



# MARTENSDALE- ST. MARYS COMMUNITY SCHOOL

## March 1, 2013

### From the Desk of Bob Newsum, Superintendent

It is now officially time to Think Spring:

As of the day my article for the March district newsletter was written, we have missed five days of school due to inclement weather. The last day of classes for seniors is Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, with graduation set for Sunday afternoon, May 19<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 2:00 p.m. The last day for all other students will be Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. In the event we miss one more day of school, we will make it up on Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Now that the winter sport season has been completed, it is time to recognize our varsity athletes who were named to various conference and district teams. Congratulations to Dylan Gibson, junior 120 pound wrestler, who finished as district champion and competed at the state wrestling tournament. Also receiving recognition were Nicole Shutt, sophomore, who was named to the Pride of Iowa first team varsity girls' basketball team and Kylah Schumacher, sophomore, who was named to the POI second team. Varsity boys' basketball players named to POI all-conference teams will be recognized in next month's newsletter.

Spring parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, with no school on Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, and Spring Break scheduled for Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, through Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. From an education standpoint, this is a critical time in the school year. The good news is that the 'winter doldrums' are nearly over and will be replaced by warmer temperatures and extended sunlight. The bad news is that the warmer weather and longer days signal the start of spring activities. At this time, it is easy for students to lose focus on what is important. **I would encourage you to take the time to attend parent-teacher conferences.** There is still about one-third of the 2012-2013 school year remaining. At this point in his/her life, school is your child's 'job' and it is important to put forth his/her best efforts in the classroom.

At the February 11<sup>th</sup> regular school board meeting, your board approved the school calendar for 2013-2014. You can find the 2013-2014 school calendar link on the Martensdale-St. Marys district web site. Next year's school calendar includes registration dates on Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, and Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>; a school year start date for students on Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>; fall parent-teacher conferences on

Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, and Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>; a twelve-day holiday vacation beginning with a two-hour early dismissal on Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, through Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014; spring parent-teacher conferences on Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, with a ten-day spring break beginning on March 14<sup>th</sup>; graduation for seniors on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>; and the end of the school year for all other students on the Thursday before Memorial Day, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### From the Desk of Tom Wood, Elementary Principal

#### **Managing Your Child's Health Issues at School**

When your child has a health issue, it is absolutely essential that you and the school work together as a team. Here are some of the essentials you need to know to make that work on behalf of your child:

#### **Develop your own school management plan.**

Each medical issue carries with it its own set of "management" needs. For example, if your child has diabetes, you will need to outline your child's insulin schedule, eating plan, target range, and testing times, as well as how to recognize and treat blood sugar crises. The same type of detailed information—what personnel need to look for, what should be done, what follow-up is needed—should be completed for every health issue, from epilepsy to asthma.

#### **Know who to tell.**

Clearly, the school nurse and classroom teacher need to be aware of your child's specific medical needs. Depending on your child's condition, other staff, including cafeteria workers, coaches, and playground supervisors, may also need to be kept in the loop so they can properly respond to a situation or help prevent one from occurring.

#### **Keep up-to-date.**

Make sure that the medical information on file at your child's school is up-to-date. Ensure that all medical supplies needed are on-hand, both for routine monitoring (e.g., for diabetes) or emergency care (e.g., inhalers or Epi-pens). And work with the school nurse to make sure you are kept informed, well in advance, if any supplies need restocking.

#### **Create an IEP or a 504 Plan.**

The same planning used for accommodating children with disabilities can be applied to children with medical issues. Work with the school to create a written plan, detailing the

school's role in your child's care, noting any special accommodations the school may need to make. Get academic support: Make sure that teachers understand that your child may occasionally need to miss class because of his or her condition. Discuss how your child will make up for missed work.

#### **How to deal with curious classmates.**

Children are curious about anything that's out of the ordinary—and, when your child has a health issue, it is very likely that classmates will sense it. Role-play with your child to help him or her anticipate the types of questions others might ask and how best to answer them.

#### **It's not contagious.**

Once children know that your child didn't "catch" his or her condition, that it's under control, and that there's no way it can be passed on to other children, the topic usually loses its interest, allowing your child to blend back in with classmates.

#### **Turn to the experts.**

Virtually every childhood condition or disease has an excellent advocacy organization, such as the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation or Epilepsy Foundation, which offers educational materials targeted to school-age children. If you feel it would be helpful to provide classmates with additional information, contact the organization and request materials to share with the class.

#### **Be available.**

Be sure that the school nurse and teacher have your cell phone, home phone, or other contact information available, as well as the numbers of others who are qualified to act on your behalf in the case of an emergency.

#### **Don't panic.**

It can be difficult to know that your child is in school all day—away from you and others who may monitor his or her condition closely. Understand that many, many children are dealing with the same issues, and that learning to deal with their diseases independently (with the oversight of school nurses and others) is important to helping them grow up healthy and strong.

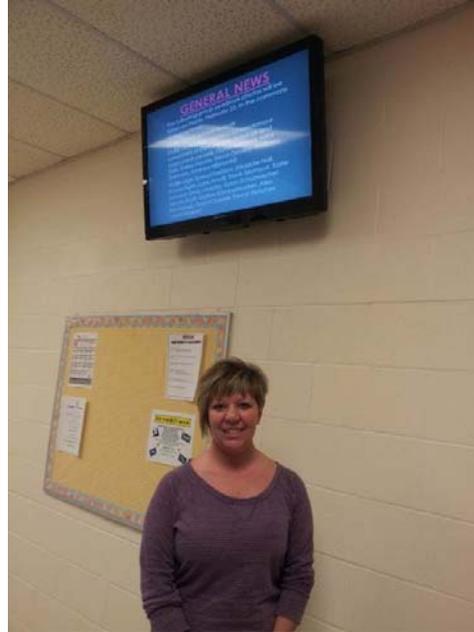
***From the Desk of Mike Crozier,**  
**Secondary School Principal***

#### **Principal's Message**

Let me start out this month by congratulating Dylan Gibson on an outstanding wrestling season and on his trip to the Iowa State Individual Wrestling Tournament. Congratulations to Coach Sweet and Coach Lee for all of their hard work and dedication to these young men.

Congratulations to Coach Franey and Coach Baker and their assistant coaches and teams for a successful basketball season. It was a pleasure to watch the basketball teams compete this year. Success is not only about winning but also about developing great individuals and we have plenty of great student athletes on these teams.

A big thank you goes out to Veronica Knickerbocker and her employer, Wellmark, for their donation for her community service work this year. Veronica has raised \$5,000.00 for the school. This money has been allocated in the following way; \$500.00 for Industrial Arts, \$500.00 for the Family and Consumer Science Department, \$500.00 to the class of 2015, \$500.00 for Pink Out Night and \$3,000 for flat screen



monitors. The monitors are placed outside the high school office, in the commons, and in the lunch room. We will run daily announcements, pictures of school events, and will be able to use them for various other events. Again, thank you, Veronica, for your continued support.

We are 2/3rds through the 3<sup>rd</sup>

quarter at this time. If your student is struggling with their grades, get them into the study sessions before and after school to get help with their school work. It is not too late to bring their grades up for the quarter. There is a profound importance of a solid relationship between the home and the school. Parents are the first teachers for their children and it is from them that a child learns most, about the importance of education. For that reason, a strong partnership between the home and school is imperative for each child to be academically successful.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on March 11<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-8:00 p.m. and March 14<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-7:30 p.m. We will use our traditional format for these conferences. No appointments are needed. Please take the time to visit all of your children's teachers.

#### **Upcoming events:**

- ✓ March 11<sup>th</sup> – Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00-8:00 pm
- ✓ March 14<sup>th</sup> – 2:15 Dismissal
- ✓ March 14<sup>th</sup> – Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30-7:30 pm
- ✓ March 15<sup>th</sup> - No school – comp day
- ✓ March 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> – Spring Break – No School



**From the Desk of Mr. Craig Huegel,**  
**Activities Director**

Our winter seasons have ended well, and the winter weather shows up with a vengeance! The school and community have a lot to be proud of! Our student-athletes performed well. The girl's basketball team continued to improve as the season went on, and hosted Pleasantville and Earlham in the postseason, losing a close game to the eventual state qualifying Cardinals.

The boy's basketball team finished their season with a road win at Lenox, and a close loss at Murray by 2 points. Although disappointing to lose, the Blue Devils played a game to be proud of.

Congratulations are in order for Dylan Gibson, for qualifying for the 1A state wrestling tournament at 120 lbs. He wrestled well, and a large number of students went along to cheer him on at the Well!

Spring sports are beginning practices at MSTM. HS girls and boys track are started, and JH track will be starting after spring break. We are happy to announce that golf for HS girls and boys has returned. Manda Gibson will be our coach, and practices begin March 11<sup>th</sup>. Check our school calendar for home matches!

A major point of emphasis this year in athletics has been concussion recognition and treatment. It is important to know that concussions and any kind of head injury can happen at any time, and in any sport, not just football. If you suspect your son/daughter may have suffered a concussion, please inform your coach. We have an athletic trainer who can help us diagnose and treat these kinds of injuries. Also, below are some resources:

- [http://www.iahsaa.org/Sports\\_Medicine\\_Wellness/Concussions/concussions.html](http://www.iahsaa.org/Sports_Medicine_Wellness/Concussions/concussions.html)
- <http://www.nfhslearn.com/electiveDetail.aspx?courseID=15000>

**Sportsmanship Reminders**

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

**Upcoming Fine Arts Events...**

3/2/2013		SCIBA Solo/Ensemble Festival Grades 6,7,8	Norwalk
3/5/2013	7p.m.	Elementary concert Grades PK, K, 1	MSTM HS Gym
3/11/2013		POI Band	
4/4/2013		ICDA 5/6 Honor Choir	Grinnell High School
4/8/2013	6-8 p.m.	HS Pre Solo/Ensemble Festival Recital	
4/13/2013		IHSMA Solo/Ensemble Festival	
4/26/2013	7p.m.	HS Concert	MSTM HS Gym
5/3/2013		IHSMA Band/Chorus Large Group Festival	
5/7/2013	7p.m.	JH Concert	MSTM HS Gym
5/24/2013		Adventureland Trip	

**Track HELP!**

Track season is here, even if the weather is not. Right now, we are hosting four meets. MSTM is known for running a quality, efficient track meet. That is because of you! If you are interested in helping, please contact me. Below are the meet dates and the help we need:

**Timers:** Time each race with a stop watch (watches are furnished). Each timer times one runner. 8 people needed.

**Pickers:** Each timer is assigned a picker whose job is to keep track of which runner was timed. 8 people needed.

**Field Event Judges:** Measure and record each throw or jump. Four people per event. (High jump, long jump, Discus, and Shot Put) 16 people needed

**Inspectors/Curve Judges:** Check to see that runners do not violate lane or exchange zone regulations. 4 people needed

**Concession Stand:** We need volunteers for all home meets. Each of the above jobs as well as several not listed can use assistants and relief help. As you can see, many workers are required to put on a track meet. Please contact me if interested, phone (641-764-2385) or email at [craig\\_huegel@mstm.us](mailto:craig_huegel@mstm.us)

I would like to volunteer to help with the track meets  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_

**High School Meets I would like to help with:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ MSTM Boys Invitational, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m.
- \_\_\_\_\_ MSTM Girls Invitational, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m.

**Junior High Meets I would like to help with:**

\_\_\_\_\_ MSTM Junior High Track Meet, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 4:15 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ MSTM JH Invitational, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4:15 p.m.

If you have a preference of jobs, please list them:

1<sup>st</sup> Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>rd</sup> Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Concession Stand: \_\_\_\_\_

With Blue Devil Pride,  
Craig Huegel, A.D.  
Twitter: @MSTM\_BlueDevils



**From the Desk of Mrs. Clark,**  
**Vocal Music**

Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, is the Junior High Honor Choir at Dallas Center-Grimes high school, with the performance at 7:00 p.m.

During March, the 5/6 grade Honor Choir will be finishing preparations for their Honor Choir performance on Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at Grinnell high school.

Looking forward to April when our youngest students will present their spring concert on Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> in the high school gym at 7:00 p.m. Students need to meet their classroom teachers in the cafeteria no later than 6:50 p.m. After the concert, students will be dismissed from the risers to their parents. Please bring a dozen cookies or bars for the Music Booster reception after the concert.

Students have been working on keeping a steady beat, memorizing words and movements. They are looking forward to sharing what they have learned in music class!

High school students are preparing their solo/small ensemble selections for the Iowa High School Music Association festival in Murry on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to seniors Cody Olson, Courtney Scovel, and Tylar Furness for their outstanding performance yesterday as they participated in the Central College Honor Choir, SingFest! They were among the best talent across Iowa that participated in the 250 member honor choir, as they sang



under the direction of Mr. Mark Babcock, the director of choral activities at Central College. Thank you for representing Martinsdale-St. Marys in the honor choir!

**From the Desk of Mr. Folkerts,**  
**Secondary Guidance**

Greetings! I have just a bit of information I would like to relay to everyone. The final two ACT test dates are rapidly approaching...April 13<sup>th</sup> and June 8<sup>th</sup> are the last two times students can take the test during 2012/2013 school year. See Mr. Folkerts ASAP for more information.

Reminder... The experts encourage everyone to apply for financial aid even if you don't think you will qualify. They also encourage families to apply as early as possible! If you have any questions about this application, or for more information on eligibility requirements you can call 1-800-4FED-Aid, look on the Internet at [www.ed.gov/studentaid](http://www.ed.gov/studentaid) or contact Mr. Folkerts.

Additional new scholarships have been mailed to my office over the past few weeks. We post them on our web site AND put them in the scholarship book located in my office. Please encourage your son or daughter to review the web site frequently or stop by my office and check out those potential opportunities!

A quick reminder to all seniors, I will give out information regarding all **local scholarships** that only our students at MSTM can win, the week of March 11<sup>th</sup>. All local scholarships are due in my office Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 3:00...no exceptions!!

Here are a few more ideas all junior and seniors should be working on....

**March Senior Reminders 2013**

- If you have not yet submitted your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), you should complete it as soon as possible.
- Keep copies of your completed federal tax returns handy. Be prepared to mail them to your college(s) if requested to do so. Promptly respond to any document requests made by your college.

- Expect your Student Aid Reports (SAR) within 2 – 4 weeks from the time you filed your FAFSA.
- Make sure your first semester transcripts have been sent to the college(s) to which you have applied.

### **Junior Reminders 2013**

- Try to take the ACT either in April or June
- Investigate careers. Link to information about various careers on the web site [www.ICANsucceed.org](http://www.ICANsucceed.org). or [www.ihaveaplaniowa.gov](http://www.ihaveaplaniowa.gov)
- Make sure your senior year includes required credits to meet the college entrance requirements. Consider taking honors or college level classes while still in high school.
- Put together a resume listing of your activities, volunteer experiences, academic achievements and employment.

Have a great March!

**From the Desk of Mr. Hatcher, Mr. McAlexander,  
and Mrs. Holloway,  
Secondary Special Education**

The 2012-2013 School year has been productive in the Special Education Department. February was busy with standardized testing and a good time was had by all. Students are being encouraged to use the study table services offered before and after school with Mrs. Hager, Mrs. Shutt, Mrs. Roff, or Ms. Kirvin to receive tutoring and a quiet place to study. Everyone is looking forward to spring, especially the seniors who are becoming more difficult to live with.

**From the Desk of Mrs. Sowder,  
Talented and Gifted/Yearbook**

\$150 Gold Package

DLH GraFX  
Gib's A&W  
Reynold's Feed Service  
R&R Contracting  
Fareway Stores of Indianola & Norwalk  
City State Bank of Martensdale, Indianola, and Norwalk  
Bussanmus Towing & Repair  
Walmart of Indianola  
Blanchard Family Dentistry  
Wiegert Disposal, Inc. Septic Service & Kybo Rentals  
Miller Auto Body & Paint

### **VISUAL ART DEPARTMENT**

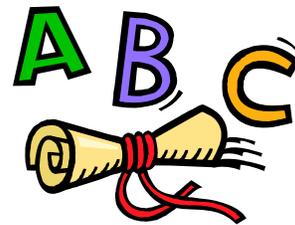
**MSTM Elementary Spring Art Show** will be held on Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-8:00 p.m. in the commons in conjunction with Parent-Teacher Conferences. Students have created self-portraits with each grade level creating a different type of portrait. Come and see the beautiful artwork students have created.

The artwork students have been creating in art class can also be viewed on Artsonia.com. There are 1500 pieces of art that have been uploaded to this on-line web gallery so far this year! Plan to check out the student work, share with family members and leave nice comments for your child. Thank you to all of you who have participated.

**From the Desk of Ms. Brinkman,  
Elementary Guidance Counselor**

We are just finishing up Study Skills units in Guidance classes for grades Kindergarten-6<sup>th</sup> Grade. Student's learned different study techniques and test taking skills in order to help them become more successful students at Martensdale-St Marys! Next, we are going to start our Career Development units. The lower elementary grades will be learning about Occupational awareness and in the upper elementary grades, students will learn about different industries of work and what skill areas they excel in.

We also finished up a very successful Pennies for Patients fundraiser in February. Our goal as a school was to raise \$600 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society but our school exceeded our goal and we were able to raise \$2142.44!!!! Thank you to everyone who worked hard to gather donations and put their pennies towards a good cause!



### **Kindergarten Round Up –**

There will be a parent meeting for all incoming kindergarten students of the 2013-2014 school year on April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the HS media center. If you will have a child in kindergarten next year, please plan to attend.

Kindergarten round up will be held on April 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in the kindergarten classrooms for those students who will be 5 by September 15, 2013 and plan to attend kindergarten.

If you have, or know of a child that will be 5 by the Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> cut off, please contact the elementary office at [641-764-2621](tel:641-764-2621) so that we can get their name and address on our mailing list.

From the Desk of Mrs. Pelzer and Mrs. Reynolds,  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade

This year in math we are learning from a new math series called Everyday Mathematics. This math series helps the students to use a problem solving approach based on everyday situations, revisits concepts regularly, the kids get to practice their basic skills through fun math games, and much more! The kids have done a great job at adapting to a new series, picking up on newer, harder concepts than what they've had in previous years. We will continue to have our ups and downs, but we believe through this new way of thinking our kids will be much more prepared for the real world in regards to their math skills.

In our reading classes we are busy working on our reading strategies during our DAILY 5 rounds, whole class books, and also from our textbooks. We talk daily about what it takes to be a good reader, and how reading makes us smarter!

As a grade level, we are finishing up our animal unit in Science. After finishing the unit the kids will be able to pick their own animal, find research, and present on it using a PowerPoint.

Social Studies finds us learning and enjoying the projects about the Southeast states. We will be learning the Midwest states in the near future. We will continue doing projects over these states as well. We will end our year by studying the West region, and then we finish with the big 50 states test! That's always a big accomplishment and they are very proud of what they learn by the end of fourth grade.

In May, the 4<sup>th</sup> grade is planning on a fun field trip to Principle Park and Gray's Lake. It will be filled with lots of exercising, and watching our home team play some ball!

We would like to thank all parents for the support and efforts you've put into helping your child have a successful 4<sup>th</sup> grade year. We've enjoyed your children!

**Post Prom Fundraiser**

Attention all scrappers – your MSTM ScrapFest will be held Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. in the Martensdale-St. Marys High School gym. Please Register by March 2<sup>nd</sup> to ensure a spot. We will have fun raffle and door prizes. A free will offering lunch and dinner will be provided. Please contact Lisa Trom with any questions at [marktrom@netzero.net](mailto:marktrom@netzero.net) or call 515-306-0960. Please see attached registration. Registration form can also be found on the school's website, [www.mstm.us](http://www.mstm.us).

**MINUTES OF JANUARY 8, 2013**  
**BOARD MEETING**

The Board of Directors of the Martensdale-St. Marys Community School District met in special session by conference call, pursuant to law, on January 8, 2013.

Members Present: President, Nicole Bunch; Vice President, Dave Shutt, Wade Gibson, Amy Harper and Dean Furness; together with Business Manager Jill Gavin.

I. Welcome Board President

Mrs. Bunch called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

II. Public Comments - none

III. New Business

A. Approve Personnel Resignation

Mrs. Harper motioned to approve the resignation of Sara Kuhns for the 2012-2013 school year, seconded by Mr. Shutt. Roll call: 5 ayes.

VII. Adjournment

Mr. Furness motioned to adjourn the meeting seconded by Mrs. Harper. Roll call: 5 ayes. Time: 4:07 p.m.

APPROVED

  
Board President

  
Business Manager

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING,**  
**January 14, 2013**

The Board of Directors of the Martensdale-St. Marys Community School District met in regular session, pursuant to law, on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Members Present: Vice President, Dave Shutt, Amy Harper and Dean Furness; together with Business Manager Jill Gavin.

Members Absent: President, Nicole Bunch, Wade Gibson and Superintendent Bob Newsum.

I. Welcome – Board President

Vice President David Shutt called the meeting to order. Time: 4:00 p.m.

- 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

Mr. Furness motioned to approve all consent items, seconded by Mrs. Harper. Roll call: 3 ayes.

- III. Celebrations
 

Mr. Crozier announced that we are half way through the year and we had a good start to the second semester.

- IV. Public Comments - none

- V. Old Business

- A. Reports Supt. Newsum

- 1) MSTM Music Booster Minutes - December 10, 2012 minutes.
- 2) MSTM Athletic Booster Minutes - none
- 3) MSTM PTO Minutes - none
- 4) Facilities Committee Report – items were discussed during New Business.

- B. Presentations

- 1) Principal's Report Mr. Wood

Mr. Wood discussed the upcoming Elementary Math Night for January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. A letter was sent home to the parents and around 40-50 parents have RSVP'd. Mr. Wood informed the Board about the special education audit that was done on January 9<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Wood informed the Board that our crisis plan has been updated within the past two years. The District is now locking all doors of the building during school hours except for the Superintendent's office door. After hours will remain the same. Further discussion was made regarding how open the hallways are during evening events. The administration will look at other ways to monitor hallways.

Mr. Wood provided an update on staffing. He will be interviewing a special education teacher on January 16<sup>th</sup>. He had eight candidates. The pool was narrowed down to two and as of today one of the two candidates accepted another position. If a decision is made on the current candidate

Mr. Wood will contact the Board for a special board meeting so the individual can start immediately. Mr. Wood informed the Board that there will be a long-term substitute for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade classroom.

- 2) Principal's Report Mr. Crozier

Mr. Crozier informed the Board that Iowa Assessments will be held for the secondary January 28<sup>th</sup>-February 1<sup>st</sup>. NAEP testing will be held on January 30<sup>th</sup> for 8<sup>th</sup> graders in Math and Reading. Mr. Folkerts, Mr. Lee, Mrs. Davidson and Mr. Crozier along with 21 students will be taking a field trip to the DMACC Career Academy at the Ames Huntzinger Center on January 18<sup>th</sup>. The JH/HS Band and Chorus Concert was held on January 7<sup>th</sup>. The students did a very nice job. Mr. Folkerts, Ms. Brinkman and Mr. Crozier attended the Mean Girls Conference on January 11<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Crozier announced the December Students of the Month.

- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade – Josie Coates
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Matt Holt
- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade – Reid Frederiksen
- 10<sup>th</sup> Grade – Jordan Bown
- 11<sup>th</sup> Grade – Riley Dunn
- 12<sup>th</sup> Grade – Cassidy Phillips

- 3) Curriculum Director's Report Mr. Moser

Mr. Moser announced that the upcoming Professional Development days will be January 16<sup>th</sup> and January 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Elementary staff will be planning for the Math Night and the Secondary staff will be evaluating second semester activities. A trainer for Everyday Math will be here for the January 23<sup>rd</sup> PD day. Mr. Moser is working on the new Common Core Science Standards that are expected to be included with the rest of the Common Core Standards soon. Mr. Folkerts, Mr Crozier and Mr. Moser have been working on JH/HS class schedules and hope to have them done by Spring Break. Mr. Moser will be meeting with staff members to determine different content areas and the purchase cycle of text books. He will be looking at site license options instead of text books. Mr. Moser will continue to update the Board on this subject.

- 4) Superintendent's Report Supt. Newsum

Mr. Newsum was not in attendance and Mr. Wood filled in for him.

VI. New Business

A. Receive Initial Negotiation Proposal from MSTM Education Association Supt. Newsum

Mr. Wood introduced Mrs. Jodi Noga, a member of the MSTM Education Association. Mrs. Noga presented to the Board their first proposal for the 2013-2014 school year. The total package increase equaled \$168,128. The total percentage of increase to salaries equaled 6.43%. Mrs. Noga reviewed the requested contract language items for the Master Contract. The Board thanked Mrs. Noga for attending.

B. Approve Contract for Superintendent/Elementary Principal for 2013-2014 Supt. Newsum

Mr. Furness motioned to approve the amended contract for Tom Wood as Superintendent/Elementary Principal for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year and approved the Superintendent/Elementary Principal contract for Tom Wood for the 2013-2014 school year, seconded by Mrs. Harper. Roll call: 3 ayes.

C. Approve Sequestration Resolution Supt. Newsum

Mrs. Harper motioned to approve the IASB Board Resolution Regarding Sequestration, seconded by Mr. Furness. Roll call: 3 ayes.

D. Consider/Approve Recommendations from Facilities Committee Supt. Newsum

The Facilities Committee that included Mr. Wade Gibson, Mr. Dean Furness, Mr. Newsum, Mr. Lynch and Mrs. Gavin met on January 7th to review the facilities and grounds projects for the current and upcoming fiscal school years. Mr. Furness presented to the board the need to update the exhaust capabilities and the electric in the 1958 gym. This project could be funded with FY14 PPEL funds. Mr. Furness also discussed the quote that was provided by Musco Lighting to replace the field lights at the baseball field in St. Marys. This project could be funded with FY14 PPEL and/or Capital Projects funds. Furness presented to the Board the additional items added to the facilities plan for the softball field. Items discussed were updating the visitor's dugout, irrigation in the outfield and artificial turf. Concerns from the Board included, do we have adequate funding to move forward on the recommended projects in the 1958 gym and the baseball lights in

fiscal year 2014. Mr. Furness requested to table the recommendation of irrigating the softball field.

Mr. Furness motioned to improve the 1958 gym for exhaust and electric with funding coming out of the fiscal year 2014 but tabled the approval of the baseball lights until the District has determined if there is adequate funding from PPEL or Capital Projects, seconded by Mrs. Harper. Roll call: 3 ayes.

E. Approve Personnel Resignations Supt. Newsum

Mr. Furness motioned to approve the resignation of Kristin Carroll, seconded by Mrs. Harper. Roll call: 3 ayes.

F. Approve Personnel Recommendations Supt. Newsum

Mrs. Harper motioned to approve Jon Fitzpatrick for the Head High School Baseball Coach for the 2013 season, and Justin Stoullil as the Assistant High School Baseball Coach for the 2013 season, seconded by Mr. Furness. Roll call: 3 ayes.

G. Approve Bowling Sharing Agreement Supt. Newsum

Mr. Furness motioned to approve the bowling sharing agreement with Valley High School, seconded by Mrs. Harper. Roll call: 3 ayes.

H. Confirm – Next Meeting Dates Supt. Newsum

02/06/13 – Agenda subcommittee by e-mail  
02/07/13 – Agenda Meeting  
02/11/13 – 4:00 p.m. Board Meeting

VII. Adjournment

Mrs. Harper motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Furness. Roll call: 3 ayes. Time: 5:22 p.m.

APPROVED

  
Board President

  
Business Manager

**MINUTES OF JANUARY 18, 2013  
BOARD MEETING**

The Board of Directors of the Martensdale-St. Marys Community School District met in special session by conference call, pursuant to law, on January 18, 2013.

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

Absent: President, Nicole Bunch

I. Welcome Board President

Mr. Shutt called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

II. Public Comments - none

III. New Business

A. Approve Personnel Recommendation  
Supt. Newsum

Mrs. Harper motioned to approve Jennifer Schwery as Elementary Special Education and Reading teacher for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year, seconded by Mr. Furness. Roll call: 4 ayes.

B. Discuss/Approve Facilities  
Recommendation Supt. Newsum

Mr. Gibson motioned to change the motion that was made on January 14, 2013 to move forward on the 1958 gym exhaust and electric update to be completed in fiscal year 2013 and to relook at the facilities budget and prioritize jobs for fiscal year 2014, seconded by Mr. Furness. Roll call: 4 ayes.

VII. Adjournment

Mrs. Harper motioned to adjourn the meeting seconded by Mr. Gibson. Roll call: 5 ayes. Time: 4:16 p.m.

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