

## MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

The Board of Directors of the Martensdale-St. Marys Community School District met in regular session, pursuant to law on September 14, 2020.

Members Present: President, Nicole Bunch; Vice President Ralph DiCesare; Dawn Reeves, Jennifer Held and Jeff Bowlin and together with Superintendent, Tom Wood, Secondary Principal, Mr. Moser; Elementary Principal, Ms. Happe; and Business Manager, Jill Gavin.

### I. Welcome – Board President

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

### II. Consent Items

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

### III. Celebrations

The administration recognized a positive start to the school year. We have zero positive cases, 1 quarantined. The staff has sacrificed a lot and they are taking the adjustments in stride and doing a great job.

Ms. Happe stated that the kids are excited to be here and seem to be adjusting very well.

Mr. Moser announced that our fall sports are off to a great start and blessed to have fall activities.

Mr. Moser announced that the Robotics League received a \$1,500 donation from a parent and they are ready to start virtual competitions.

### V. Public Comments - None

### VI. Old Business

#### A. Presentations

##### 1) Facilities Report

Mr. Christensen

Mr. Wood mentioned that we have a roof leak where the elementary and secondary library intersect. It is under warranty and being worked on.

##### 2) Elementary Report

Ms. Happe

Ms. Happe discussed the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Long Range and Annual Goals. The district has identified the following measurable long range goal in PK-6 reading (literacy). By the year 2022, 82% of students in grades K-6 will be at above benchmark on the Fast Assessments. (The goal remained the same as 2019.)

Goal 2 is the district's elementary annual reading goal to align with the long-range goal and based on current reading (literacy) data. In the winter of 2020, 80% of students in grades 2 through 6 were at or above benchmark on the Fast Assessments. By the winter of 2021, we will increase that percentage to 82%.

Ms. Happe provided an update of how the elementary looks right now. The kids are kept in cohort groups, they grab breakfast to go, scheduled restroom use, scheduled recess times to minimize traffic, and designated areas for grade levels at recess. Lunches are delivered to the classrooms. There are 23 students in the elementary that are remote learners. They will be coming in on Wednesday this week to do their FAST Testing.

Ms. Bunch asked what the current thought process is for statewide testing this year. Are we going to attempt to do testing, wait until the spring to test and is the data going to be good data? Ms. Happe responded by stating that it will be a measure that can help guide instruction at the very least. She is hoping it will not count against us considering the lack of testing last year. Testing is not going to look like a year's progress but believes that we are still going in the right direction and will be filling in the holes as we go.

3) Secondary Report

Mr. Moser

Mr. Moser provided an update with the remote learning in the secondary. There are 25 students that are full time remote. Attendance for the live Zoom meetings has been steady. They have had some tech concerns with households with many remote learners. Teachers have been good about reaching out to parents, being flexible with deadlines and gathering feedback to improve practice. Our staff will be well prepared if the district has to go full time remote learning.

Mr. Moser met with the TLC group to get a needs assessment. They will be focusing on how to streamline remote learning. Time is the biggest barrier and they are trying to equip teachers with tips to make use of the time needed to address remote learners.

4) Superintendent Report

Mr. Wood

Mr. Wood provided a COVID update. 92% of students are full time in-person. A few students have returned to in-person learning. He is still meeting weekly with Warren Co Public Health Services and area Superintendents.

Mr. Wood provided school board information to review before the October workshop with the board members.

A. Discuss/Approve Annual and Long Range Goals for ESSA

Supt. Wood

Mrs. Reeves motioned to approve the annual and long range goals for ESSA, seconded by Mrs. Held. Roll call: 5 ayes. Long Range Goals –

B. Discuss/Approve Personnel Resignations

Supt. Wood

Mr. DiCesare motioned to approve resignations of John Fitzpatrick, Head Baseball Coach and RJ Hernandez, JH Girls Head Basketball Coach, seconded by Mr. Bowlin. Roll call: 5 ayes.

C. Discuss/Approve Personnel Recommendations

Supt. Wood

Mrs. Reeves motioned to approve Caylin Brommel, JH Girls Assistant Basketball Coach; Danny Webster, JH Boys Assistant Basketball Coach; Cliff Hill, JH Girls Head Basketball Coach; Kaylee Stubbs, Yearbook; seconded by Mrs. Held. Roll Call: 5 ayes.

D. Confirm – Next Meeting Dates

Supt. Wood

Due to activities scheduled for October 12<sup>th</sup>, the next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 14, 2020, 2020 at 6 p.m. with a workshop to follow the board meeting.

VI. Adjournment

Mrs. Held motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Reeves. Roll call: 5 ayes. Time: 4:28 p.m.

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Board President

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Business Manager