

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

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

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

President Bunch called the meeting to order at 4:02pm and welcomed all guests.

II. Consent Items

- A. Approval of Minutes
- B. Approval of Agenda
- C. Approval of Bills and Secretary's Report

Ms. Reeves motioned to approve the consent items as presented, seconded by Ms. Held. Roll call: 5 ayes.

III. Celebrations

Mr. Moser shared that we have several new staff members and families in our district, and that everyone is acclimating well and are excited to be here. He also celebrated Maggie Wood, a senior who is starting a Best Buddies program. Best Buddies pairs students with and without disabilities together to encourage friendships and integration into school. A total of 36 students showed up to her first meeting to express interest in participating.

Ms. Happe celebrated Jodi Noga for all of her work in implementing our new support system for teachers. Also, she shared that our students are excited and happy to be here, and that everyone is getting acclimated to being back at school.

Mr. Wood shared that Cassandra Ackerson is our new nutrition supervisor, and we have received several compliments and positive feedback regarding our nutrition program. He is excited to see what the future brings for this department.

IV. Public Comments

Supt. Wood

Jill Heagel
2695 Nevada Street
St. Charles, IA

Ms. Heagel thanked the Board for starting school in person and all of the work that comes along with that. She stated that she will not put her children in masks. She believes that the board should leave the decision of mask-wearing to parents, and can provide documentation and research to the board if needed regarding mask wearing.

V. Old Business

A. Presentations

1) Superintendent's Report

Mr. Wood provided an update regarding recent decisions at the state and federal court level regarding mask mandates. Mr. Wood shared that he would leave that and future mask decisions to the board, and that a special meeting would be called if necessary for the board to discuss and/or take action. Mr. Wood shared survey data from metro schools as to who would be moving to a mask mandate. The IASB Annual Convention is in November, and we will be reserving spots for any current or new board members can attend. Mr. Wood also shared that he and Alison have been looking at comparison schools' data for starting associate and other classified pay. There won't be a recommendation until we are able to do a budget analysis, but we wanted to let the board know that work is ongoing.

Jodi Noga provided the board with an update on her work as facilitator of teaching & learning. She is using the DMAIC continuous improvement model to look at our curriculum, instruction, assessment, PD, technology, and culture and climate. We are working to collect data in these areas to analyze and create a plan for improvement.

Trent Christensen spoke to recent HVAC issues and recommendations for improvements. We will be bringing a more formal proposal to both the facilities committee and the full board, but wanted the board to be aware of the issues we are experiencing and potential solutions.

2) Elementary Report

Ms. Happe

Screening has started with students so that we can see what sort of interventions students need; we are also adding 7th and 8th grade to those screenings for additional data and support.

3) Secondary Report

Mr. Moser

Another scheduling format study meeting will be held soon, focus will be mainly an update on the learning teachers are receiving about effective instruction, and discussion around what data would be most useful to collect in the pilot. Edmentum is up and running and students are beginning work in those classes. Homecoming is quickly approaching, and we will be hosting

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the traditional homecoming festivities. Mr. Chelleen has worked to start a Seal of Biliteracy program at MStM, so that students who meet the requirements can add this seal to their diploma.

B. Reports

1) PTO Minutes

VI. New Business

A. Resolution to Consider Continued Participation in the Instructional Support Program

Mr. Bowlin motioned to approve the Resolution of Continued Participation of the Instructional Support Program, seconded by Ms. Reeves. Roll call: 5 ayes.

B. Resolution Ordering Election on the Question of Continuing to Levy a Voter Approved Physical Plant and Equipment Property Tax

Ms. Reeves motioned to approve the Resolution Ordering Election on the Question of Continuing to Levy a Voter Approved Physical Plant and Equipment Property Tax, seconded by Ms. Held. Roll call: 5 ayes.

C. ESSER Funding Update

Mr. Wood provided the board with a brief update regarding the status and use of the District's ESSER funds.

D. Appoint Level I Investigators

Supt. Wood

Ms. Reeves motioned to approve Randy Folkerts and Emily Wood as the District's Level I Investigators, seconded by Mr. DiCesare. Roll call: 5 ayes.

E. Second Reading of the following Board Policies:

Supt. Wood

Updates: 200.3, 206.1, 206.2, 213, 213.1, 302.5, 303.6, 409.2, 412.3, 501.14, 501.15, 505.5, 502.3, 603.6, 604.1, 606.2, 701.1, 701.2, 701.3, 702, 703.1, 704.1, 704.5, 704.6, 706.2, 706.3, 707.2, 707.4, 707.5, 707.5R1, 708, 711.2, 801.4, 803.1, 903.1, 903.2, 904.1, 905.1, 905.2

New Policies: 401.14, 502.3R1, 804.6, 804.6R1, 905.3

Rescind: 504.3, 504.3R1, 705.2, 711.2R2

Ms. Reeves motioned to approve the Board Policies as presented, seconded by Ms. Held. Roll call: 5 ayes.

F. Discuss/Approve Personnel Resignations

Ms. Held motioned to approve the resignation of Brian Sweet (Head HS Wrestling & Softball), seconded by Mr. DiCesare. Roll call: 5 ayes.

G. Discuss/Approve Personnel Recommendations

Mr. DiCesare motioned to approve Madison Twaddell (Academic Bowl Sponsor) and Dan Jones (HS Volunteer Football), seconded by Mr. Bowlin. Roll call: 5 ayes.

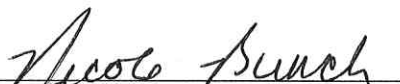
H. Confirm – Next Meeting Dates

The next Board meeting will be held on Monday, October 11 at 4:00pm in the library.


VI. Adjournment

Ms. Reeves motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Held. Roll call: 5 ayes. Time: 5:06pm.

APPROVED



Board President



Business Manager