

## MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 15, 2020

The Board of Directors of the Martensdale-St. Marys Community School District met in regular session, pursuant to law on December 15, 2020.

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

Members Absent: Dawn Reeves and Jennifer Held

### I. Welcome – Board President

Mrs. Bunch called meeting to order at 4:00 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

Mr. DiCesare motioned to approve the consent items, seconded by Mr. Bowlin. Roll call: 3 ayes.

### III Presentation from Piper/Sandler

Mr. Wood introduced Mr. Fisher who is the sponsor for the Robotics Team. He had several members of the team demonstrate to the board the robot they are building in time for their competition. It was a very impressive piece of work. It is still a work in progress but they have put in over 63 hours of coding and building. Design, community outreach, sales, and coding are just some of the requirements necessary for competition. Good luck Robotics Team at your next competition!

Mr. Wood introduced Matt Gillaspie from Piper Sandler to discuss our options for bonding against PPEL or Capital Projects and what our projections would be for the district.

### IV. Celebrations

Mr. Wood updated the board on the staff holiday fundraiser. Since we already allow our staff to wear jeans during this COVID time, we still asked the staff to donate for some of our families in our district. Donations from staff and private donations from area churches totaled almost \$6,000!

Mr. Wood presented a plaque to Jill Gavin thanking her for the 12 years of service at MStM.

Ms. Gavin thanked the board for their support of her. I have a lot of memories here at MStM and being able to watch my kids and their friends grow here at school was great! MStM will always be part of my family.

### V. Public Comments - none

### VI. Old Business

#### A. Reports

- 1) MStM PTO Minutes - none
- 2) MStM Athletic Booster Minutes – none
- 3) MStM Music Booster Minutes – none

#### B. Presentations

- 1) Facilities Report Mr. Christensen
- 2) Elementary Report Ms. Happe
- 3) Secondary Report Mr. Moser
- 4) Superintendent Report Mr. Wood

Mr. Wood provided a COVID update. There are currently no positive cases and three individuals in quarantine. These numbers represent the lowest totals since early in the school year. Our goal was to make it to winter break in-person, and everything has been going well. Additional students have returned from remote learning, and more will be coming back for the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. The remote learning option will continue for families who choose, but this will not remain a permanent option.

### VII. New Business

- A. Discuss/Approve Purchase Visitor Bleachers at Football Field Supt. Wood

Mr. DiCesare motioned to table the purchase of the visitor bleachers for the football field, seconded by Mr. Bowlin. Roll call: 3 ayes.

- B. Discuss/Approve Replacing Football Turf Supt. Wood

Mr. DiCesare motioned to table replacing the football field turf, seconded by Mr. Bowlin. Roll call: 3 ayes.

- C. Discuss/Approve Purchase of Water Heater Supt. Wood

Mr. DiCesare motioned to table the purchase of a new water heater, seconded by Mr. Bowlin. Roll call: 3 ayes.

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D. Discuss/Approve Purchase Kitchen Air Unit

Supt. Wood

Mr. Bowlin motioned to approve the purchase of the kitchen air until out of PPEL, seconded by Mr. DiCesare. Roll call: 3 ayes.

E. Discuss/Approve Leasing Route Buses

Supt. Wood

Mr. Turner went over the lease options for the district's route buses. He has contacted several companies regarding leasing prices and warranties. More and more districts are moving to gas buses instead of diesel buses. The only problem with the larger gas buses is that the bus driver has to have their air brakes on their license. A lot of our drivers do not, and some are not interested in getting that option on their license. Mr. Bowlin approved the recommendation to lease two gas buses for the fall of 2021, seconded by Mr. DiCesare. Roll call: 3 ayes.

F. Discuss/Approve the Sale of Old Buses

Supt. Wood

Mr. DiCesare motioned to approve the publishing the sale of Bus 3, 5, 12 by sealed bids, seconded by Mr. Bowlin. Roll call: 3 ayes.

G. Discuss/Approve Technology Budget

Supt. Wood

Mr. Geyer, the district's Technology Director, proposed two options for the next five year projection for technology.

Mr. DiCesare motioned to approve the \$143K proposal seconded by Mr. Bowlin. Roll call: 3 ayes.

H. Discuss/Approve Early Retirement Policy

Supt. Wood

Mr. DiCesare motioned to approve the Certified Staff Early Retirement Policy, seconded by Mr. Bowlin. Roll call: 3 ayes.

I. Mr. DiCesare motioned to approve the Resolution Approving Revenue Purpose Statement, Ordering an Election on a Revenue Purpose Statement to Authorize Expenditures From Revenue Received From the State Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund, and Ordering the Publication of a Notice of Election, seconded by Mr. Bowlin. Roll call: 3 ayes.

J. Discuss/Approve Personnel Resignations-none

Supt. Wood

K. Discuss/Approve Personnel Recommendations-none

Supt. Wood

L. Confirm – Next Meeting Dates

Supt. Wood

The next board meeting will be January 11, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

VIII. Adjournment

Mr. DiCesare motioned to adjourn seconded by Mr. Bowlin. Roll call: 3 ayes. Time: 7:11 p.m.

APPROVED

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Board President

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Business Manager

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