



June 1, 2010

*From the Desk of Ms. Peterson, Superintendent*

***Technology Curriculum:***

The MStM Technology Committee has spent the last two years writing, revising, and updating our MStM Curriculum. The committee consists of Josh Moser, Vivian Butcher, Jayne Sherwood, Amanda Skellenger, Rana Webster, Sara Kuhns, Tom Wood, Mike Crozier and me.

The MStM Technology Curriculum is based on the National Education Technology Standards for students. As foundational technology skills penetrate throughout our society, students will be expected to apply the basics in authentic, integrated ways to solve problems, complete projects, and creatively extend their abilities. The National Educational Technology Standards for students help to contribute to the social and civic fabric of their communities.

The new standards help identify several higher-order thinking skills and digital citizenship as critical for students to learn effectively for a lifetime and live productively in our emerging global society.

Teachers at MStM were trained periodically throughout the 2009-2010 school year on how to incorporate technology into their classrooms. We plan to continue this training during the 2010-2011 school year as well. The focus this year will be to again train teachers on how to incorporate technology into their specific content areas.

Teachers will be responsible for indicating on their lesson plans this next school year how they are using technology in their classrooms. These lessons will match up nicely with the student objectives they already have in their content area curriculum. They will use the Technology Curriculum as their guide for this instruction. The Technology Curriculum is located on our school's website under the Curriculum Link.

Technology is one of the components of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Living Skills of the Iowa Core Curriculum. Infusing technology into all curriculum areas will:

- ❖ Improve student achievement, learning and engagement
- ❖ Develop student-centered classrooms as well as broadening learning beyond the classroom
- ❖ Prepare students for tomorrow's workplace and teach technology use and digital citizenship

- ❖ Allow teachers to more easily differentiate instruction to meet the needs of all students
- ❖ Open more opportunities for teachers and students to collaborate with other educators, students, and professionals throughout the world
- ❖ Level the technology playing field for all students

It is the goal of the MStM Technology Committee that we provide opportunities for our teachers to integrate technology into the educational experience in a way that prepares students for their futures. Along those lines, the MStM Board of Education has approved plans to upgrade the technology in our building. The funds to pay for this upgrade come from the penny sales tax money. The penny sales tax money can only be used, by law, for infrastructure and equipment purchases. More information in regard to this technology upgrade will be included in next month's newsletter.

*From the Desk of Mr. Crozier*

***Principal's Message***

June is here and another school year is over. Our seniors are out in the real world and we will be welcoming another class of 7<sup>th</sup> graders to our side of the building before we know it. I feel that it has been a successful year in spite of all the doom and gloom with the budget issues we have faced. We will continue to make Martensdale-St. Marys the best school we can for our students.

A big part of our success over the past year is due to our Advisor/Advisee program. The program continues to develop and students are forming relationships with their Advisors that enhance their school experience. Next year we will be adding student led conferences to our Advisor/Advisee program. This will provide the opportunity for our students to tell their parents about their achievements.

I want to congratulate next year's class officers:

Seniors

President-Sarah Bunch  
Vice President-Rachel Connor  
Secretary/Treasurer-Dillon Coates

Juniors

President-Robert Walker  
Vice President-David Walker  
Secretary/Treasurer-Beth Rucker

Sophomores  
President-Cassidy Phillips  
Vice President-Katrina DeVore  
Secretary/Treasurer-Katie Schrodt

Freshmen  
President-Eddy Kraber  
Vice President-Dylan Gibson  
Secretary/Treasurer-Luke Anctil

8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
President-Hailey Clark  
Vice President-Dalton Knickerbocker  
Secretary/Treasurer-Bethany Phillips

7<sup>th</sup> Grade  
President-Magen Andrasko  
Vice President-Sarah Walker  
Secretary/Treasurer-Jack Murphy

These students will play a vital role in leading their class and the student body. They will also be involved in leadership activities. Have a great summer!

Michael Crozier, Secondary Principal  
[mike\\_crozier@m-stmarys.k12.ia.us](mailto:mike_crozier@m-stmarys.k12.ia.us)

## ***Congratulations 2010 Graduates!***

Kelsie Ann Brawdy  
Heather Breanne Brown  
Megan Lynn Brown  
Robert Allen Morrison Brown  
Patrick James Conner  
Weston Patrick Connor  
Frank Laifed Cook IV  
Bradley David Lee Croy  
Ryne Christopher Davis  
Jake William Defenbaugh  
Michael Zachery Deming  
Caitlin Elizabeth DePauw  
Nicholas Thomas Ferin  
Haylee Christene Gehringer  
Katilyn Marie Gehringer  
Grant Alexander Hand  
Annika Jean Harper  
Autumn Bree Harper  
Kyle Eugene Howell  
Emily Renae Hutchison  
Jessica Renee Jacobsen

Taylor Rae Johnson  
Gary Ray Kraber II  
Natasha Marie Llewellyn  
Dustin John Loyd  
Halley Lynn Mann  
Brianna Lee Ellen Minard  
Tyson David Minella  
Kyle Claude Norton  
Eric Joseph Rinard  
Kelli Jo Sherwood  
Megan Meredith Simms  
Katelyn Louise Simpson  
Trevor Thomas Simpson  
Alexia Ann Smith  
Zachary Daniel Streiffeler  
Shaun Michael Thorpe  
Hayden Nicholas VanHoose  
Kyle Dean Wiedmann  
Carrie Ellen Wood  
Tiegen Joshua Wood

### ***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](mailto: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 Ms. Skellenger, Media Center***

I would like to thank Mrs. Sweet, Mrs. Shutt, and Mrs. Dahmen for helping in the high school library this semester. I really appreciate all your work.

I'd also like to thank the PTO and others for donating so many new books to the elementary library. They are much needed and will be well used. Have a great summer!

### ***From the Desk of Mrs. Gabbert-Clark, Music Department***

“On the wings of song.....”

This is my last article for the newsletter and I reflect on the great sounds I've heard this past month.

The High School Chorus participated in State Large Group Festival at Winterset on Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. We were the only 1A school to perform that night. Ten other 1A schools were invited, but we were the only one to sing. In my opinion, that already makes us winners! The chorus did earn a rating of three (3) which means that we are a “Good” chorus. A huge appreciation goes to the young lady who accompanied the chorus this year, and that is Abby Wetzler. Abby, you did a great job! Also, thank you so much to all the parents who came and supported both the chorus and the band. The students know who are watching them, and they really appreciate your support.

The 4<sup>th</sup> graders played their recorders on Friday, May 14. Their sound was beautiful to my ears and I am so proud of them! They can read music, count rhythms, and play an instrument! The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders who chose to perform on Thursday, May 20, demonstrated to their peers how much fun you can have with music. It was a great show! The lower elementary grades had talent day in their classrooms, and enjoyed the fun of music (and comedy) with each other. On Friday, May 21, the Junior High chorus and High School chorus performed at Adventureland. It is different singing outside, but the students rose to the challenge and sang very well!

Junior high vocalists participated in the solo/ensemble festival here at MStM on Saturday, May 22.

Singers and their ratings are:

7<sup>th</sup> grade female ensemble (1)- Jordan Bown, Chenoa Burton, Bailey Douglas, Savannah Husted, Bethany Phillips, Carrie Schultz, and Claire Snyder

8<sup>th</sup> grade female ensemble (1)- Kaitlyn Belieu, Laura Lacquement, Rebecca Lorfald, Sheniya Craig, and Dallas Newman

7<sup>th</sup> grade solo (1) - Corben Ameigh

8<sup>th</sup> grade solo (1) – Sheniya Craig

8<sup>th</sup> grade duet (1) – Sheniya Craig and Dallas Newman

7<sup>th</sup> grade duet (1+) Savannah Husted and Chenoa Burton

7<sup>th</sup> grade solo (1+) - Chenoa Burton

8<sup>th</sup> grade solo (1+) Dallas Newman

Thank you to all of the singers and their parents for coming and supporting our young musicians!

The high school chorus had one last performance at graduation on Sunday, May 23. It was a joy to hear them contribute to the ceremony with their talents! Music is a part of our lives and our traditions. Thank you to all for making music with me these past eight years. I will miss you, but I know that where ever you are, or I am, we must all keep a song in our heart.



From the song that has been a part of our repertoire this year, written by Christie Smith Stephens and Greg Gilpin, “Where every heart is free to sing what it must sing. To love, and know what love can bring. Hope now rises like the dawn, on the wings of song.”

Thank you for the music! Susan Gabbert Clark

*Thank you to all the students, parents, staff and administration for my beautiful last day here at MStM!*

*I appreciate your hugs, gifts and warm wishes! I will miss you all.*

*Susan Gabbert Clark, PK-12 Vocal/General Music*

### **From the Desk of Mrs. Sherwood & Mr. Newbury-Physical Education**

The 6-12 graders that participated in physical education class this spring semester took the “Presidents Physical Fitness” tests. The tests consist of five parts with high standards: the mile, sit-ups, shuttle run, pull-ups and sit and reach. Good job to the following students who completed the standards to pass this test. Mr. Newbury and Mrs. Sherwood

#### 6<sup>th</sup> graders

Jack Murphy  
Kyla Morris  
Maddi Newbury  
Ashley Kraber

#### 7<sup>th</sup> graders

Gentry Davidson  
Alex Kim  
Kylea Pote  
Nicole Shutt

#### 8<sup>th</sup> graders

Mitchell Brown  
Laura Lacquement

Eddy Kraber

#### High School

Sam Norris  
Jake Schrodt

Robert Walker  
Zach Wood

### **From the Desk of Mrs. Sondag, Band Department**

Our junior high and high school band students took trips in May to finish out their school year.



The high school band went to Worlds of Fun in Kansas City on May 17th to perform as a marching band. The junior high band gave a performance at Adventureland Park on May 21st. Both bands had a great time and were able to enjoy the parks after their performances.



On May 22nd, a group of the 6th grade band students participated in a solo/ensemble contest judged by Linda Bachman of Central Decatur Schools.



The following students received a I or "Excellent" rating: Savanah Good and Courtney Craig (woodwind duet), Savanah Good (flute solo), Courtney Craig (oboe solo), Ari Connor (clarinet solo) and Stephanie Seymour (clarinet solo). The following students received a I+ or "Superior" rating: Eric Estell (trumpet solo), and Zach Scovel and Eric Estell (trumpet duet). Thank you to Mrs. Clark and Abby Wetzler who helped as accompanists for our soloists.

**Visual Arts News-Mrs. Davidson**

**ART NEWS:** Secondary Art will be available to be viewed via Animoto.com. A link for each class from the 09-10 school year can be found on the MStM website on Mrs. Davidson's Blue Devil page.



Elementary art will continue to be available to be viewed on the Website: [www.Artsonia.com](http://www.Artsonia.com). Each student account on Artsonia will automatically graduate to the next grade level.

Mrs. Davidson will send out new slips for any updates to accounts in the fall.

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

**Wow.** I am impressed with the members of this community who helped with the SIX track meets held at the new track and field facility. It was unbelievable! Not only was there a large number of people who stepped up to the plate but the quality of work they did was absolutely amazing. They suffered though wind, rain, cold, and finally perfect weather. I can't tell you enough how much it was appreciated by the athletes, coaches, and administration. THANK YOU.

The girls' and boys' track team won the regional/district track meet held at Martensdale on May 14<sup>th</sup>. It was really neat to see our team run around the track carrying the championship Congratulations banners. Congratulations to both teams. Well Done.



The girls' team qualified 10 events for the state track meet. In parenthesis is their finish at the state meet.

They are:

- Long Jump - Lexie Smith (20)
- High Jump - Morgan Halverson (23)
- Discus - Mackenzie Morrison(20)
- 100 Hurdles - Meagan Streiffeler(9)
- 400 Hurdles - Meagan Streiffeler(3)
- Shuttle Hurdle Relay - Taylor Johnson, Beth Rucker, Megan Simms, Meagan Streiffeler, Sam Norris, Hannah Shnurman(12)

Sprint Medley Relay - Taylor Johnson, Megan Simms, Lexie Smith, Carrie Wood, Sam Norris, Meagan Streiffeler(18)

4 x 200 Relay - Lexie Smith, Megan Simms, Sam Norris, Carrie Wood, Katie Schrodt, Cori Williamson(24)

4 x 400 Relay - Carrie Wood, Morgan Halverson, Lexie Smith, Meagan Streiffeler, Katie Schrodt, Katie Butcher(9)

4 x 800 Relay - Katie Butcher, Morgan Halverson, Katie Schrodt, Carrie Wood, Meagan Streiffeler, Michaela McIlravy(10)



The boys' team qualified 7 events for the state track meet. In parenthesis is their finish at the state meet.

They were:

Dillon Coates-Shot Put(20)  
 Kyle Bown-110m Hurdles(16) & 400m Hurdles(19)  
 & Long Jump(12)  
 Hayden VanHoose-High Jump(21)  
 Zach Wood-800m Run(24)  
 Trent Verwers-800m Run(20)  
 Shuttle Hurdle team-Kyle Bown, Hayden VanHoose,  
 Tiegwen Wood, Jake Schrodt and Eric Rinard (alt)(14)



The junior high girls' and boys' track and field teams had an outstanding season, as well. It was fun to watch them compete. The junior high girls won the POI Conference Championship again. The seventh grade girls won the small school State Championships at Ankeny this spring.

The 4x800 meter relay team of Kylah Schumacher, Nicole Shutt, Gentry Davidson, and Emily Murphy set a new state meet record. Kylah Schumacher set a new state meet record in winning the 1500 meters and also won the 800 meters. The 4x400 meter relay team of Kylah Schumacher, Nicole Shutt, Gentry Davidson, and Emily Murphy won the state meet championship, as well. Outstanding Job.

The Predicament Wrestling Magazine recently named their All-State Academic Team for 2010. Robert Walker was named 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-State and David Walker was named Honorable Mention All-State. Congratulations.

Baseball and softball are underway with great expectations. The girls are seeking their third straight state meet appearance and the boys are trying to get there for the first time since 2004. Get out and watch some outstanding ball.

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Way to go!!

### Parting Shot:

"Don't lower your expectations to meet your performance. Raise your level of performance to meet your expectations. Expect the best of yourself, and then do what is necessary to make it a reality." Ralph Marston

### Thank you to the following sponsors for our prom donations:

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- Dental Professionals
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- GuideOne Insurance
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- Iowa Cubs Baseball
- Iowa Telecom
- JAMMZ
- Martensdale Lion's Club
- Mid-American Energy
- Montross Pharmacy, Inc
- Norwalk Family Dentistry (Dr. Donna Grant DDS)
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- Overton Funeral Home
- Quiznos
- Reynold's Feed
- Seven Oaks
- Shady Oaks Golf Course
- Sleepy Hollow Sports Park
- Stew Hansen Chrysler Dodge Jeep
- Texas Roadhouse

Willham Orthodontics  
Tokens  
Costco Wholesale  
Norwalk Physical Therapy  
Howell Tree Farm  
Martensdale St Mary's Athletic Boosters  
Martensdale St Mary's PTO

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

**Keep Kids Learning During the Summer**

By forgetting about learning during the lazy days of summer, you're actually harming your child's education. Children lose a shocking amount of what they've already learned if they're allowed to "veg out" during the summer. That means that the kids who put forth just a little bit of effort are going to be way ahead come fall. You owe it to them—and to their futures—to incorporate learning activities into their summers.

**• You've got to have "the talk."**

Before the last school bell rings for the year, sit down with your children and let them know that reading and learning activities will be an important part of their summer. Assure them that they'll still have lots of time for play and relaxation.

**• Find activity books to exercise their minds.**

There is a huge variety of activity books available, usually catered to specific age groups. Give your children their own activity book, and let them work at their own pace to finish it. (Set a "due by" date to keep them on track.) Crossword puzzles, math activity books, and number puzzles all keep children's brains in motion.

**• Set a reading time every day.**

Set aside a certain time every day where everyone turns off the computer, TV, music, and video games, and spends 15 minutes or more reading. (As busy as parents are, it's important that you participate as well, even if you just read the newspaper.)

**• Get great recommendations on books for your child.**

Check out the American Library Association's lists on Summer Reading and Learning for Children at [www.ala.org](http://www.ala.org). Be sure to sign your kids up for library summer book clubs, too!

**• Be "international."**

Set aside one or two nights during the summer to have an international evening. Together, find recipes from a different nation and put together a special meal. Learn a few basic words in that country's language and find a children's book or an encyclopedia article that gives information on what life is like in that country. Get out a world map or a globe and show them where the country is and talk about what you'd want to visit if you could go there.

**• Incorporate "thinking" into traveling.**

If your family is able to take a vacation during the summer, include stops at a few places that sneak in learning, along with fun. Zoos, children's museums, and historic sites are educational as well as entertaining. For bonus learning, have your children help you plot out the trip using maps or an atlas. Older children can tally up the miles, keep track of expenses, or figure out gas mileage.

**• Participate in sports/exercise.**

With hours of free time every day, there's always time to build in some physical activity. Even if your child can't participate in a local sports league or community based team, there are plenty of ways to get exercise—from jumping rope to family walks. There are wonderful resources available through schools, libraries, and on the Internet to help families keep their children's brains "alive" during the dog days of summer. Even though it takes a little bit of effort on your part, the payoff, in terms of their education, is beyond measure.

**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!**

**From the Desk of**  
**Mr. Franey / Sixth Grade**

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade spent the fourth quarter preparing for JA Biztown. The students had to learn how to write checks, fill out deposit tickets, and keep a check register. They also had to go through the process of getting a job and spend a day working in a business. The process included filling out a resume, a job application, choosing their top three jobs, and an interview. Once this was all completed, they were assigned a job for the day. Along with the check writing and job, they also learned what it takes to have a quality business. They learned the role of money and the different resources in the business world. The resources were human, capital, and natural.

Once all of this was completed, they went for the day to Des Moines. They went to the Junior Achievement building and completed JA Biztown. They spent the day working in their job and everything that goes with it. They



received paychecks, got to go shopping, and there were police officers to give them tickets along with a Judge to decide if they were guilty or not. Different jobs included CEO, CFO, Sale Managers, Product managers, and others. At the end of the day, each business needed to pay off their loan they got from the bank to start their business. The students had a wonderful experience at JA Biztown.

**From the Desk of  
Mrs. Kuhns / Sixth Grade**

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade students graduated from the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program late this spring. It is a highly acclaimed program that gives kids the skills they need to avoid involvement in drugs, gangs, and violence. D.A.R.E. is led by Deputy Randy Spurr. He conducts a series of classroom lessons that teaches children how to resist peer pressure and live a productive drug and violence-free life.

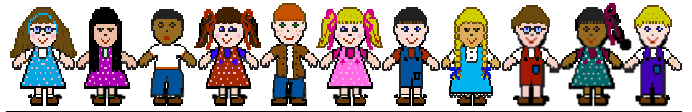


6<sup>th</sup> grade students have been working on geometry. They use mirrors in investigating line of symmetry and studying translations. In class, students have been using a variety of technology from Unitedstreaming videos to PowerPoints. Students also have been encouraged to take practice tests, quizzes, and lesson quizzes on [www.phschool.com](http://www.phschool.com). The same website will be useful in 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

In a few short months, the fourth and fifth grade students will soon be returning. I am looking forward to getting to know the fourth grade students and spending more time with the fifth grade students. My last piece of advice for them this year was to practice their multiplication facts this summer.



As the 6<sup>th</sup> grade students transition into 7<sup>th</sup> grade, they had the opportunity to visit their 7<sup>th</sup> grade teachers during an orientation. On two separate days for 15 minutes they attended a 7<sup>th</sup> grade class where they got to meet their teacher and learn about the expectations for next year.



**From the Desk of Mrs. Pribil,  
Counselor's Corner**

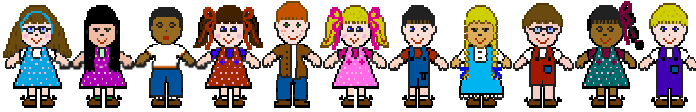


It's hard to believe that the school year is already over. I have had another wonderful year with all of the students at MStM! I hope that you all have a fun and safe summer and I look forward to seeing you all next fall ☺

Since I deal with a lot of friendship issues here at school, I thought I would include some tips to help your child make and keep friends over the summer.

1. **Support extracurricular activities-** By joining clubs or teams, your child will meet others who share the same interests.
2. **Observe your child-** Does she have any behaviors that may be causing a problem? Is she too bossy or extremely shy? If so, help her to recognize the problem and develop alternative behaviors.
3. **Listen-** If your child is having problems making friends at school; listen to his concerns without jumping in immediately with solutions. Sometimes all he needs is a chance to talk.
4. **Problem-solve with your child-** If he needs more than a chance to talk, help him develop a plan. Ask him, "What do you think would happen if you sat beside the other boys at lunchtime?" Or, "What could you say? Then practice with him.

5. **Organize social events-** Birthday parties and sleepovers are a great way to cement blossoming friendships.



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](mailto:mike_crozier@m-stmarys.k12.ia.us)

### MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING APRIL 8, 2010

The Board of Directors of the Martensdale-St. Marys Community School District met in regular session, pursuant to law, on Thursday, April 8, 2010.

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


Members Absent: None


The President called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

Supt. Peterson and Gavin reviewed the agenda items for the Monday, April 12, 2010 Board Meeting.

Bunch moved to adjourn, seconded by Harper. Roll call: 5 ayes; 6:25p.m.

APPROVED

  
Board President

  
Business Manager

### MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING APRIL 12, 2010

The Board of Directors of the Martensdale-St. Marys Community School District met in regular session, pursuant to law, on April 12, 2010.

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

Members Absent: Amy Harper

- 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

Bunch motioned to approve the consent items seconded by Shutt. Roll call: 4 ayes.

III. Celebrations

Supt. Peterson announced the district received an anonymous donation of non-fiction and reference books to our library. This donation was very much appreciated since we were going to need to update our non-fiction and reference section due to the Department of Education's Site Visit.

Tom Wood wanted to thank the Elementary PTO for all their hard work this year and for stepping up to help pay for field trips.

Mike Crozier announced the successful turnouts for the Dance Team Show and Clinic that performed on Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup> and the Variety Show that was held on Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. He congratulated the Varsity Girls Track team for placing 1<sup>st</sup> at the Clark Meet and 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Nodaway Valley Meet.

Nicole Bunch expressed her appreciation to the administration for a successful Department of Education Site Visit and how it was much approved from the previous site visit.

IV. Public Comments

The following members signed up for public comments:

Susan Clark – 1883 200<sup>th</sup> Street, Winterset, IA 50273 – music program  
Valerie Sondag – 630 Franklin Drive, Martensdale, IA 50160 – music program



Rich Wheeldon – 3835 Hoover Str, Prole, IA – speaking on behalf of Nathan Wheeldon – music program position  
 Thomas Eaton – 600 Iowa Str, St. Marys, IA 50241 – recommendation of termination for Mrs. Clark  
 Tayler Schad – 2498 Adams Str, Cummings, IA 50061 – Mrs. Clark’s termination  
 Emily Hutchison – 530 Franklin Drive, Martensdale, IA 50160 – music program cuts  
 Michael & Charlene Craig – 6630 Illinois, Indianola, IA 50125 – possible cuts in music/budget  
 Gracia Anderson – 3584 Kirkwood St, St. Charles, IA - budget reductions, program cuts  
 Bob Sondag – 630 Franklin Drive, Martensdale, IA 50160 – terminations

Anderson requested a break. Time 7:10 p.m.  
 Anderson re-adjourned from break. Time 7:25 p.m.  
 Anderson clarified to the public that there will be no vote tonight on any positions that have been recommended by the administration. The private hearing will be a closed session and then there will be another open session where the Board will make their final decision on the recommendations to terminate.

V. Old Business

A. Reports

1) Facilities Report – Supt. Peterson  
 Supt. Peterson announced that the administration met with the Facilities Committee on April 7<sup>th</sup> and is recommending to the Board the following projects.

- 1) Softball Press Box/Concession Stand – repairs need to be made on this facility. The roof is in bad shape and the access to the press box is not safe. We will be working with Gehringer Construction and the cost will be approximately \$9,192. This money will come from the Penny Sales Tax money.
- 2) Lights at the Football/Track Facility – the lights that were donated to the district from Valley Stadium need to be upgraded. We are currently at risk of them blowing out. Since we will be hosting several track meets this spring including the State Regional Track meet, we want to be sure these are working properly. The cost will be approximately \$22,754. This money will come from the Penny Sales Tax money.
- 3) Heating issues – with the new air conditioning put in, we are now in need of upgrading our heating balance. We have parts of the building we can’t get heated well right now. The cost for this \$6,500. This money will come from the Penny Sales Tax money.

Supt. Peterson also informed the Board that the administration has met with a representative of Steve Bruere. He wants to work with us in getting the road paved by the football/track stadium. Lamar Koethe is interested in developing that land but would like help getting the utilities out there. Steve Grubb would like to develop the land north of our school facility. Steve Bruere has met with the City Council and they seemed receptive. Bruere thinks the county would be willing to work jointly with the school and the city to help get the infrastructure out there by the stadium which would help get the Koethe land developed.

- 2) MStM Music Booster Minutes – March 9, 2010
- 3) MStM Athletic Booster Minutes – February 17, 2010
- 4) MStM PTO Minutes – March 2, 2010

B. Presentations

1) Superintendent’s Report – Supt. Peterson  
 Supt. Peterson presented information to the Board of the completed Action Plan for the areas of non-compliance from the recent site visit. Supt. Peterson included an article regarding the National Assessment of Educational Program and what her

frustrations were with this type of test. It is not given to each student and it is given randomly, and we do not get to see the results. How can we address the areas our students are deficient in if we do not know what the test is like? Supt. Peterson informed the Board that she also attended the AEA 11 Superintendent’s meeting where they discussed what our student needs to be successful in the work force.

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

Tom Wood introduced Rana Webster and Terah Henson, both Kindergarten teachers for MStM. They presented to the Board an overview of their professional development for the school year that included technology, the book “Global Achievement Gap” by Tony Wagner, learning needs notebook and collaboration time. The Board thanked them both for their presentations.

Wood announced to the Board the attendance for the parent/teacher conferences for PK-6 was 97%. He went over his March Classroom Sweeps, and announced the Character Counts! Caring Students.

- PK – Cordelia Fluharty and Kailey Phinney
- K – Angelina Furness and Jared Lamb
- 1 – Devin Schall and Chloe Husted
- 2 – Morgan Dunn and Elizabeth Devore
- 3 – Jena Wenck and Kailyn DiCesare
- 4 – Chandler Craig and Kaitlyn Schad
- 5 – Jamie Seymour and Andrew Shutt
- 6 – Raigen Furness and Magen Andrasko

Wood announced his appreciation to the parents who have contributed to MStM through their Wells Fargo payroll.

Nicole Bunch, Heidi Kleve, Christy Newbury, Mary Paterno, Kerby Stott, Scott Holt, Julie McKeever, Dominic Paterno, Christa Warden and Jodi Pote. Thank you!!!

Wood announced his appreciation to Lori Dooley and Veronica Knickerbocker for their volunteer work in the classrooms through their Wellmark Volunteer/Donation Project. With their volunteered time Wellmark donated \$1000 each to the MStM District. Thank you!!!

Crozier discussed with the Board the Student Council Retreat on April 14<sup>th</sup> in Knoxville. The upcoming events included the Dance Team Show and Clinic, Variety Show, JH Band and Vocal Concert on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and the HS Band and Vocal Concert on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Crozier announced the Academic/Fine Arts Awards Night will be held on May 13<sup>th</sup>. He included the notes from the Parent Advisory Committee, an update on the Senior Exit Survey and what the attendance for the Spring Break was. The NHS Blood Drive collected 23 unites saving 69 lives. The Baccalaureate ceremony will be held at I-35 on April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

#### March Students of the Month

- 7 – Emily Murphy
- 8 – Dani Trom
- 9 – Devin Kelly
- 10 – Paige Mullins
- 11 – Cheyenne Good
- 12 – Carrie Wood and Allen Brown

#### VI. New Business

- A. Discuss Daycare Program Survey/Approve Recommendations Supt. Peterson  
Gavin provided the recommendations and proposed fees to the Board in reference to the survey that was given on the website. The Board wants to continue with the program and expects costs analysis information on a monthly basis. It was recommended by the Board to request a commitment from the parents for at least 10 weeks for the summer program. Bunch motioned to approve the recommendations with the modification of the drop in rate to be \$25/day and to request a commitment from the parents for 10 weeks in the summer seconded by Shutt. Roll call: 4 ayes.
- B. Discuss/Approve Softball Concession Project Supt. Peterson  
Bunch motioned to approve the softball concession project from Gehringer Construction seconded by Gibson. Roll call: 4 ayes.
- C. Discuss/Approve HVAC Heating System Project Supt. Peterson

Shutt motioned to approve the HVAC Heating System project seconded by Bunch. Roll call: 4 ayes.

- D. Discuss/Approve Upgrade of Football/Track Lighting Supt. Peterson  
Gibson motioned to approve the lighting upgrade to the football/track stadium seconded by Bunch. Roll call: 4 ayes.
- E. Approve Personnel Recommendations Supt. Peterson  
Bunch requested for future overload requests that we have number of participants.  
Bunch motioned to approve the following recommendations seconded by Gibson. Roll call: 4 ayes.
  - JH Softball – Todd Verwers
  - Assistant Boys Track – Don Newbury
  - JH Girls Track Overload – Caleb Hales
- F. Approve Personnel Resignations Supt. Peterson  
Bunch motioned to approve the resignation of Valerie Jacobsen from the daycare program seconded by Shutt. Roll call: 4 ayes.  
  
Bunch motioned to approve the resignation of Josh Moser as the Drama Director, Speech Coach, and National Honor; Vivian Butcher's School to Work contract; pending suitable replacement seconded by Shutt. Roll call: 4 ayes.  
  
Gibson approved Shirley Blair's early retirement request seconded by Bunch. Roll call: 4 ayes.
- G. Receipt and Filing of Termination Recommendations Supt. Peterson  
Bunch motioned to receipt and file the termination recommendations provided by the Supt. Peterson seconded by Shutt. Roll call: 4 ayes. The sealed envelopes were given to Board Secretary Jill Gavin for filing as a confidential personnel document.
- H. Approve Open Enrollment Requests Supt. Peterson  
Bunch motioned to approve the open enrollment out request for Jared Ruhl seconded by Shutt. Roll call: 4 ayes.  
Bunch motioned to approve the open enrollment in request for Brendan Langloss based on the upcoming Des Moines School's decision to approve seconded by Shutt. Roll call: 4 ayes.  
Gibson motioned to approve the open enrollment in request for Katie Rios seconded by Shutt. Roll call: 4 ayes.

I. Approve Supplemental Resolution – ISCAP

Jill Gavin

Bunch motioned to approve the Supplemental Resolution authorizing and providing for the issuance and authorizing and directing the final terms and conditions of the sale and delivery of Warrants for the Fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, and amending the Master Resolution seconded by Shutt. Roll call: 4 ayes.

J. Discuss MStM 2010-2011 Calendar

Supt. Peterson

The Board discussed additional changes to the calendar and will be discussed and approved at the May board meeting.

K. Approve 2009-2010 Budget Amendment

Jill Gavin

Bunch motioned to approve the 2009-2010 budget amendment published in the *Record Herald & Indianola Tribune* on March 24, 2010 seconded by Gibson. Roll call: 4 ayes.

L. Approve 2010-2011 Budget

Jill Gavin

The Board reviewed the published proposed budget with a tax levy of \$18.45137. The Board has had in-depth discussions at previous budget workshops for the reasons to raise it including the October 2009 10% across the board cut of \$248,479, eliminating Phase I funding of \$75,000, receiving 2% funding from the State but still being underfunded \$171,000, the end of the ARRA stimulus funding, enrollment unknowns, and our special education deficit. In the previous budget workshops they discussed the concerns of our economy and how the raise would affect the average person. They also considered that teacher salary negotiations were still in progress.

Gibson moved to be remembered that on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 2010, the Board of Directors of Martensdale St. Marys Community School District met in session for the purpose of a hearing upon the budget estimate as filed with the Board. There was found that the notice of the time and place of the hearing was in accordance to the *Code of Iowa* and as directed by the Board was published on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2010, in the *Record Herald & Indianola Tribune*. Thereafter and after hearing all taxpayers desiring to be heard, the Board took up the estimate for final consideration and determined that the said estimate be corrected and completed so that when completed it should be in words and figures as stated herein. The vote upon final adoption of the budget with a tax levy of \$18.45137 was seconded by Bunch. Roll call: 4 Ayes.

The Secretary was thereupon directed to forward the adopted budget and tax levy to the county auditor as provided by law.

I certify the above to be a true and the correct copy of the proceedings of the Board relating to the consideration and final adoption of the within budget of expenditures and levy of taxes on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April.

M. Confirm – Next Meeting Dates

05/05/09 – Agenda subcommittee by e-mail

05/06/09 – 5:30 p.m. Agenda Meeting

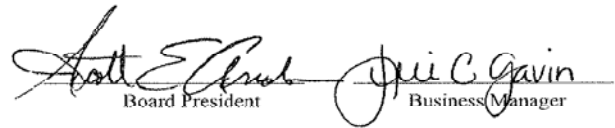
05/10/09 – 6:00 p.m. Board Meeting

VII. Adjournment

Prior to adjourning the meeting, community members request additional clarification of the termination process and participating in future board meetings.

Bunch motioned to adjourn the meeting seconded by Shutt. Roll call: 4 ayes. Time: 8:35 p.m.

APPROVED

  
Board President      Business Manager

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