



November 1, 2010

Message from Mr. Robert Newsum
Interim Superintendent

Dr. Robert Newsum will begin service as superintendent for the Martensdale St. Marys Community School District on Monday, November 1, 2010.

Bob and his wife, Linda, currently reside in Chariton, where she is the Chariton secondary alternative education teacher. Their family includes two daughters, Keara, who is completing on-line coursework and will receive her bachelor's degree in business, from Buena Vista, and Katelynn, who graduated from Iowa State University and is currently working as a youth counselor for Lutheran Services of Iowa, in Ames. Dr. Newsum earned his bachelor's degree in art education and master's degree in secondary educational administration, from the University of Northern Iowa, and his doctorate in educational administration, from Iowa State University.

Bob retired from full-time administration after serving for six years as superintendent in Chariton. His previous administrative positions included three years as superintendent for Rudd-Rockford-Marble Rock; one year as part-time superintendent at Mormon Trail; twelve years as junior high/middle school principal in Indianola; and three years as middle school principal and curriculum director, in Spirit Lake. Most recently Dr. Newsum worked as a consultant for the area education agency, in Creston, with responsibility for the Iowa Core Curriculum training. Bob began his educational career as a middle school art teacher, in Newton.

Although he doesn't officially begin work until November 1, Bob has visited the district several times, has met many of the teachers and other staff members, has attended some district activities, and is eager and excited to serve as your superintendent. On behalf of the district and himself, Bob expresses his thanks and appreciation to Dr. Jim Verlengia, Heartland Area Education Agency administrator, for his leadership, guidance, and service as interim superintendent for the Martensdale St. Marys Community School District during the past several months.

Message from Mr. Jim Verlengia
Interim Superintendent

I wish to take this opportunity to extend my gratitude to the students, staff, administration, board member and community members of Martensdale-St. Marys for your cooperation, understanding, and support during my time here as interim superintendent. I leave having thoroughly enjoyed my time with you.

Watching students learn and teachers teach in a supportive, cooperative environment tells me that this community is well on its way to preparing students for successful future. I will always treasure the relationship and memories that I share with many of you. Your dedication to the students of this community makes Martensdale-St. Marys a very special place to live and learn.

Best Wishes,

Jim Verlengia Ed.D

From the Desk of Mr. Crozier

I want to congratulate the entire secondary student body for a good start to another year; it is a quarter of the way over. Office referrals are at a minimum and teachers are noticing positive behaviors from our students. The September Students of the Month are listed below. Students, teachers do notice when you do good things. We have the best students in the state at our school.

- 7th Madison Newbury
- 8th Nicole Shutt
- 9th Dani Trom
- 10th Katrina DeVore
- 11th Hannah Shnurman
- 12th Cheyenne Good

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Monday, November 1, from 4:00 pm-8:00 pm and Thursday, November 4, from 3:30 pm-7:30 pm. The format of conferences has changed this year. We will be having student led conferences. Students and parents will meet with the student's advisor for ten minutes and go over their academic progress. These times should already be scheduled by the student's advisor. Parents are also welcome to go and talk with any of their student's other teachers. Below I have listed some questions you may want to ask during conferences.

- How is my child doing in school? In reading? Math? Science? Social Studies?
- What subjects are his/her strongest? Weakest?
- How are my child's work habits? Does he/she complete work on time?
- Is homework turned in on time?
- Does my child need extra help in a particular subject?
- What is my child's ability level? Does he/she comfortably work at that level?
- Is my student in different classes or groups for different subjects? Which ones? How are the groups determined?
- How is my child's behavior?
- Does he/she get along well with classmates?
- Does my child participate in class activities?
- Does my child show leadership abilities?
- What kinds of tests do you give? What do the tests show about my student's progress? How does my student handle taking tests?
- How does my child behave around adults? Is he/she polite and respectful?
- What do you consider my child's best strengths and interests?
- How can I help?
- If I need to reach you, what is the best way? (E-mail, phone, note.)

Keep up the good work.

I would like to congratulate our Activities Director, Ron Peterson for his induction into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame. Ron was inducted on Saturday, October 30th. It is special to have a hall of famer on our staff.

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

The fall sports are quickly drawing to an end. I want to thank everyone who helped this fall at our events. You guys are the best. It was fun to watch the football team win their last home game. I know how hard they have worked. Congratulations to everyone involved.

The girls' volleyball team had a huge regional win over the 14th ranked Iowa Christian Academy on Monday. Keep it going ladies.

I was very proud of our athletes this fall at all levels. They played hard and represented MSTM in a first class manner. Way to Go!

Congratulations to all of the band and chorus students on their performance on October 21st. Thank you, Mrs. Clark and Mr. Olson for all of your hard work this fall.

I want to recognize the students who sang the national anthem at the volleyball and football games. Thanks, you guys rock.

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I want to thank the Granny Basketball Team led by Carol Banks and the elementary basketball tournament committee led by Scott Holt for the financial donations given to the athletic department. With the funds, I was able to buy two new possession arrows for basketball (yes, we are going to retire the one that was made before any of us were born) and an equipment cart for morning workout equipment.

Parting Shot:

I want to thank everyone for your support concerning my recent honor. It is a humbling experience to be recognized by my peers for doing something I really loved to do. Your emails, notes, letters, cards, comments, and celebrations (the high school staff made a ton of food to help me celebrate) will be treasured. You will never know how much it all means to me.

From the Desk of Mr. Folkerts
Counselor

PSAT Tests

The PSAT / NMSQT test was administered Wednesday, October 13, 2010. Results should be returned to us in December.

PLAN Test

Sophomores can sign up and take the PLAN test Tuesday, November 10th at school. The PLAN test is a "pre-ACT" test, and is a predictor of success on the ACT. It also has some career prep information along with suggestions on how to improve academic achievement. PLAN results should be back by the end of the 1st semester.

Senior College Visits

If a student is interested in visiting a college he / she needs to come to the Guidance Office and request a college visit form. The student should bring the form home for a parent to sign. Mr. Folkerts will call and set up the visit. Make sure you bring the signed form back from the visit.

College Planning Night

We hosted College Night on October 6th, 2010, for juniors, seniors, and their parents. This night gave the students and parents a chance to look at post high school options and to visit with the College Planning Center representative about college planning.

Financial Aid Night

Financial Aid Night will be held on December 8th in the media center at 6:30. The College Planning Center will give seniors and parents information. A main topic to be presented will be the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) ---the form required to apply for any federal and/or school aid. Additionally, other scholarship sources, application time lines and resources/contacts for parents in search for more financial aid will be discussed. The best thing students can do right now

to help in the process of seeking scholarship money is to be sure all school applications and related paperwork is completed by the end of the first semester. You need to have this done before you will receive a financial aid package.

ACT Testing

Test Date: December 5, 2010

Regular Registration Deadline: October 30th, 2010

Late Registration Deadline: November 12th, 2010

From the Desk of Mrs. Sowder, 7-12 English / Yearbook Advisor

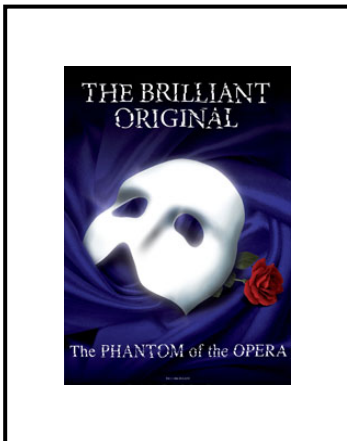
IMPORTANT YEARBOOK ANNOUNCEMENT FOR PARENTS

The senior ad deadline for the yearbook is November 4 at 7:30 p.m. Order forms may be printed from the MStM web site under "Senior Ad Reservation." Please e-mail Mrs. Sowder if you are unable to meet the deadline but are very interested in purchasing a congratulatory message for your son or daughter.

The 2011 yearbook order forms have been sent into Jostens and parents should be receiving bills soon, if your child ordered a yearbook. Payment plans are available, and final payments are not due until spring. If your child did not order a yearbook but would like one, please contact the yearbook company at www.jostens.com for ordering information.

From the Desk of Mrs. Clark, Music Dept.

Thank you to all who attended the fall concert for junior high and high school chorus! It was a "blast"! The junior high chorus learned about the American folk song "Drill, Ye Tarriers, Drill" and how the Irish-Americans built the railroad.



The high school chorus performed selections from "The Phantom of the Opera", complete with soloists in costumes, dancing, and fog!

Reflecting on musical activities in October, five high school singers participated in the Blue Star Memorial dedication at the Bevington Park on Sunday, October 3rd. Kelly Houston, Megan

Ameigh, Broc Christensen, Dallas Newman and Brittany Newman sang the National Anthem and America, the Beautiful before a crowd of local citizens who attended the dedication. Thank you, Lola Hill, for the invitation to participate!

Thank you to our high school singers for providing the National Anthem at our fall sporting events! Those singers are

Broc Christensen, Taylar Furness, Joe Harkin, Kara Kibbe, Michaela McIlravy, Brandon Robinson, and Tayler Schad.

Coming up, selected high school singers will perform with the Pride of Iowa honor choir on Tuesday, November 9 at Nodaway Valley. The concert is at 7pm.

Also, the elementary grades 2, 3, and 4 will present their fall concert on Thursday, November 18 at 7pm. Parents are encouraged to donate a dozen cookies for the reception after the concert.

In December, the junior high and high school chorus will present their winter performance along with the junior high and high school band on Thursday, December 18 at 7pm.

From the Desk of Mr. Wood, Elementary Principal

Verbal Abuse—Slurs and Name-calling

It is far easier for teachers, parents, and playground supervisors to spot physical harassment than it is for them to notice something that can be just as damaging—slurs and name-calling. In reality, the phrase "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but names will never hurt me" has little merit. Words truly can hit as hard as a fist, and unkind labels can follow children throughout their school years.

Don't allow labels in your home.

Forbidding your children to use curse words is important, but it isn't enough. You also need to make sure they're not using ethnic, racial, religious, or sexual orientation slurs. Explain that using labels like these is insensitive and prevents them from seeing the person as an individual.

Talk about the cruelty some words convey.

The phrase "That's so gay" has become a common slur among young children, although many don't understand the cruelty that is behind these words. Help children understand the pain that slurs and name-calling can cause.

Explain that being "different" isn't justification for being harassed.

Although children have always picked on peers who didn't seem to fit in, today the abuse has become bolder and, in some cases, led to deadly beatings. Other children, long-term targets of bullies, have turned to violence—or even suicide—in a form of sick revenge. It is simply not acceptable for families or schools to allow the harassment of children for any reason at all.

Talk with them about false impressions.

A girl who would rather play sports than play with dolls is not boyish or a lesbian; she's just a girl who would rather play sports. The same is true for boys who may not enjoy rough-and-tumble activities. Calling children names like "gay boy"

or “queer” just because they choose to follow their own interests is an ignorant choice and cannot be allowed.

Help them understand when words are okay, and when they’re not.

Some children may feel that it’s okay to use a slur if they’ve heard it over and over from others. Help them understand the difference between a word that is being used as a put-down and a word that is simply a description.

Use non-judgmental terms.

Saying “my uncle is gay” (if he is) is simply a statement of fact. Calling classmates “gay” or “queer” simply to be hurtful is just as unacceptable as those old ethnic and racial slurs that have long been forbidden. Pay close attention to how your children—and their friends—are behaving toward others and talk with them about how it would feel if they were the targets of name-calling.

**From the Desk of
Mrs. Webster & Mrs. Henson - Kindergarten**



On Thursday October 14th, kindergarten took a field trip to Center Grove Apple Orchard in Cambridge. The children enjoyed a day out on the farm. We played on a giant jumping pillow, found our way through the hay maze, zipped down the super slide and had fun in the corn pool. Our tour guide showed us the acres of apple trees picked by only one man, how the apples are sorted, the giant cooler where they are stored, and the different things that can be made from apples.

The kids had a fun filled day, and we are all looking forward the adventures ahead this year! Thank you volunteers for helping make this field trip a success!

**From the Desk of
Mr. Spanhut and Mrs. Burns – 5th Grade**

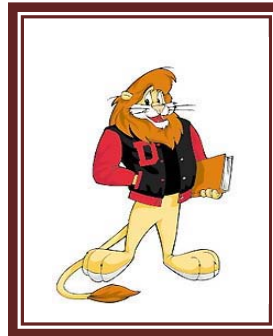
The fifth graders have had a busy start to their new school year. Their days have been filled with computer skills, outdoor exploration, learning to become good readers and

writers just to name a few! The students have been very excited about their studies at their “outdoor” classroom. Activities that connect their learning enhance their lessons. In reading they have been learning to use their schema to make connections with what they already know. It has been a great experience for them to make choices about what they like to read, while exploring a wide variety of genre.

The genre study we just concluded was Tall Tales. The students shared adventures with Pecos Bill, Paul Bunyan, Sally Ann Thunder Ann Whirlwind and Davey Crockett to name just a few. With this adventure came the adventure of writing our own tall tales. Be on the lookout for some great stories written by our fifth graders!!

The 5th graders have been exploring plants and animals. They have been discussing how animals and plants interact in an ecosystem. We have been visiting the pond by the football field to see and study our own ecosystem. It has been a great start to what is going to be a great year.

**From the Desk of
Mrs. Kuhns 6th Grade**



The 6th grade students have kicked off the 2nd quarter in the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program. 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.

6th grade students have started working on number theory in preparation for computing with fractions. They will work with the concepts of greatest common factor, least common multiple as they find equivalent fractions, simplify fractions, convert mixed numbers and improper fractions, and express them in simplest form. In class, students will be using a variety of technology from Unitedstreaming videos to PowerPoints.

The 6th grade uses the Prentice Hall textbook which has additional benefits for the students. Students can practice an online quiz or test on www.PHSchool.com by simply typing in the web code located in the textbook at random places. The back of the textbook has answers to some homework problems. If there is any additional help that you feel you need, please contact me for further resources.

5th grade students are starting a unit on data and graphing. Students will be working with the mean, median, and mode. I will encourage the students to use calculators of some of these lessons so if they need to remember it for school. Students will also analyze and create graphs using appropriate scales.

There are some great websites students can use at home to help reinforce their math skills. Some of them give you immediate results so that your child knows if he/she has gotten them right. Here are a few...

www.funbrain.com

www.aaamath.com

<http://members.learningplanet.com/act/mayhem/free.asp> - compete online with other students

www.aplusmath.com

<http://www.myschoolhouse.com/courses/O/1/40.asp>

<http://www.gamequarium.com/subtraction4.html>

Counselor's Corner
Mrs. Pribil, Elementary PK-6



Our next Character Counts pillar is RESPECT Students will learn how to show respect by treating others well and not bullying them. They will also learn that if we treat each other well, others will also treat us with respect.

Students will learn about their manners. We will discuss different ways to use our manners and which environments to use them in. Please encourage your children to practice good manners at home!

We will be having our next Character Counts assembly on Friday, November 19 at 8:20am in the small gym. Here we will be rewarding the most respectful student from each homeroom and recognizing the class that earned the most gold cards. Students in grades 4-6 who made the Gold and Blue honor roll will also be awarded for their good grades.



Nurse's News

Thursday, November 4th from 4 to 6pm at the Elementary Gym

Warren County Health Services and Martensdale St. Marys Community School District have partnered to offer **free** Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis or whooping

cough) shots to 11 to 18 year old students. Students who have not yet received their Tdap booster may be immunized during conferences:

Warren County Health Services and Martensdale St. Mary's Community School District have partnered to offer FluMist to MStM students. FluMist and flu shots will cost \$20.00 and payment can be made to: **Warren County Health Services**

Please click on the following links for more information. If you have questions please contact Alene Kirvin.

Alene Kirvin, R.N

Martensdale-St. Marys CSD

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MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2010

The Board of Directors of the Martensdale-St. Marys Community School District met in regular session, pursuant to law, on September 13, 2010.

Members Present: Scott Anderson, President; Nicole Bunch, Vice President; Dave Shutt, Wade Gibson, and Amy Harper; together with Mike Crozier, Tom Wood, Interim Superintendent Jim Verlengia and Business Manager Jill Gavin.

Members Absent: None

- I. Welcome
Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:30 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

Gavin provided a couple of changes to the August 9, 2010 minutes. Shutt motioned to approve the consent items seconded by Harper. Roll call: 5 ayes.

- III. Celebrations
Crozier, Wood and Verlengia stated that it has been a very smooth start and credited a lot of people for the success of the new school year.
- IV. Public Comments - none
- V. Old Business

A. Reports

1) Facilities Report

Verlengia has met with Jim Lynch and the high school gym is functioning but still needs to be aware of possible concerns. A meeting will be scheduled with the Facilities Committee as soon as possible. Gibson asked about the turf on the field that the rubber is piling up in the end zones and it needs to be groomed. Bunch inquired about the flags that need to be replaced. Crozier stated that the US Flag has been replaced. The MStM flag cannot be replaced because the crank on the pole is not working. Shutt asked about the signs that were on the bleachers last year at the football field to keep the kids off of them. Crozier will need to get new ones.

2) MStM Music Booster Minutes - There were no minutes from the Music Boosters. The Board wanted to thank the new band instructor for getting the band out on the football field. Crozier received many compliments about the marching band.

3) MStM Athletic Booster Minutes – Minutes were provided from the August 12th meeting. Gibson requested a correction in the minutes that the school did not help purchase the State Champion Baseball rings for the team players.

4) MStM PTO Minutes – Minutes were provided from the August 31st meeting.

B. Presentations

1) Principal's Report Tom Wood

Wood announced his goal for the school year will be to bring in teachers and students to the board meetings to show the Board what the teachers are learning during professional development and how students are responding. Wood introduced Kelly Johnson, PTO Treasurer. Kelly informed the Board that this is her 4th year in the PTO and that this year they asked for more input and involvement from the teachers. In the past, the PTO has provided funds for elementary field trips, 3 book fairs, cookie dough fundraisers, Scrapfest Day, Junior Achievement, and the Elementary Fun Run. This year they have raised enough funds to provide a document camera for each classroom. Future fundraising will be used to purchase projectors in each classroom. PTO Officers are Marti Myer, President; Sara Franey, Vice President; Kelly Johnson, Treasurer; and Andrea Miller, Secretary.

The Board thanked Kelly for her presentation.

Wood introduced Melissa Schad, 1st Grade Teacher, and Dianne Reynolds, 4th Grade Teacher. They presented to the Board literacy initiatives that included the Daily 5 – Student Driven Management Structure Designed to Fully Engage Students in Reading and Writing. Tom invited the Board Members and anyone who would like to see this in action to come visit the classrooms anytime. The Board thanked Melissa and Dianne for the presentation.

2) Principal's Report Mike Crozier

Crozier provided the participation numbers for all the Fall Activities. He announced the Leadership Team that included Angela Davidson, Steve Goodale, Josh Moser and Justin Herrick. He informed the Board that the district met all the goals for the Annual Yearly Progress Report. He stated that the 1:1 laptop initiative was the most positive thing in education for our kids. The kids are using them and the teachers are able to provide effective training with them. We have had a few broken screens but the problems are lessening.

3) Curriculum Director's Report Josh Moser

Josh Moser reviewed with the Board about the District Annual Progress Report, CSIP, the 2010-2011 Professional Development Calendar for Elementary and Secondary, and the Curriculum needs Planning Guide. He was at a recent Iowa Core Curriculum meeting with several other schools and they were very impressed with our program and requested additional information from us. We received good compliments from other 4A schools that wanted to stay connected with MStM. The Board thanked Josh for his presentation.

4) Superintendent's Report Jim Verlengia

Verlengia made the Board aware that the District received a grievance from an employee and it has gone through Level 1, 2 and 3. The employee has chosen to pass Level 4; which is going before the Board and will instead go straight to arbitration. Verlengia has been in contact with our legal consul. Verlengia will keep the Board updated.

Verlengia updated the Board on the upcoming Head Count date of October 1, 2010. We have a projection that are numbers are down again from last year. The projection also states that we have 86 open enrollment out students and 87 open enrollment in students. He encouraged the Board that we need to determine why these families are choosing to go elsewhere and what we can do to convince them to come back to our District.

VI. New Business

A. Elect Officers Jim Verlengia

The September Board meeting is considered the organizational meeting for the new school year. Verlengia requested nominations for President and Vice President for Fiscal Year 2011. Anderson nominated Nicole Bunch for President. No other nominations were received. Shutt 2nd the nomination for Nicole Bunch. Roll call: 5 ayes.

Bunch nominated Scott Anderson for Vice President. Anderson nominated Dave Shutt for Vice President. No other nominations were received. Gibson motioned to close the nominations seconded by Shutt. Roll call: 5 ayes.

Roll Call was made for Vice President: Anderson voted for Shutt. Bunch voted for Shutt. Harper voted for Anderson. Gibson voted for Shutt. Shutt voted for Shutt. Dave Shutt received 4 votes. Anderson received 1 vote. Dave Shutt will be the Vice President.

B. Administer Oath of Office to Officers
Jill Gavin

Gavin gave the Oath of Office to Nicole Bunch as President and Dave Shutt as Vice President.

C. Set Standing Committees Jim Verlengia

The following committees were set for the Fiscal Year 2011.
Employee Relations – Bunch and Shutt
Facilities – Bunch and Gibson
Transportation – Anderson and Shutt
Healthy Kids/Nutrition – Gibson and Anderson
Curriculum/Public Relations – Anderson and Harper
IASB Delegate/Legislative Network – Harper
Warren County Conference Board – Shutt
Madison County Conference Board – Bunch
Quality Support Committee – Harper and Anderson

D. Delegate Signatures on Checks for Activity and Hot Lunch
Jim Verlengia

Shutt motioned to approve Tom Wood and Jill Gavin for signatures on the Activity Fund and Mike Crozier and Jill Gavin for signatures on the Hot Lunch Fund seconded by Anderson. Roll call: 5 ayes.

E. Delegate Signatures on General Fund and School House
Jim Verlengia

Shutt motioned to approve Nicole Bunch and Jill Gavin for signatures on the General Fund and the School House Fund seconded by Anderson. Roll call: 5 ayes.

F. Appoint Member to IASB Delegate Assemble
Jim Verlengia

Gibson approved Amy Harper as the 2010 IASB Delegate seconded by Anderson. Roll call: 5 ayes.

G. Discuss/Approve School Equipment Insurance
Jim Verlengia

Verlengia and Gavin provided additional information to the Board on past expenses, future expenses, the benefits of having this insurance and things to consider for FY12. The insurance would be paid for from the Management Fund; which would free up expenses from the General Fund and the PPEL Fund. Verlengia has set up an appointment with Infomax to request a release from our maintenance agreement. Gavin provided what our current balance is in the Management Fund and that retirement funds and unemployment costs are also taken out of the fund along with paying our property insurance. Gavin explained that we may have to adjust our Management Fund when we start working on the FY12 budget. Harper motioned to table the decision in accepting the School Equipment Insurance until we hear back on the decision from Infomax seconded by Anderson. Roll call: 5 ayes.

H. Approve Special Education Supplement 2009-2010
Jim Verlengia
Anderson motioned to approve the 2009-2010 Special Education Supplement seconded by Gibson. Roll call: 5 ayes.

I. Approve Annual Progress Report 2009-2010
Jim Verlengia

Harper motioned to approve the 2009-2010 Annual Progress Report seconded by Anderson. Roll call: 5 ayes.

J. Discuss/Approve Personnel Recommendations

Jim Verlengia

Anderson motioned to approve Sue Clark, half time Music Teacher; Randy Olson, half time Music Teacher; Justin Herrick, National Honor Society; Beverly Thorpe, Associate; Janine Shutt, Associate; Special Education Transportation Associate; seconded by Shutt. Roll call: 5 ayes.

K. Discuss/Approve Education Jobs Act 2010

Jim Verlengia

Harper resolved that the Board of Directors of Martensdale St. Marys Community School District defers the Federal Education Jobs Fund Program to the Fiscal year 2012. Funds will be used to maintain current staffing levels, to fund salary increases and/or hire new staff, and other purposes consistent with the Education Jobs Bill, seconded by Shutt. Roll call: 5 ayes.

L. Discuss Cell Phone Policy Jim Verlengia

Verlengia will draft changes to the current cell phone policy to include compensation for the principals and athletic director on their personal cell phones. Changes to the policy will be brought to the October board meeting.

M. Confirm – Next Meeting Dates

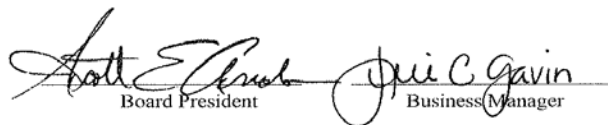
Jim Verlengia

10/06/10 – Agenda subcommittee by e-mail
10/07/10 – 5:00 p.m. Board Agenda Meeting
10/11/10 – 6:30 p.m. Board Meeting

VII. Adjournment

Harper motioned to adjourn seconded by Gibson. Roll call: 5 ayes. Time: 8:35 p.m.

APPROVED


Board President Business Manager

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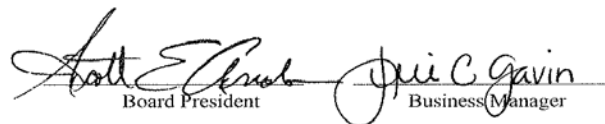
Members Absent: Nicole Bunch and Wade Gibson

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

Supt. Verlengia reviewed the agenda items for the Monday, September 13, 2010 Board Meeting.

Harper moved to adjourn, seconded by Shutt. Roll call: 3 ayes; 5:40 p.m.

APPROVED


Board President Business Manager

It is the policy of the Martensdale-St. Marys Community School District not to illegally discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, disability, religion, creed, age (for employment), marital status (for programs), sexual orientation, gender identity, and socioeconomic status (for programs) in its educational programs and its employment practices.

There is a grievance procedure for processing complaints of discrimination. If you have questions or a grievance related to this policy, please contact the district's Equity Coordinator.

MStM's Equity Coordinator is Mike Crozier, secondary principal. His address is MStM Community School, 390 Burlington, Martensdale, Iowa 50160. His phone number is 641-764-2686 and his email address is: mike_crozier@m-stmarys.k12.ia.us

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

The newsletter is available for pickup in the Superintendent's office, Jiffy station and Roadside Inn. All of which are located in Martensdale.

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

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