

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 11, 2019

The Board of Directors of the Martensdale-St. Marys Community School District met in regular session, pursuant to law on November 11, 2019.

Members Present: President, Nicole Bunch; Vice President, Dean Furness; Dawn Reeves and Ralph DiCesare together with Superintendent, Tom Wood and Business Manager, Jill Gavin.

Members Absent: Jennifer Parrott Held

I. Welcome – Board President

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

II. Consent Items

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

III. Celebrations

Mr. Wood commended the students and staff for the Veteran's Day program held today. Our very own Mr. Gerlitz was our special guest speaker for the program. Grace Wood has spent many weeks of fundraising by selling raffle tickets for deer stands and for Hat Week in the elementary and secondary. Grace raised \$839.75 that will be given to the VA and VFW in Indianola for gift cards to be given to veterans.

Mr. Wood thanked Max Seeman for all his work on the football survey, researching information, visiting other schools and answering all the questions from the survey.

Mr. Moser showed his gratitude to all of our fall activities and their coaches and volunteers who have helped support students on and off the field. Winter sports started today. Congratulations to Ethan Christensen for being selected to the Iowa All State Band. He will be performing the sax on November 22 in Ames. This is a tremendous honor and only 5 other sax participants in the state of Iowa were selected. Mr. Moser thanked our Success Team that include Mr. Folkerts, Mrs. Speed, Mr. Newbury, Mrs. Dickinson and Special Ed staff for all their hard work that we don't always see or recognize. They are very responsive and help guide our students. Their hard work is appreciated. Congratulations to Shelby McCasland for finishing her competition at the National FFA Convention. She did a great job.

IV. Public Comments - none

V. Old Business

A. Reports

- 1) MStM Music Booster Minutes - none
- 2) MStM Athletic Booster Minutes – minutes from October 9, 2019
- 3) MStM PTO Minutes – none
- 4) MStM FFA Boosters – none

B. Presentations

- 1) Facilities Report

Mr. Christensen

- 2) Elementary Report

Ms. Happe

Ms. Happe was not present. Mr. Moser reviewed the Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP). Iowa is committed to preparing all students for future success, and that means preparing them for the demands of postsecondary education and the workforce. Part of this work includes setting high expectations for what students should know and be able to do at each grade level and then measuring how students are progressing.

- 3) Secondary Report

Mr. Moser

Mr. Moser introduced The Success Team, Mr. Folkerts, Mrs. Speed and Mr. Newbury to present an overview of the Iowa Youth Survey. The survey was completed by the 6th, 8th and 11th grades. The survey questions cover topics of drug and alcohol use, sexual activity, bullying, being respectful, their values, living a healthy life, home life and eating habits, and if they feel safe. The Success Team has been analyzing the results and collaborating with the staff.

4) Superintendent Report

Mr. Wood

Mr. Wood stated that the School Improvement Advisory Committee meeting will be held on November 12th. He provided the board the School Board Orientation Packet.

VI. New Business

A. Adjournment of the Retiring Board

Mrs. Gavin

Mr. Wood and the school board thanked Dean Furness for his 7 years of service on the Martinsdale-St. Marys School Board.

B. Review Canvas of Election and Administer Oath of Office to New Members

Mrs. Gavin

The official canvas of the election had not been received. Mrs. Gavin administered the Oath of Office to Nicole Bunch, District 5 and Jeff Bowlin, District 3.

C. Election/Approval of the President and Vice President

Mrs. Gavin

The board members requested Nicole Bunch as President and Ralph DiCesare as Vice President.

D. Administer Oath of Office to newly Elected President and Vice President

Mrs. Gavin

Mrs. Gavin Administer Oath of Office to Nicole Bunch as President and Ralph DiCesare as Vice President.

E. Discuss and Set Standing Committees

Supt. Wood

Employee Relations	Nicole Bunch and Raph DiCesare
Facilities/Transportation	Jeff Bowlin and Ralph DiCesare
IASB Delegate / Legislative Network (1 seat)	Nicole Bunch
Warren County Conference Board (1 seat)	Ralph DiCesare
Madison County Conference Board (1 seat)	Nicole Bunch
Quality Support/Communications	Dawn Reeves and Jen Parrott
Wellness Committee	Jen Parrott and Dawn Reeves

F. Appoint Member to IASB Delegate Assembly

Supt. Wood

Nicole Bunch and Jeff Bowlin were appointed to the IASB Delegate Assembly

G. 2nd Reading/Approve Policies 100, 200.1, 2001R1, 202.4, 206.4, 210.1, 210.5, 210.6,

Supt. Wood

Mrs. Reeves motioned to approve Policies 100, 200.1, 2001R1, 202.4, 206.4, 210.1, 210.5, 210.6, seconded by Mr. Bowlin. Roll call: 4 ayes.

H. 2nd Reading/Approve Policies 210.10, 211, 215, 216.2, 404.1R1, 711.7, 711.10

Supt. Wood

Mr. DiCesare motioned to approve 210.10, 211, 215, 216.2, 404.1R1, 711.7, 711.10, seconded by Mrs. Reeves. Roll call: 4 ayes.

I. 1st Reading Policy 710.4 Meal Charges

Supt. Wood

Policy 710.4 has been tabled

J. Approve IDATP Annual Dues

Supt. Wood

Mr. DiCesare motioned to approve the IDATP Annual Dues for 2019-2020, seconded by Mr. Bowlin. Roll call: 4 ayes.

K. Discuss/Approve Attorney Agreement for DOT Tower

Supt. Wood

Mrs. Reeves motioned to approve the Attorney Agreement from Ahlers Cooney for the DOT Tower, seconded by Mr. DiCesare. Roll call: 4 ayes.

L. Approve SBRC Application for Increasing Enrollment and OE Out

Supt. Wood

The Department of Ed requested that we wait to approve the SBRC Application as they are continuing to work on the many requests for changes to the certified enrollment.

M. Discuss/Approve Football Intentions for the 2020-2021 School Year

Supt. Wood

Mr. Seeman presented to the Board the pros and cons for 8-Man and 11-Man football for the 2020-2021 school year. He provided answers to frequently asked questions and the survey participants and results. The survey indicated overwhelming support for moving to 8-Man football (85%). Every two years, the Iowa High School Athletic Association redistricts every high school football team in the state. In order to determine which class of football each school will play, they look at the certified enrollment numbers for that year's 9th, 10th and 11th grade students. If that number is 120 or fewer, that school has the option to

play 8-man football. The cost would not be excessive. Much of the cost depends on the conversion option that would be chosen. Purchasing a portable goal post would add some to the overall cost.
Mrs. Reeves motioned to approve going to 8-man for the 2020-2021 school year, seconded by Mr. Bowlin. Roll call: 4 ayes.

N. Discuss/Approve Early Graduation Requests Supt. Wood
Mrs. Reeves motioned to approve the early graduation requests, seconded by Mr. Bowlin. Roll call: 4 ayes.

O. Discuss/Approve Personnel Resignations Supt. Wood
Mr. DiCesare motioned to approve the resignation of Ethan Westphal, Assistant Baseball Coach, seconded by Mrs. Reeves.
Roll call: 4 ayes.

P. Discuss/Approve Personnel Recommendations - None Supt. Wood

Q. Confirm – Next Meeting Dates Supt. Wood
The next school board meeting will be held on December 9, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

VII. Adjournment

Mr. DiCesare motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Reeves. Roll call: 4 ayes. Time: 4:50 p.m.

APPROVED

Board President

Business Manager