank the MStM staff from the bottom of my heart for all of their contributions to the education of our students. We would not be where we are today if it had not been for their efforts and support.

Along those lines, we had our Department of Education Site Visit this past February. Julie Melcher, the School Improvement Consultant who was the head of the Site Team, told me that we had one of the smoothest Site Visits that she had been a part of this school year. She also said that we had made many great improvements since the last State Site Visit five years ago.

The staff has been working hard to match their student learning objectives to those requirements of the Iowa Core Curriculum too. They are targeting their objectives to match the requirements of the 21st Century Living Skills as well. The staff has also been learning how to incorporate technology into their classrooms.

We have made many changes to our technology system. We have upgraded our servers and our wireless access points. We will be doing even more of this to get ready for the one-to-one lap tops that every student in grades 9-12 will have to use next year. What an exciting prospect for our secondary students!

I do want to take this time to thank the MStM School Board for all of their hard work and support these past three years. The Board has been a super partner to work with and they have always made their decisions based on what is best for our

MStM students. From the football/track facility, to air conditioning the entire educational facility, to the upgrades in technology, the Board has positioned our school district to be one of the best small school districts in Central Iowa. The Board has not only taken the time to understand the financial position of the district but has also taken time to learn all of the aspects of School Improvement – from curriculum development to our professional development initiatives.

I do want to thank the community and all of the parents for their support of our school district too. I saw evidence every day of how much the people in this community care about our school district. We couldn't be doing what we are doing if we did not have all of you in our corner.

I am very appreciative of Jill Gavin's efforts as MStM's Business Manager. She has put in an incredible amount of time to learn about school finance. Jill also cares a great deal about our school and wants what is best for it. She has been a great partner to work with especially during this very stressful year in terms of the Governor's 10% Across the Board Cut. Jill and I will be forever eternally grateful as well to Jane Cassady who has been such a valuable mentor to both of us!

And, I would be remiss if I did not thank Tom Wood and Mike Crozier for their work as MStM building principals. All of us were new to MStM three years ago. Tom did not have any administrative experience and Mike had curriculum director/athletic director/dean of students experience but had not been a building principal. I have seen such great growth in both of them these past three years. My goal for Mike and Tom was that they become true instructional leaders. I had them involved in all aspects of the K-12 educational program so they would be able to lead their staff members in the entire comprehensive school improvement process. Being a building principal is not an easy job. Many times a principal has to make unpopular decisions and it is nearly impossible to please everyone. But, I will be forever grateful for Mike's and Tom's efforts. They stayed on top of things and did "sweat the small stuff"! And because of their efforts, things ran smoothly and we were able to provide a safe, orderly and educationally focused environment for all of our MStM students.

MStM will always have a special place in my heart. I will have very fond memories of my experience here. I will be interested to see how things go for all of you in the years to come.

I have truly enjoyed being your partner in education!

From the Desk of Mr. Crozier

Principal's Message

The month of June was very busy preparing for the upcoming year. I am very excited about our new 1:1 Laptop program for our high school students. The laptops are in and we should have them ready for the new school year. We are also upgrading our wireless internet service to handle the increased amount of activity it will be carrying. Informational meetings will be held in August or early fall when the district is ready to issue the laptops. Below is a list of frequently asked questions.

1:1 Laptop FAQ

(Frequently Asked Questions)

1. How can the school district afford a 1:1 computer system?

The school district will use the penny sales tax monies to fund this initiative. This money can only be used legally for infrastructure and equipment needs. It cannot be used to fund teacher salaries or for general fund expenditures.

2. Will there be an introduction or training session to help parents better understand how the computers will be used in the classrooms?

Yes there will be training in August or early fall.

3. How many other schools in Iowa have implemented the 1:1 laptop program?

More than fifteen schools have implemented the 1:1 laptop program. There are more than 30 schools expected to implement a 1:1 initiative by next year.

4. How much training have the teachers received on the 1:1 laptops?

Teachers have been using the laptops that were provided to them one year ago and have been using them in the classroom already. They have received training on how to incorporate technology into their classrooms during professional development this past school year. During the next school year, teachers will receive additional training in regard to incorporating technology into their content areas.

5. What will be the expense to parents?

Just like a textbook fee, there will be a minimal computer fee. It is expected to be under \$50.

6. Will the computer have software that blocks inappropriate content from the internet?

Yes, while a filter will be installed, the students remain responsible for inappropriate use of their laptops.

7. Will students be required to take laptops home?

No, families will have the choice of having the students check their laptop in and out with their Advisor each day.

8. When a computer is misused, what type of consequences will the students face?

Students will be expected to obey the Computer Use Policy. Students who violate these rules will be subject to disciplinary action and parents will be notified. Consequences will follow the computer use policy. This will be posted the website in the future.

9. How will these 1:1 computer laptops prepare students for the future?

The 1:1 program supports the Iowa Core Curriculum and the 21st Century Skills contained within it. In today's digital and technological world, our students will have an advantage with the added accessibility that a laptop provides.

10. If a child has a laptop, can it be used to save the school money?

No, due to software licensing and management issues, only school issued laptops will be allowed to access our network.

Enjoy the rest of your summer.

Michael Crozier, Secondary Principal
mike_crozier@m-stmarys.k12.ia.us

From the Desk of Mrs. Henderson

The junior/senior high is going green and will no longer be printing off report cards and mailing them home. Parents may access report cards through the JMC program on our website. If you do not currently have a password set up for JMC access, you can contact Christy Henderson at christy_henderson@m-stmarys.k12.ia.us or call 641-764-2486. Parents without Internet access can call and request that a copy of the report card be sent home with their student.

From the Desk of Mr. Peterson **Blue Devils Activities Director**

Recognition of Athletic Booster Club and the Officers

I want to thank everyone that is involved in the Athletic Booster Club. The Athletic Booster Club is not just the people that are involved in the everyday operations, such as our board members, but the parents who have children in any of our athletic programs and some parents who don't, as well. As we move into the next school year and years to come, I would like to ask all members of the district to get involved with the Athletic Booster Club. The board members can't do it alone. The Athletic Booster Club at MSTM is very active. They provide concessions for all varsity events and many, many junior varsity and junior high events. It is all done by volunteers. It is an unbelievable amount of time and effort put forth for the good of this school district and the athletic department. It is impossible for me to thank the individuals enough who give of their time.

The Athletic Booster Club this past year purchased many items for the teams. I can't name everything but several big ticket items include:

New Tarp for the Softball Field
New Portable Batting Cage for Baseball
New Warm-ups for the Wrestling Team
Helped with the New Stereo at the Football/Track Complex
Helped with New Automatic Timing System for Track

This is just a few of the projects that would not have been possible without the Athletic Booster Club's support. It is my pleasure to introduce you to the Booster Club Officer's.

Don Hatcher – Executive Officer

Don Hatcher, 8th year as MStM teacher, 3 years with Boosters, married to Tamela, and has two children, Emily (2010 MStM Graduate) and Miller, an eighth grade student at MStM.

Susan Matlage-Simms – Operations Officer

Susan Matlage-Simms is a "Lifer" of MStM. She graduated from Martensdale-St. Marys a FEW years back-- and became a Booster when her son, Nate, entered high school 8 years ago. She is currently a 4H leader for the Jackson Hilltoppers 4H club in St. Marys.

Susan's children are Nate, who graduated in 2006 and a Senior at the University of Northern Iowa and Megan, a 2010 MStM graduate.

Lesley Sweet – Financial Officer

Lesley Sweet, Financial Officer, graduated from MStM in 1988. She has been with the Boosters for 10 years. Lesley has three children that attend MStM. Hailey, a sophomore, Blake, an eighth grader, and Hannah, a third grader.

Sandy Kordick – Board Member

Sandy Pickering Kordick is in her first year as an Athletic Booster board member. She has been an announcer for football, volleyball, basketball and softball for a numbers of years at Martensdale-St. Marys.

She has three children, Rusty who played on the 2003 football team that went to the UNI dome and graduated in 2004; Kelly who graduated in 2007 and is a junior at Arizona State University; and Vicki, an 8th grader at MStM.

Wade Gibson – Board Member

Wade is in his first year on the Booster's Board of Directors. Wade was recently elected to his first term on the school board. Wade is married to Manda and he has four children who attend MStM. Daulton is a sophomore, Dylan is an eighth grader, Dakota is a fifth grader, and Alani is a first grader.

Again, thank you for everything you do.

From the Desk of Mr. Peterson (con't)

Parting Shot:

Letters or e-mails must have a return address with a name and/or a subject line on the envelope. Without such identification, the contents will be disposed of or deleted. I do not deal with, nor give credence to anonymous letters. I encourage my coaches to follow the same practice. If you have an issue, call me and I will gladly meet with you to discuss it.

From the Desk of Mr. Wood, Elementary Principal

Dealing with Change

Change is a part of life for everyone, and it's important for children and families to learn how to cope with it. Whether it is moving to a new home, school or community, a divorce or death in the family, a hospitalization or illness, or even just a friend moving away, the stress of a sudden change can be overwhelming for a child. However, there are many things families can do to help.

Listen.

Sometimes children just need to talk about what's troubling them. You don't have to know all of the answers; what's important is that you let them express themselves and you show that you are there for them.

Let outsiders in.

There are times, such as during a divorce, when children might feel more comfortable talking to someone other than their parents—a family friend, a trusted teacher or school counselor, or someone else they feel close to. Although some parents might object to their children confiding in others and "airing dirty laundry," the stress that a divorce exerts on a child can be overwhelming. Put your children's health before your own issues and let them confide their fears and concerns to someone they trust.

Know that they know.

Many parents believe they can keep their children in the dark about changes such as a job loss or illness, but children hear more and know more than parents expect. The best approach is to acknowledge that they have probably heard something and talk to them about it. Assure them that you'll be there for them if they have questions, and that you're doing all you can to keep things as normal as possible.

Be aware of troubling behaviors.

If your child's behavior is suddenly different, it's a sign that he or she is having difficulty coping. Some of the signs that your child needs extra help coping are changes in appetite (either overeating or not eating), changes in sleep (insomnia or constant fatigue), aggressive behavior, constant whining or weeping, depression, bedwetting or thumb sucking, nervous tics, and a withdrawal from things he or she used to enjoy.

Keep routines.

Children need to have routines in their life; they're comforted by them. Do your best to maintain as many of their routines as possible—the same bedtime ritual, for example. And make sure that, even if they're changing households, they get to hold on to some familiar and loved objects—you might be surprised what they choose as a special memento.

Get the book.

There are books on almost every situation a child could be faced with. Find children's books at your child's age level that discuss what they're going through (the Mister Rogers series is particularly good for young children).

Information helps.

If your child is moving to a new school, house, or community, get as many photos and as much information as possible. Try to do walkthroughs ahead of time and keep your attitude positive, even if you, yourself, have secret concerns. Stress that there will be new and exciting things ahead and you're sure it will be a good change.

Stay connected.

If the change involves a move, either within your family or by a close friend, make sure to assure your children that there are many ways to keep in touch, and that you'll help them stay close to the people who are important to them. From exchanging photos in the mail or online to talking to each other in (supervised) chat rooms, your children will learn that being close doesn't always mean living close by.

Finally, remember that you can't protect a child from change. Coping with change is a learning skill your child needs to master. By providing a listening ear, giving your child the information needed, and staying positive, you are helping your child grow stronger and better prepared for the future, whatever it may bring.

From the Desk of Mrs. Kirvin, PK-12 Nurse

Pertussis Cases are Increasing in Central Iowa

In April and May Warren County reported 32 cases of Pertussis (whooping cough). Cases are continuing to be reported.

It is important to review your children's immunization status. Children should have five doses of the DTaP vaccine at: 2 months, 4 months, 6 months, 15-18 months, and 4-6 years. A single booster shot of Tdap is recommended for all persons ages 11-64 years.

Most adults who have Pertussis only have a cough that lasts for weeks, so they can easily spread the disease without realizing that they have Whooping Cough.

Calling All "2010-2011" Pre-School Students

If you have a child that will be 4 years of age by September 15, 2010, then please call Mrs. DePauw in the elementary office to get on the list for the 2010-2011 pre-school rosters.

Calling All "2010-2011" Kindergarten Students

If you have a child that will be 5 years of age by September 15, 2010, then please call Mrs. DePauw in the elementary office (641-764-2621) to get on the list for the 2010-2011 kindergarten rosters.

Thanks for your help!

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

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING MAY 6, 2010

The Board of Directors of the Martensdale-St. Marys Community School District met in regular session, pursuant to law, on Thursday, May 6, 2010.

Members Present: Nicole Bunch, Vice-President; Wade Gibson, Dave Shutt and Amy Harper together with Superintendent Jean Peterson and Business Manager Jill Gavin.

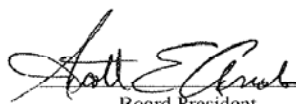
Members Absent: Scott Anderson, President


The Vice President called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Supt. Peterson and Gavin reviewed the agenda items for the Monday, May 10, 2009 Board Meeting.

Gibson moved to adjourn, seconded by Harper. Roll call: 4 ayes; 5:26 p.m.

APPROVED


Board President


Business Manager

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING MAY 10, 2010

The Board of Directors of the Martensdale-St. Marys Community School District met in regular session, pursuant to law, on May 10, 2010.

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

Members Absent: None

I. Welcome

Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed all guests.

II. Consent Items

- A. Approval of Minutes.
- B. Approval of Agenda
- C. Approval of Bills and Secretary's Report
- D. Approval of Hot Lunch and Activity Reports

Gibson motioned to approve the consent items seconded by Shutt. Roll call: 5 ayes.

III. Celebrations

Supt. Peterson announced to the Board that the Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts of Martensdale St Marys planted new trees at the Athletic Complex several weeks ago. Warren County Soil & Water donated six white pine trees, Ted Lair Landscaping donated one weeping willow and the Howell Tree Farm donated 20 Norway spruce trees. Supt. Peterson will be sending a thank you to these companies and the Board was very grateful for the donations.

Tom Wood announced the success of the Fun Run that took place on May 7th. The Prek – 3rd grades ran

around the new track while the 4-8 grades ran on the trail. The kids had a lot fun with the dance party afterwards and the PTO provided snacks and the kids ate sack lunches at the new track. Tom would like to send a special thank you to the PTO for putting on a great Fun Run!

Mike Crozier announced that Prom was held on May 8th and was a success this year with no problems. The parents put on a great evening for the students at Post Prom.

Mike Crozier would like to send out a big thank you to all the volunteers and community members for stepping up and helping at our track meets. A special thank you to Ron Peterson for all the time and hard work that he put in to organizing the track meets. It was also mentioned that Mr. Peterson was visiting with Todd Tharpe at the Iowa Athletic Association and he has been hearing good things about how MStM was running their track meets. That is great news!

IV. Public Comments

The following members signed up for public comments: Charlene Craig – 6630 Illinois, Indianola, IA 50125 – Open Enrollment Request

V. Old Business

A. Reports

1) Facilities Report – Supt. Peterson

Supt. Peterson informed the Board that we are getting closer to completing all the items on the punch list for the football/track project. She asked the Board to check out the positioning of the score board at the Athletic Complex because it is not in the correct spot according to the architects specs. We are now waiting to see what Pinnacle has planned for correcting the score board.

Supt. Peterson informed the Board about the sharing our Building/Ground Supervisor with I-35. There are incentives from the State to do these types of sharing opportunities. She will bring her recommendation to the June meeting.

2) MStM Music Booster Minutes – April 2010

3) MStM Athletic Booster Minutes – none

4) MStM PTO Minutes – April 8, 2010

B. Presentations

1) Superintendent's Report – Supt. Peterson
Supt. Peterson provided information to the Board for the Iowa's Race to the Top application and recommended that we not participate due to the unknowns.

Supt. Peterson provided summary information of the most recent Legislative Session/Actions.

IASB is asking all school boards to spend time to discuss our top legislative priorities for 2011 General Session. We will discuss again in June and vote in July.

The Technology Committee has met several times to review and update our technology

curriculum and the possibility of pursuing one-to-one lap top initiative for grades 9-12. Supt. Peterson would like to have these lap tops purchased for the next school year. Mr. Wood has put together pricing information for the board to look at and discuss.

2) Principal's Report –Tom Wood and Mike Crozier

Mike Crozier introduced the following teachers to discuss what they have been learning during professional development days. Don Newbury, PE/Health teacher, discussed differentiation; Jed Alexander, Advanced Math teacher, discussed new technology in his classes; and John Amfahr, Social Studies teacher, discussed Rigor and Relevance. The Board thanked them for their presentations.

Crozier reviewed the ITBS/ITED Report and improvement plans and what the Annual Progress Goals would be for the next year that were set by the Quality Support Committee at their April meeting.

Crozier went over the Student Council Retreat report and Parent Advisory notes. The School-to-Work banquet went very well. The Baccalaureate was held on April 28th with I-35. The Fine Arts/Academic Awards Night will be held May 13th. The Senior Trip went well at the Wisconsin Dells May 1st and 2nd. Graduation is being held on May 23rd at 2:00. The Wellness Committee will be held on May 18th.

April Students of the Month

- 7 – Nicole Shutt
- 8 – Paiten Gavin
- 9 – Katrina DeVore
- 10 – Josh Butcher
- 11 – Cori Williamson
- 12 – Shaun Thorpe

Wood announced the 3rd Quarter honor Roll for Grades 4-6. He also announced the Character Counts! Fairness Students.

- PK – Jack Connor and Tyler Higen
- K – Jaclyn Kleve and William Amfahr
- 1 – Derek Kleve and Megan Wilson
- 2 – Jacob Martin and Kaley Verwers
- 3 – Esa Johanson and Victoria Reynolds
- 4 – Kay Greif and Trey Newbury
- 5 – Joel Criswell and Johnnie Croy
- 6 – Madison Newbury and Josh Belieu

Wood expressed his gratitude to the PTO Officers: Jean Hraha, President; Sara

Franey, Vice President; Kelly Johnson, Treasurer; Kandace Dunn, Secretary. He thanked them for all their support this past year.

VI. New Business

A. School Board Recognition Week

Supt. Peterson

Supt. Peterson stated that this has been the most difficult year for school boards in the state of Iowa and she expressed her appreciation to our board members and thanked them for their commitment. She presented them with a certificate, a card and a notepad.

B. Executive session to deliberate following a private hearing pursuant to Iowa Code section 279.16(7)

Bunch made the motion to go into executive session to deliberate following the private hearing seconded by Harper. Roll call: 5 ayes. Time: 7:03 p.m.

Bunch made the motion to go out of executive session seconded by Harper. Roll call: 5 ayes. Time: 7:30 p.m.

C. Termination Recommendations

Supt. Peterson

Gavin proceeded to open each envelope and provided the enclosed documents to President Anderson.

Sam Tunell – Half Time Math Teacher

Gibson moved that the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and terminate the employment contract of teacher, Sam Tunell, effective at the end of the current school year due to elimination of position due to a reduction in force, budgeting considerations of the school district, and realignment and/or reallocation of staff resources. The motion was seconded by Bunch. Roll Call: Gibson – Aye, Shutt – Aye, Harper – Aye, Bunch – Aye, Anderson – Aye.

Justin Herrick – Boys and Girls Cross Country

Gibson moved that the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and terminate the employment contract of teacher, Justin Herrick, effective at the end of the current school year due to elimination of position due to a reduction in force, budgeting considerations of the school district, and realignment and/or reallocation of staff resources. The motion was seconded by Shutt. Roll Call: Gibson – Aye, Shutt – Aye, Harper – Aye, Bunch – Aye, Anderson – Aye.

Joe Franey – Boys and Girls Golf

Gibson moved that the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and terminate the employment contract of teacher, Joe Franey, effective at the end of the current school year due to elimination of position due to a reduction in force, budgeting considerations of the school district, and realignment and/or reallocation of staff resources. The motion was seconded by Harper. Roll Call: Gibson – Aye, Shutt – Aye, Harper – Aye, Bunch – Aye, Anderson – Aye.

Sue Clark – Music Teacher

Gibson moved that the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and terminate the employment contract of teacher, Sue Clark, effective at the end of the current school year due to elimination of position due to a reduction in force, budgeting considerations of the school district, and realignment and/or reallocation of staff resources. The motion was seconded by Bunch. Roll Call: Gibson – Aye, Shutt – Aye, Harper – Aye, Bunch – Aye, Anderson – not allowed to vote, due to the fact that he was not in attendance for the entire private hearing.

D. Approve Personnel Resignations -Supt. Peterson

Jed Alexander – Girls Basketball Coach

Harper motioned to approve the resignation of Jed Alexander as the Girls Basketball Coach seconded by Bunch. Roll call: 5 ayes.

Alison Condon – Dance Coach

Gibson motioned to approve the resignation of Alison Condon as the Dance Coach seconded by Harper. Roll call: 5 ayes.

Valerie Sondag – Senior Advisor

Harper motioned to approve the resignation of Valerie Sondag as the Senior Advisor seconded by Shutt. Roll call: 5 ayes.

E. Discuss/Approve Special Education Driver Resignation
Supt. Peterson

Gibson motioned to approve the resignation from Missy Perry as Special Ed Bus Driver seconded by Bunch. Roll call: 5 ayes. The Transportation Committee agreed to meet as soon as possible to determine how to move forward with this position.

F. Approve Personnel Recommendations
Supt. Peterson

Shutt motioned to approve Jon Fitzpatrick for the Junior High baseball coach for the summer of 2010 seconded by Bunch. Roll call: 5 ayes.

Gibson motioned to approve Marlene Meier to be hired for the 2010 summer daycare program seconded by Shutt. Roll call: 5 ayes.

G. Approve Open Enrollment Requests
Supt. Peterson

Bunch motioned to approve the open enrollment requests for Courtney and Sheniya Craig seconded by Shutt. Roll call: 5 ayes.

H. Approve MStM 2010-2011 Calendar
Supt. Peterson

Shutt approved the 2010-2011 Calendar with the additional snow make up days to be listed; March 16, 15, and 14 in this order, seconded by Bunch. Roll call: 5 ayes.

I. Discuss/Approve Annual Progress Report Goals
Mike Crozier

Gibson approved the Annual Progress Report Goals seconded by Harper. Roll call: 5 ayes.

J. Discuss/Approve Technology Purchases / Upgrades 2010-2011 - Supt. Peterson

Tom Wood presented to the Board the administration's recommendations for proceeding with one-on-one lap top initiative for grades 9-12 for the fall of 2010 school year. The Board requested additional information regarding annual costs, life expectancy, computer fees and student/parent responsibilities. The Board agreed to set up a special meeting later this month to make a decision. Harper tabled the technology purchases and upgrades for 2010-2011 and to recommend meeting in a couple of weeks seconded by Shutt. Roll call: 5 ayes.

K. Approve Cooperative Food Purchasing Agreement 2010-2011 - Supt. Peterson

Gibson motioned to approve the Iowa Educators Consortium Cooperative Food Purchasing Agreement for 2010-2011 seconded by Shutt. Roll call: 5 ayes.

L. Discuss/Approve Closing & Transferring Trust Account - Jill Gavin

Gavin recommended transferring the Trust account at Regions to City State Bank due to the new fees that were beginning in May. Harper motioned to approve the transfer of the Trust account from Regions to City State Bank seconded by Bunch. Roll call: 5 ayes.

M. Approve 2010 Graduates - Supt. Peterson

Harper motioned to approve the 2010 graduates after meeting their requirements seconded by Shutt. Roll call: 5 ayes.

N. Discuss/Approve 2010-2011 Registration Fees
Supt. Peterson

Shutt motioned to approve an increase in the following registration fees for the 2010-2011 school year seconded by Bunch. Roll call: 5 ayes.

Elementary	\$ 50
Junior High	\$ 90
Senior High	\$100

O. Discuss/Approve 2010-2011 Lunch Program Fees - Supt. Peterson

Supt. Peterson recommended tabling this decision until the Healthy Kids/Nutrition Committee, that includes board members Gibson and Shutt, can meet. Gibson motioned to table the decision of the lunch program fees seconded by Shutt. Roll call: 5 ayes.

P. Discuss/Approve 2010-2011 Activities Pass Fees
Supt. Peterson

Crozier informed the Board that the POI Conference raised their gate prices from \$4/\$2 to \$5/\$3; a 20% increase. The Board asked how many families purchase athletic passes and how many events can they go to. They suggested including college age students to the family pass. Shutt motioned to table this decision seconded by Bunch. Roll call: 5 ayes.

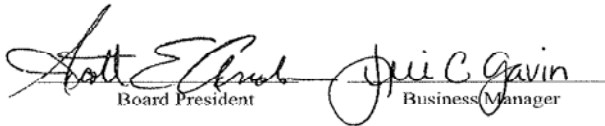
Q. Confirm – Next Meeting Dates - Supt. Peterson

- 06/09/09 – Agenda subcommittee by e-mail
- 06/10/09 – 5:30 p.m. Agenda Meeting
- 06/14/09 – 6:00 p.m. Board Meeting

VII. Adjournment

Harper motioned to adjourn the meeting seconded by Bunch. Roll call: 5 ayes. Time: 8:45 p.m.

APPROVED



Scott Anderson Board President
Jill C. Gavin Business Manager

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
MAY 25, 2010**

The Board of Directors of the Martensdale-St. Marys Community School District met in special session, pursuant to law, on May 25, 2010.

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

Members Absent: None

I. Welcome

Anderson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and welcomed all guests.

II. Public Comments – None

III. New Business

A. Discuss/Approve Volunteer Baseball / Softball Coach - Supt. Peterson

It was recommended to approve Steve Westphal as a volunteer for the varsity baseball team and Brent Parrot as a volunteer for the varsity softball team for the 2010 season.

Bunch motioned to approve Steve Westphal as the volunteer for the baseball team and Brent Parrot as a volunteer for the softball team seconded by Shutt. Roll call: 5 ayes.

B. Discuss/Approve Dance Team Position
Supt. Peterson

Supt. Peterson reminded the board that the dance team coach resigned recently and the administration considered not offering it for the 2010-2011 school year due to budget cuts. The cost is about \$1200. The Board asked if the program was removed, would we offer it at a different school and pay more in transportation. Supt. Peterson recommended tabling this agenda item until the June 14 board meeting. Bunch motioned to table the approval of the dance team position for the June 14 board meeting seconded by Harper. Roll call: 5 ayes.

C. Discuss/Approve one-to-one lap top initiative/technology purchases and upgrades
Supt. Peterson

For the past two years the administration has been writing curriculum based on national standards for technology. Tom Wood asked Vivian Butcher, Rana Webster and Josh Moser to present to the board the importance and the advantages of going to a one-to-one laptop program for grades 9-12. Tom Wood presented to the board three options: 1) laptops for lab replacement and a new laptop cart; 2) laptops for lab replacement, laptops for cart plus another cart; 3) one-to-one laptops for grades 9-12. Gavin provided projected revenue data to the board for PPEL and SILO funds. In depth discussion was made by the board and the

administration on this topic including discussion on how families can afford the fee, fostering responsibility, accountability and ownership with the students, preparing the students for the 21st Century, our current situation of laptops, insurance to cover losses, training staff, students and parents, starting communication now to families, possibly waiting another year or two to learn from the mistakes other districts are making, recruitment tool for our district, and additional time for the technology director. Supt. Peterson and the administration recommended to the board option 3 for the 2010-2011 school year. Shutt motioned to approve option 3 with further definition of detailed communication and implication of usage seconded by Bunch. Roll call: Harper – Aye; Bunch – Aye; Shutt – Aye; Gibson – Nay; Anderson – Nay.

D. Discuss/Approve Football Score Board

Supt. Peterson

Supt. Peterson discussed with the board that the score board at the new football field was not installed in the correct position and asked whether or not we should request Pinnacle to fix it or keep approximately \$12,000 that might be the cost of fixing it. Bunch motioned to not request Pinnacle to fix the score board at the football field seconded by Gibson. Roll call: 5 ayes.

E. Discuss/Approve Recommendation for Head Girls' Basketball Coach - Supt. Peterson

Mike Crozier informed the board that four applied for the basketball coaching position but three of them needed a teacher position along with the coaching. Crozier recommended approving the hiring of Tim Baker for the head girls' basketball coach for the 2010-2011 school year. Harper motioned to approve Tim Baker as the girls' basketball head coach for the 2010-2011 school year seconded by Bunch. Roll call: 5 ayes.

F. Discuss/Approve Remodel of Boys' Baseball Locker Room at St. Marys - Supt. Peterson

Crozier presented to the board a request from the baseball coach to remodel the locker room at the St. Marys gym into a new clubhouse. He handed our examples of locker rooms and explained that funding for this project would be made by volunteers and by fundraising. There would be no cost to the district. Shutt motioned to approve the remodeling of the locker room at the St. Marys gym with no cost to the district seconded by Gibson. Roll call: 5 ayes.

G. Designate Official Depositories and Signatures on Checks - Jill Gavin

Gavin informed the board that she is in the process of switching banks from Regions to City State Bank and is required to receive a motion on which our official depository will be, authorized delegates to sign checks and authorized delegates for debit cards.

Harper motioned to approve City State Bank in Norwalk as an official depository for the General Fund for up to \$1,000,000 seconded by Bunch. Roll call: 5 ayes.

Gibson motioned to approve Scott Anderson and Jill Gavin as authorized delegates to sign checks for the General Fund and Karen Tomlinson as a backup; Jean Peterson and Jill Gavin as authorized delegates to sign checks for the Activity Fund and Karen Tomlinson as a backup; and Jean Peterson and Jill Gavin as authorized delegates to sign checks for the Hot Lunch Fund and Karen Tomlinson as a backup seconded by Harper. Roll call: 5 ayes.

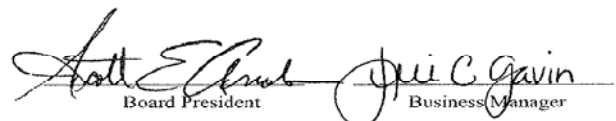
The board requested Gavin to possibly incorporate a gas card for the district, get more information regarding the p-card program and more information regarding debit cards for each employee to be discussed at the June 14 board meeting.

Shutt motioned to approve Jill Gavin and Karen Tomlinson as authorized delegates for debit cards for the district for the General Fund, Activity Fund and the Flower Fund seconded by Harper. Roll call: Harper – Aye; Shutt – Aye; Gibson – Aye; Anderson – Aye; Bunch – Nay.

VII. Adjournment

Gibson motioned to adjourn seconded by Shutt. RC: 5 ayes. Time 7:42 p.m.

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