

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING MARCH 8, 2021

The Board of Directors of the Martensdale-St. Marys Community School District met in regular session, pursuant to law on March 8, 2021.

Members Present: Vice President Ralph DiCesare; Jeff Bowlin; and Jennifer Held and together with Superintendent Tom Wood; Secondary Principal Josh Moser; and Business Manager Alison Cornwell.

I. Welcome – Board Vice President

Mr. DiCesare called the meeting to order at 4:00pm and welcomed all guests.

II. Consent Items

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

II. Celebrations –

Mr. Wood thanked those who voted for the Revenue Purpose Statement on March 2nd. There was a strong turnout, and the measure passed with 100% approval. This Thursday staff are receiving our 2nd round of COVID vaccines, and we are grateful to have those completed. Mr. Moser congratulated many students in our district including Cael Cassidy for being a 4-time state wrestling participant, Ian Wexler in qualifying for state speech, the robotics team for their continued success and improvement, the boys' basketball team for winning their first game at the state tournament, and the FFA students for receiving the Silver award at Districts. Mr. Moser gave kudos to the staff; we are close to completing our third quarter in-person due to the hard work of everyone.

III. Public Comments –

Jamie Bowlin, 5425 Linden St, Prole

Jamie requested that the Board consider relaxing the mask requirement at Easter (or 2 weeks after spring break). She believes that with the positivity rates where they are now the Board needs to reconsider the mask requirement.

Stacy Henson, 3866 McGregor St, St. Charles

Stacy thanked the Board and administration for sending out the schedule change survey. She hopes that the Board will encourage the administration to continue this work. She and other parents will continue to offer their support in this work.

Val Oberbroeckling, 10032 30th Ave, Prole

Val thanked Mr. Davis for his dedication to Ag students and programs. She stated that she would like to ask the administration and staff to consider adding additional Ag classes; many students have taken every class offered in Ag.

V. Old Business

A. Reports

- 1) MStM Music Booster Minutes - none
- 2) MStM Athletic Booster Minutes – Athletic Booster minutes from the March meetings were presented.
- 3) MStM PTO Minutes - none

B. Presentations

1) Facilities Report

Mr. Wood

Mr. Wood shared that we are working on some preliminary costing for a bus facility. Mr. Wood plans to schedule a facilities committee meeting this spring to work on the District's 5-year plan and to start discussing the bus facility building process.

2) Elementary Report - None

3) Secondary Report

Mr. Moser

Ms. Stubbs & three students from her class showcased their presentations of prominent figures in Black History. Mr. Moser shared that starting tomorrow students 9-11 will begin scheduling classes for next year. No decisions have been made regarding schedule format yet, students will be choosing what classes they will take next year. This year scheduling will be electronic and students will be more involved in the process. Mr. Moser also shared that revisions to the 2020-21 yearbook have been finalized and a message will go out soon. Mr. Moser gave a presentation on scheduling formats and the results of the scheduling survey that was sent to staff, students, and parents.

4) Superintendent's Report

Supt. Wood

MStM Mission Statement

Provide a safe and progressive learning environment to enhance student growth.

Mr. Wood shared that with our current inclement weather days we have dipped below our target 1080 hours. Mr. Wood's proposal is to recover the professional learning day in April to be a student learning day. This adjustment will keep our last day of school as originally scheduled. Regarding the school calendar for 2021-22, no comments or concerns were received from staff, students or parents. The structure is very similar to this year's calendar. Mr. Wood shared with Board members some resources and tools from IASB regarding social media commentary and tips on responding to community concerns.

VI. New Business

A. Discuss/Approve Mural Project at St. Marys Gym

Supt. Wood

Sydney Fisher presented to the Board requesting to paint a mural at the St. Marys Gym. Her goal is to create something visually appealing and attractive to visitors. The project would need assistance from community members, students and faculty and would be funded through grants. Ms. Held motioned to approve the project, Mr. Bowlin seconded. Roll call: 3 ayes

B. Receive Negotiation Proposal from MStM Education Association

Supt. Wood

Mrs. Noga, President of the MSTMEA provided the 1st proposal for the 2021-22 school year with a total package of 3.14% increase in base salaries. No changes in contract language were proposed.

C. Deliver Negotiation Proposal from Martensdale-St. Marys CSD

Supt. Wood

Mr. Wood, Chief Negotiator for the district provided the 1st proposal for the 2021-22 school year with a total package of 1.93% increase in base salaries. No changes in contract language were proposed.

D. Approve Publication of Proposed 2020-2021 Budget Amendment

Supt. Wood

Mr. Bowlin motioned to approve the publication of the proposed 2020-2021 Budget Amendment, seconded by Ms. Held. Roll call: 3 ayes.

E. Approve Budget Guarantee Resolution for 2021-2022

Supt. Wood

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Martensdale-St. Marys Community School District, will levy property tax for the fiscal year 2021-2022 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under section 257.14, Code of Iowa. Ms. Held motioned to approve the Budget Guarantee Resolution for 2021-2022, seconded by Mr. Bowlin. Roll call: 3 ayes.

F. Approve Publication of Proposed 2021-2022 Budget

Supt. Wood

The Board agreed to publish the tax rate of 15.64 for the 2021-2022 school year. This is the amount that will be published in the Indianola Record Herald on March 31, 2021. Ms. Held motioned to approve the publication of the proposed 2021-2022 budget, seconded by Mr. Bowlin. Roll call: 3 ayes.

G. Discuss/Approve 2020-2021 Calendar Change

Supt. Wood

It is proposed that April 21st change from a staff development day to a student attendance day. Mr. Bowlin motioned to approve the proposed calendar change for the 2020-2021 calendar, Ms. Held seconded. Roll call: 3 ayes.

H. Discuss/Approve 2021-2022 School Calendar

Supt. Wood

Mr. Bowlin motioned to approve the 2021-2022 school calendar as presented, Ms. Held seconded. Roll call: 3 ayes.

I. 2nd Reading of Board Policies 503.6 (New), 503.6R1 (New), 503.1 (Revision)

Supt. Wood

Mr. Bowlin motioned to approve the Board Policies as presented, Ms. Held seconded. Roll call: 3 ayes.

J. Discuss/Approve Personnel Resignations

Supt. Wood

Mr. Bowlin motioned to approve the resignations of the following: Lisa Connor, Associate; Lorretta Bell, Food Service Manager, and Jessica Lamb, PT Food Service. Ms. Held seconded. Roll call: 3 ayes.

K. Discuss/Approve Personnel Recommendations

Supt. Wood

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Ms. Held motioned to approve Amie Berndt, Head Varsity Volleyball Coach, and to table approval of Jeff Bowlin, Asst. Varsity Boys Track Coach to a future meeting. Mr. Bowlin seconded the motion. Roll call: 3 ayes.

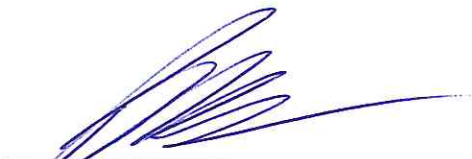
L. Confirm – Next Meeting Dates

Supt. Wood

The next Board meeting will be held on April 12, 2020 at 4:00pm


VII. Adjournment

Ms. Held motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Bowlin. Roll call: 3 ayes. Time: 5:14pm.



Board President

APPROVED



Business Manager