



MARTENSDALE- ST. MARYS COMMUNITY SCHOOL

November 1, 2011

From the Desk of Bob Newsum,

Greetings:

I'm not sure whether we've been enjoying an extended period of late summer/early fall weather or if the past three weeks qualifies as an 'Indian Summer', but it sure has been pleasant. As we wrap up this year's high school football season with playoff action, I have heard many comments related to the comfort of warm temperatures while watching football games this fall.

It's hard to believe that we're about to hold fall parent-teacher conferences. Conferences will be held on Tuesday, November 1, from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM, and Thursday, November 3, from 3:30 PM to 7:30 PM, and there will be NO SCHOOL on Friday, November 4. Classes will be dismissed at 2:15 on November 3. The fall conference format for secondary student conferences will return to the traditional one. Student-led conferences may be considered in the spring. You are an important member of your child's educational team and you can do your part in encouraging your children in their educational efforts by attending parent-teacher conferences. We have lots of important information to share with you that can help your children be successful!

Three weeks after we complete the parent-teacher conferences, we celebrate Thanksgiving on November 24 and less than a month later we'll take a several day break for the holiday vacation, beginning on Thursday, December 22. The weather forecasters are predicting that the 'La Nina' phenomenon will result in a wetter and colder winter season, so I'm enjoying the current stretch of mild temperatures while they last.

We have worked with the programmers at EDJE Technology to update the Martensdale-St. Marys Community School District web site. If you have not already done so, check out www.mstm.us and see what's been changed. All weather-related school day schedule changes, including late starts, early dismissals, and cancellations will be posted on the web site. In addition to posting school schedule changes on the district web site, we will notify the Channel 5 WOI, Channel 8 KCCI, and Channel 13 WHO television stations, as well as the Iowa Radio Network, through 1040 WHO AM. We have added a twitter link, so you can follow school activities, including school schedule changes, on your cell phone.

On July 13, 2011, we received an official notification from Ms. Patti Harding, Administrative Consultant, with the Iowa Department of Education Bureau of Nutrition, Health, and Transportation Services regarding federally mandated hot lunch price increases. According to the calculator we were required to use, the Martensdale-St. Marys Community School District is below the minimum federally mandated nutrition fee level. Unless the district increases our hot lunch food prices for elementary and secondary students by five cents per meal, we will lose the reimbursement we receive for the free and reduced-price meals we serve. **Beginning on Thursday, January 12, 2012, the first day of the second semester, the price for an elementary student lunch will be \$1.65 and the price for a secondary student lunch will be \$1.85.** We do appreciate your understanding with this mandated lunch meal increase, but the district cannot afford the potential loss of free and reduced-priced lunch federal reimbursement.

The official student enrollment certification day for all Iowa public school districts was October 15 and we certified a student enrollment for 2011-2012 that showed an increase of 20.68 students compared to student enrollment last year. A significant portion of the revenues that are provided for public school districts is based on the number of students who are enrolled. Our increased student enrollment is good news for our district and indicates that our message of 'Small community HUGE results!' is bringing results.

The tentative time for delivery of the fall quarterly newsletter to all district mailbox holders is set for the middle of November. One of the features in this newsletter is to highlight another of our high school graduates with an 'Alumnus Spotlight'. If you know of someone who graduated from Martensdale-St. Marys and has brought honor and pride to our district, community, and family through special achievement, invention, discovery, philanthropic activity, or in some other noteworthy manner, please call Bob Newsum, superintendent, at the district office (641-764-2466), on his cell telephone (641-203-8893), or via email bob_newsum@mstm.us with your nomination.

From the Desk of Mr. Crozier,
Secondary Principal

The first quarter has come to an end. It seems like time flies. Our new 7th graders are maturing and growing into the secondary life style very well. The new class of seniors has provided the school with an abundance of leadership. We have had a great start to our school year. With the support of

parents, teachers, administrators, and staff, our students can continue on this path which will lead to success.

Secondary Bus riders:

Effective immediately, we are implementing a new procedure for students who have friends ride the bus home with them at the end of the school day. A parent/guardian of the student who normally rides that bus must provide a note to the bus driver stating that they give permission for their child to bring home a friend on the bus to their house.

Computer downloads:

Students, remember that you need to get permission to download software to school issued computers. Some students have downloaded antivirus software that they do not need. Antivirus software is already installed and downloading other software will make your computer run slower. Just remember, if you think you need to download something from the Internet or install software, get permission from Mr. Wood or Mr. Crozier.

School hours:

School hours for students are 7:30am – 3:15pm. Students need to have permission from a teacher or staff member to be in the building beyond these hours. We do not have supervision beyond these hours.

From the Desk of Mr. Huegel, Athletic Director / At-Risk

We have an exciting and busy time of year! The football team has advanced to the first round of the HS football playoffs, and the volleyball team has advanced to the second round of the HS volleyball tournament. A big thank you to all who make this work (coaches, athletes, parents, game and concession workers).

Winter activities will be here soon. Game and practice calendars will be online, so be sure to refer to them. Also, keep in mind that schedules will be subject to change with the weather.

Sportsmanship Reminders

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

Upcoming Fine Arts Events

November 11 & 12: Fall Play, "Homefront", Elementary Gym, 7 pm

Twitter

I will be tweeting live from home contests/events at MSTM_BlueDevils. Of course, we want you at the game, but, this is a great way to stay informed if you cannot make it. Thanks, and let's support the Blue Devils!

With Blue Devil Pride,

Craig Huegel, A.D.

From the Desk of Mr. Folkerts, Guidance Counselor

PSAT Tests

The PSAT / NMSQT test was administered Wednesday, October 12, 2011. Results should be returned to us in December.

PLAN Test

Sophomores can sign up and take the PLAN test Wednesday, November 9th 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 5, 2011, 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 Wednesday, December 7th 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

Regular Registration Deadline: November 4, 2011
Late Registration Deadline: November 5 - 18, 2011
Test Date: December 10, 2011

From the Desk of Mrs. Schad
Drama Department

Junior high and high school students are busy preparing for this year's drama production "Homefront". It's WWII and on the Hoosier homefront, the Rev. Peter Farenkamp, played by Kyle Kisling, and his family tries to do their part, especially the oldest son, David, portrayed by Jacob Herrera, volunteers as a junior air raid warden. Soon the close-knit family lets Rita and Louise Baxter, played by Tayler Schad and Taylor Furness, live with them so the two V-Girls can work at the nearby defense plant.

A call from Louise's fiancé, leaving for active duty in Europe, sparks in David a defiant determination to join the Army on his upcoming eighteenth birthday. But Peter, who has seen war up close, tries to stop him. Father and son clash in a powerful scene as David defies his father and leaves with a recruiter.



Weeks later, after basic training, David returns home in a touching scene of reconciliation. Anna, the practical, loving mother is played by Ashlyn Manchester. Bernard, played by Reid Fredriksen, is the fun-loving brother and wannabe big band drummer.

Luana, is portrayed by Michaela McIlravy, the youngest Farenkamp, who's wild about Frank Sinatra. Other small-town characters include the elderly neighbor, Cleopha, played by Courtney Scovel. Emit and Ruthy also add spark to an already comical cast. Emit is played by John Bunch and Ruthy is played by Abby Wetzler. Friends of the V-girls, characters Sam and Patty are portrayed by Corben Ameigh and Anna Wetzler.

The production will be Friday, November 11th and Saturday, November 12th at 7 pm in the Elementary Gym. We hope to see you there.

From the Desk of Mr. Olson,
Band Department

Upcoming Dates

November 17- Elementary music concert featuring 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grades. Students need to be in the cafeteria at assigned tables by 6:45pm.

Concert begins at 7pm. Students need to bring one dozen cookies for reception after the concert. Thank you!

From the Desk of Mrs. Clark,
Vocal Music Department

Thank you to all the students that represented MStM at the Iowa High School Music Association All-State Choir auditions on Saturday, October 22, 2011.

- Seniors: Tayler Schad
Josh Butcher
Anthony Meier
- Juniors: Megan Ameigh
Taylor Furness
Courtney Scovel
- Sophomore: Thad Toole
- Freshman: Kyle Kisling

Thank you to Junior, Abby Wetzler for helping with pitches during the auditions.

D.A.R.E Essay Awards

Dakota Gibson won the MStM contest for 6th graders last year for his DARE essay that he wrote and Officer Spurr then submitted it to the State level.

Dakota received a letter from Officer Spurr and it reads:

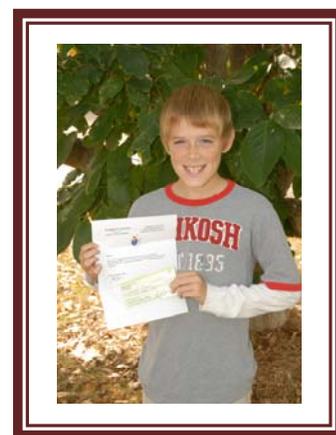
Dakota;

At the 2011 Iowa Dare Conference your essay was selected for honorable mention. Your essay was 1 of 3 selected for this award out of hundreds that were submitted in the state.

Congratulations on a job well done.

Deputy Randy Spurr

Along with this award, Dakota was also presented with a \$25 check for his essay.



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.

If children are curious about the terms “gay” and “straight,” tell them that some people are gay, or homosexual, which means that they are attracted to people of the same sex, while most other people are straight, or heterosexual, which means that they are attracted to people of the opposite sex. 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. Henson & Mrs. Webster,
Kindergarten



Kindergarten is off to a great start! We have 47 students in 2 classrooms. So far this year we have been busy meeting new friends, learning the rules of school, and working hard to follow directions.

On October 27th the kindergarten class took a field trip to the Center Grove Apple Orchard in Cambridge Iowa. We spent the day in explorative play! The kids really enjoyed the huge jumping pillow, the giant slide, playing in the corn pool, running through the hay maze, and a hay rack ride.

We were also lucky enough to take a wonderful tour through the apple orchard that showed us behind the scenes and taught us about the pollination process.

It was a beautiful day that was enjoyed by all! Thank you to the MSTM PTO for sponsoring our field trip!

**A special thanks goes to our PTO
for all they do for our school:**

PTO President - Marti Myer
PTO Vice President - Mary Ralls
PTO Treasurer - Amy DeWaard
PTO Secretary - Andrea Miller



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



The next Character Counts assembly will be held on Friday, November 18th at 8:40 in the small gym. We will be recognizing the most respectful student from each classroom and also awarding those students in grades 3rd-6th who made the gold or blue honor roll. In order to be on the gold honor roll, a student must receive all A's. The blue honor roll students are those that receive all A's and/or B's. It's always neat to see all of the students that have reached this accomplishment. We award honor roll students at the end of each quarter during the school year.

During the month of November, my guidance classes will focus on the Character Counts pillar Respect. Besides this, the lower elementary classes will do activities that deal with the importance of having positive self-esteem and its effects on school, family, and friends.

Music Boosters

Show your support for MSTM Music Program by purchasing and proudly wearing your MSTM Jacket!

Below is a picture of the logo for the jacket. The jacket is royal blue with white on the sides and bottom of the sleeve.

Sizes are:

Mens - S-3XL
Ladies - S-2XL
Youth YXXS-YL

The jacket zips down the front with 100% micro-poly shell, 65% cotton, 35% polyester jersey lining, water resistant, detachable hood, elastic cuffs and a cordlock adjustment at the hem.

\$45 for all sizes except the XXL and XXL are \$46.

Place your order by November 18, jacket will be delivered before Christmas.

Payment must be made when jacket is ordered. Make check payable to MSTM Music Boosters. Jackets will also be sold online through the website at www.mstm.us.

Name _____
Jacket size _____ Quantity _____ Jacket Size _____ Quantity _____
_____ Jacket Size _____ Quantity _____



COSTUME CARNIVAL!!

Who? Elementary Students!
What? A costume carnival & haunted house
When? November 4, 6:30 p.m.
Where? New Gym at the school
Why? A post-prom fundraiser sponsored by the junior class
We will also be selling hot dogs and lemonade.

WE'RE HAVING A COSTUME CONTEST, SO MAKE SURE YOU WEAR AN AWESOME COSTUME!!

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 15, 2011

The Board of Directors of the Martensdale-St. Marys Community School District met in regular session, pursuant to law, on Thursday, September 15, 2011.

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

Members Absent: Nicole Bunch, President

The Vice President called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Supt. Newsum reviewed the agenda items for the September 19, 2011 Board Meeting.

Harper moved to adjourn, seconded by Anderson. Roll call: 4 ayes. Time: 5:39 p.m.

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 19, 2011

The Board of Directors of the Martensdale-St. Marys Community School District met in regular session, pursuant to law, on September 19, 2011.

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

Members Absent: None

I. Welcome Board President

Bunch called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. and welcomed all guests.

II. Consent Items

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

Bunch requested to remove the name of the family that is requesting open enrollment in the August 8, 2011 minutes.

Harper had questions about the budget numbers for the Schoolhouse Fund and asked if the Special Education expenses will decrease for the new school year. Gavin reviewed the Schoolhouse budget numbers and informed the Board that there were several seniors who graduated which could reduce the Special Education expenses for the district. Harper motioned to approve the consent items with the changes to the August 8, 2011 minutes, seconded by Anderson. Roll call: 5 ayes.

III. Celebrations

Mr. Wood thanked the PTO for a successful Fun Run on September 2, 2011. The Fun Run was cancelled this past spring and they moved it to this fall hoping for better weather. The event is very well planned. It was held at the Athletic Complex where the older students ran on the bike trail and the younger students ran around the track. It was a great day!

Mr. Crozier provided the baseball and softball All-Conference and All-District and All-State Winners. Congratulations to both teams for a successful season!!

IV. Public Comments – None

V. Old Business

A. Reports Supt. Newsum

- 1) MStM Music Booster Minutes - no meeting minutes were provided.
- 2) MStM Athletic Booster Minutes – minutes from the August 9, 2011 were provided.
- 3) MStM PTO Minutes – minutes from the August 30, 2011 were provided.

B. Presentations

- 1) Principal's Report Tom Wood

Mr. Wood provided the Special Education Service Delivery Plan for the 2011-2012 school year. He then updated the Board on the Daily 5 Reading Strategies that the Elementary students have been using. The students are already showing huge improvements in the independent reading, especially in the lower grades. Mr. Wood invited the Board members to come visit the classrooms to see how these reading strategies work.

2) Principal's Report Mike Crozier

Mr. Crozier provided the numbers for the Fall activities. He announced the Leadership Team for 2011-2012 that include Mrs. Davidson, Mr. Goodale, Mr. Moser, Mrs. Butcher and Mrs. Roff. He gave an update on the 1:1 laptop initiative. The laptop issues are being worked out. He shared an idea with the Board about allowing students that have their own personal laptops to bring them to school. We would not charge them the laptop fee, they would be responsible for their own laptop and it would free up a laptop for another student. Bunch's concerns were software licenses that the district uses and would they be able to connect. This idea and others will be discussed further in upcoming Technology Committee meetings. Mr. Crozier informed the Board of his Secondary Principal Communication Plan where he will be meeting with the Student Council monthly and meeting with the Parent Advisory Group four times during the school year.

3) Curriculum Director's Report Josh Moser

Mr. Moser provided to the Board the results of the technology survey by the staff. He will be organizing a Technology Advisory Panel to provide guidance and vision regarding our future in technology. He reviewed the Curriculum Alignment processes. He gave an update on the E2020 training which has 29 students taking at least one course. This program has been a very effective tool and is leaps and bounds above the previous software that was used last year. Mr. Moser informed the Board that the APR and CSIP applications has been submitted. The APR is listed under New Business for tonight's board meeting for the Board to approve.

4) Superintendent's Report Supt. Newsum

Mr. Newsum's report included his comments and recommendations for the New Business items.

VI. New Business

A. 2nd Reading of Policy Series 200 Supt. Newsum

Anderson approved the second reading of Policy Series 200 seconded by Gibson. Roll Call: 5 Ayes.

B. Adjourn Old Board Supt. Newsum

Anderson motioned to adjourn the old board seconded by Shutt. Roll Call: 5 Ayes.

Mr. Newsum thanked Scott Anderson and presented him with a plaque for his years of service and a lifetime pass to athletic events.

C. Call New Board to Order Supt. Newsum

Shutt motioned to call the new board to order seconded by Gibson. Roll Call: 5 Ayes

D. Review Canvass of Election Supt. Newsum

Mr. Newsum reviewed the canvass from the School Board Election held on September 13, 2011. Dean Furness ran for Director District #3 with a total of 17 votes. Nicole Bunch ran for Director District #5 with a total of 12 votes.

E. Administer Oath of Office to New Members Supt. Newsum

Gavin presented the Oath of Office to Furness and Bunch as new Martensdale St. Marys School Board Members.

F. Elect Officers Supt. Newsum

Gibson nominated Nicole Bunch for President seconded by Shutt. Roll Call: 5 Ayes.

Gibson nominated Dave Shutt for Vice President seconded by Bunch. Roll Call: 5 Ayes.

G. Administer Oath of Office to Officers Supt. Newsum

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

H. Set Standing Committees Supt. Newsum

- I. Employee Relations - Nicole Bunch and Dave Shutt
Audit - Nicole Bunch
Facilities - Wade Gibson and Dean Furness
Transportation - Dave Shutt
Healthy Kids/Nutrition - Wade Gibson and Amy Harper
Curriculum/Public Relations - Amy Harper and Dean Furness
IASB Delegate - Dean Furness
Warren County Conference Board - Dave Shutt
Madison County Conference Board - Nicole Bunch
Quality Support - Amy Harper and Wade Gibson
Technology - Nicole Bunch and Dean Furness

J. Consider Work Session to Develop 5-Year Goals and Plans of Action Supt. Newsum

The Board will meet on October 24, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. to conduct a work session to develop and update their 5-year goals and plan of actions.

K. Appoint Member to IASB Delegate Assembly Supt. Newsum

Dean Furness was appointed to the IASB Delegate Assembly that will be meeting at the Iowa Association of School Boards 2011 Delegate Assembly on November 16, 2011.

L. Approve Special Education Supplement 2010-2011 Supt. Newsum

Shutt motioned to approve the Special Education Supplement of 2010-2011, seconded by Gibson. Roll Call: 5 Ayes.

M. Discuss/Approve Director District Boundary Project Supt. Newsum

Mr. Newsum updated the Board that every ten years when the census is performed that the school districts are required to conduct an audit of the number of eligible voters in each of the director districts to ensure that the eligible voter population is reasonably equal. There are three methods for auditing the eligible voter population for each director district. The district can conduct the audit with no outside assistance; the district can hire a private agency to complete the audit; or the district can utilize the services of the area education agency to assist with the audit. Mr. Newsum recommended to the Board to use the services that the AEA will provide in auditing the eligible voter population for our five director districts. Shutt motioned to approve utilizing the AEA to assist in the auditing of eligible voter population for our five director districts seconded by Gibson. Roll Call: 5 Ayes.

N. Review Approve Health Kids Guidelines Supt. Newsum

Gibson motioned to approve the Healthy Kids Guidelines provided by the Department of Education seconded by Furness. Roll Call: 5 Ayes.

O. Discuss Required Food Service Price Increases Effective January 1, 2012 Supt. Newsum

The Martensdale St. Marys School District has been notified by the Iowa Department of Education Nutrition, Health and Transportation Services in regards to federally mandated hot

lunch prices increases. After using the required tool to calculate our hot lunch prices, the district is below the minimum federal mandated nutrition fee level. If the district does not come up to code, we will lose all federal funding for free and reduced –priced meals claims recovery. The district currently has 107 students who qualified for free lunches and 16 students who qualify for reduced lunches. Elementary hot lunch will be \$1.65 and high school hot lunches will be \$1.85 effective January 12, 2012. Shutt motioned to approve the \$0.05 increase to elementary and high school hot lunches as required by the USDA Food and Nutrition Services and the Iowa Department of Education seconded by Gibson. Roll Call: 5 Ayes.

- P. Approve Timberline Medicaid Contract for 2011-2012 Supt. Newsum

Gibson motioned to approve the Timberline Medicaid Contract for 2011-2012 seconded by Harper. Roll Call: 5 Ayes.

- Q. 1st Reading Policy 702.10 Local and State Transportation Regulations Supt. Newsum

It has requested by one of our private contractors to revisit the requirement for requiring that buses are replaced after fifteen years of service, regardless of dependability and condition. The Board discussed the safety of having older buses on the road. The Board is comfortable in allowing the private contractor an extra year if necessary but not remove the verbiage from the policy. The second reading of the policy will be made at the October board meeting.

- R. Approve Personnel Recommendations Supt. Newsum

Mr. Newsum recommended approving the following personnel recommendations.

Melissa Wilson – Special Education Associate
Rose George – Special Education Transportation Associate

Gibson motioned to approve Melissa Wilson as a Special Education Associate and Rose George as Special Education Transportation Associate seconded by Shutt. Roll Call: 5 Ayes.

- S. Approve 28E Agreement with Indianola Supt. Newsum

Harper motioned to approve the 28E Agreement with Indianola for a class that is not provided at MSTM seconded by Shutt. Roll Call: 5 Ayes.

- T. Approve Annual Progress Report for 2010-2011 Supt. Newsum

Harper motioned to approve the Annual Progress Report for 2010-2011 seconded by Gibson. Roll Call: 5 Ayes.

- U. Confirm – Next Meeting Dates Supt. Newsum

The agenda meeting for October 6 has been cancelled due to not meeting a quorum. The board packets will be sent home or delivered by Gavin. The Board members will be serving food at the Tailgating Party during Homecoming on Thursday, September 22, 2011.

10/5/11 – Agenda subcommittee by e-mail
10/6/11 – No Agenda Meeting
10/10/10 – 6:30 p.m. Board Meeting

- VII. Adjournment
Furness motioned to adjourn the meeting seconded by Harper. Roll Call: 5 Ayes. Time 7:50 p.m.

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

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

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

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The newsletter is available for pickup in the Superintendent's office and the Jiffy station, both are located in Martensdale.

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

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