

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING JANUARY 13, 2020

The Board of Directors of the Martensdale-St. Marys Community School District met in regular session, pursuant to law on January 13, 2019.

Members Present: President, Nicole Bunch; Vice President Ralph DiCesare; Dawn Reeves, Jennifer Parrott Held and Jeff Bowlin and together with Superintendent, Tom Wood and Business Manager, Jill Gavin.

Members Absent: None

I. Welcome – Board President

Mrs. Bunch called meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and welcomed all guests.

II. Consent Items

Mrs. Reeves motioned to approve the consent items, seconded by Mrs. Held. Roll call: 5 ayes.

III. Celebrations

Congratulations to Anna Ohman, Grace Hart, Nicholas Arndt, David Ralls and Collin Arndt for representing MStM at the Simpson Honor Band performance on Thursday, January 16, 2020.

IV. Public Comments - none

V. Old Business

A. Reports

- 1) MStM Music Booster Minutes - none
- 2) MStM Athletic Booster Minutes – Dec 11, 2019 minutes
- 3) MStM PTO Minutes – none
- 4) MStM FFA Boosters – none

B. Presentations

1) Facilities Report

Mr. Christensen

Mr. Wood discussed seat belts on buses. IASB and attorney opinions regarding liability with the new law taking effect was shared. A concern exists with a mix of buses that have and do not have seat belts. The district owns six buses without seatbelts. The district has purchased two new buses with seatbelts. The cost to retrofit our buses with seat belts could cost the district over \$180,000. The Facilities Committee will set a date to discuss trading in some of our older buses, retrofitting some, and continuing to purchase new buses with seatbelts sooner than later.

2) Superintendent Report

Mr. Wood

Mr. Wood reviewed duties, roles and reminders for the board. The board has three duties to perform: legislative duty, executive duty, and evaluative duty. As a board member, they want to be responsive to their constituency but their role may place them in conflict with the role of the school staff and administration. Student and staff matters are best handled through the chain of command. The superintendent's duties and function include developing and recommending policies, providing the board with data and information, preparing and submitting the budget, and recommending all candidates for employment.

VI. New Business

A. Discuss/Approve 2020-2021 Modified Supplement Application

Supt. Wood

Mrs. Reeves motioned to approve the requested modified supplement amount of \$125,685 for the sole purpose of implementing the district's board adopted At-Risk/Dropout program, seconded by Mr. DiCesare. Roll call: 5 ayes.

B. 1st Reading 104, 104.R1, 105, 302.7, 303.8, 401.13, 401.13R1, 402.2, 403.6, 403.6E1, 403.6E3 Supt. Wood

C. Discuss Staff Sharing Possibilities

Supt. Wood

Mr. Wood discussed the end of our sharing agreement with Interstate 35 for a social worker. Don Millage would like to retire at the end of this school year. Mr. Wood has been exploring ways to transition to a model that will support our needs. One option is a server/infrastructure support provided by an outside company coupled with a part-time on-site IT person. Mr. Wood is currently exploring sharing options with neighbors in order to find a solution to both situations.

D. Discuss/Approve Personnel Resignations - none

Supt. Wood

E. Discuss/Approve Personnel Recommendations

Supt. Wood

Mr. DiCesare motioned to approve Christian Bengston, Assistant Boys Track and Field Coach; John Amfahr, Head Girls Track and Field Coach; and Don Hatcher, Assistant Girls Track and Field Coach.

F. Confirm – Next Meeting Dates

Supt. Wood

The next school board meeting will be held on February 10, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

VII. Adjournment

Mrs. Reeves motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Held. Roll call: 4 ayes. Time: 4:35 p.m.

APPROVED

Board President

Business Manager