

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING JUNE 14, 2021

The Board of Directors of the Martensdale-St. Marys Community School District met in regular session, pursuant to law on June 14, 2021.

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

I. Welcome – Board President

Ms. Bunch called the meeting to order at 4:01pm and welcomed all guests.

II. Consent Items

Mr. DiCesare motioned to approve the consent items, seconded by Mr. Bowlin. Roll call: 4 ayes.

III. Celebrations

IV. Public Comments

Jessica Denny, 3374 Nevada St. St. Charles, IA

Ms. Denny shared her comments in regards to the upcoming 2-week trial of the potential new schedule. She stated that she is thankful for the ability to try a new format, but is concerned that 2 weeks isn't enough time to view and provide feedback. She would like to see the district consider a trial for a full quarter to have more data to assess. Ms. Denny also asked what preparation work is being done prior to the trial. She also shared her concerns surrounding student accountability when handing in assignments, as students are allowed to turn in assignments until the end of the quarter. She believes that college and the real world does not allow work or assignments to be turned in 2-3 months later, and the District should work to prepare students for life after high school.

V. Old Business

A. Presentations

Facilities Report - We continue to work with PTO regarding the outdoor space – we are currently looking at costing and the scope of work that needs to be done. The District is now looking at placing it west of the PK playground due to soil erosion concerns. The maintenance team are working through classrooms and stripping/waxing to prepare for next year.

Elementary Report - Ms. Happe gave an update on the Facilitator of Teaching & Learning position. Jodi Noga will take that role and has been doing lots of preparation this spring and summer. The plans for next year are taking shape, and we will be adding 7th and 8th grade to the Fastbridge assessment. We are also preparing for summer school, which will run Aug 2-6 with a morning and afternoon session. Tim Geyer and Beth Grafft have put together chromebook carts for each classroom K-4 to expand computer access to students next year.

Secondary Report - Mr. Moser updated the Board on how the scheduling plan is going, several meetings and focus groups have taken place recently. We currently have a 2-week trial run scheduled for late September, which is designed to give students and staff a preview of the potential new schedule. Mr. Moser presented a brief slideshow regarding student groups and how the district handles those requests and the creation of those groups.

Superintendent's Report - Mr. Wood reviewed the requested FAST for Success Reading Program and what the district intends to use the pilot program for.

VI. New Business

A. Set IASB Legislative Priorities for 2021-2022

Supt. Wood

Mr. DiCesare motioned to approve Supplemental State Aid, Opposing Unfunded Mandates, and Mental Health as their legislative priorities for 2021-2022, seconded by Mr. Bowlin. Roll call: 4 ayes

B. Simpson College Student Teaching Agreement

Supt. Wood

Mr. Bowlin motioned to approve the Simpson College Student Teaching Agreement for the 2021-2022 school year, seconded by Ms. Held. Roll call: 4 ayes.

C. RevTrak Policy Change

Mrs. Cornwell

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Inspire. Challenge. Grow.*

Mrs. Cornwell shared with the board that the District pays a 3.49% fee for each transaction on RevTrak. After discussion with other schools and our auditors, since we allow outside community groups to use the District's RevTrak system, we will need to start charging the groups a portion of our fee. A letter will be sent out to all groups later this summer informing them of the change.

D. Classified Staff Pay Approvals Supt. Wood

Mr. Bowlin motioned to approve the change in Classified Staff Pay as presented, seconded by Mr. DiCesare. Roll call: 4 ayes.

E. Discuss/Approve Walsh Camera Purchase Supt. Wood

Ms. Held motioned to approve the Walsh Camera Purchase as presented, seconded by Mr. DiCesare. Roll call: 4 ayes.

F. Discuss/Approve ESSER Spending Plan Supt. Wood

Mr Bowlin motioned to approve the ESSER Spending Plan as presented, seconded by Mr. DiCesare. Roll call: 4 ayes.

G. Discuss/Approve Return to Learn Plan for Fall 2021 Supt. Wood

Ms. Held motioned to approve the Return to Learn Plan for Fall 2021 as presented, seconded by Mr. Bowlin. Roll call: 4 ayes.

H. Discuss/Approve MTSS Pilot Program Supt. Wood

Mr. Bowlin motioned to approve the District's participation in the MTSS Pilot Program, seconded by Mr. DiCesare. Roll call: 4 ayes.

I. Discuss/Approve Signing Bonus Provision in Master Contract Supt. Wood

Mr. DiCesare motioned to approve a signing bonus of \$2,400 for hard to fill teaching positions, seconded by Mr. Bowlin. Roll call: 4 ayes.

J. Discuss/Approve Athletico Training Services Agreement for 2021-2022 Supt. Wood

Mr. Bowlin motioned to approve the Athletico Training Services Agreement for 2021-2022, seconded by Ms. Held. Roll call: 4 ayes.

K. Discuss/Approve Personnel Resignations Supt. Wood

Mr. DiCesare motioned to approve the resignations of Adam Davis (HS Ag/FFA), John Amfahr (Girls Track), Don Hatcher (Girls Track), and Lydia Garlinghouse (HS Math); seconded by Ms. Held. Roll call: 4 ayes.

L. Discuss/Approve Personnel Recommendations Supt. Wood

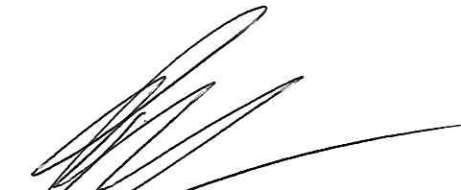
Mr. DiCesare motioned to approve the hire of Aric Broderick (HS Social Studies), Carli Erickson (HS Ag/FFA), and Marci Shell (1st Grade); seconded by Mr. Bowlin. Roll call: 4 ayes.

M. Confirm – Next Meeting Dates Supt. Wood

The next Board meeting will be held on July 12, 2021 at 4:00pm in the library.


VI. Adjournment

Mr. Bowlin motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Held. Roll call: 4 ayes. Time: 5:28pm



Board President

APPROVED



Business Manager