

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 11, 2021

The Board of Directors of the Martensdale-St. Marys Community School District met in regular session pursuant to law on October 11, 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 4:00pm and welcomed all guests.

II. Consent Items

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

III. Celebrations

Mr. Moser shared with the Board that the football team made it to state playoffs! We are so proud of everyone involved in that program, and a big thanks to all of the volunteers who make our fall sports successful. Our 7th & 8th grade ELA and math teachers are doing a lot of data collection this year, and we are thankful to them for that work. Teachers and staff are working so hard this fall to make every child successful. Mr. Moser also shared a positive social media post from a visiting football team regarding one of our coaches' interactions with an opposing player.

IV. Public Comments - none

V. Old Business

A. Presentations

1) Superintendent's Report – Preliminary enrollment data was shared with the Board. On the ballot in November will be the school board elections and the continuation of VPPEL.

2) Elementary Report – Several screening assessments were completed in the fall screening window. We've added additional tools to that screening process so that we have more detailed reporting to review.

3) Secondary Report – Excited to start the schedule trial period, a lot of work is being done to prepare and set the trial up for success. Determining what data to collect and review prior to the trial period starting. The Board requested to add a discussion item to the November agenda to discuss this trial and the data prior to a decision being made. A team of staff members has met to begin planning interventions for students that need. Mr. Moser provided an update on our Edmentum courses, we have been pleased so far, and the staff that we have been assigned through the online platform have been great supports for our students. We have now implemented EverFi, and every Wednesday students work through online modules during advisory. Topics include mental health, bullying/harassment, personal finance, among other real-world topics.

B. Reports

PTO Minutes were presented to the board.

VI. New Business

A. Hold Public Hearing on Proposed Resolution to Continue Participation in the Instructional Support Program

The President announced that this is the time, place and date to hold a hearing on the proposed Resolution to Continue Participation in the Instructional Support Program. No persons appeared, and the President declared the hearing closed.

B. Resolution to Continue Participation in the Instructional Support Program

Mr. DiCesare introduced and made a motion to approve the resolution to continue participation in the Instructional Support Program, seconded by Ms. Reeves. Roll call: 5 ayes.

C. Approve Special Education Supplement Allowable Growth

Mr. Bowlin moved to approve the Special Education Supplement Allowable Growth amount of \$67,919.19, seconded by Ms. Held. Roll call: 5 ayes.

D. Discuss/Approve Associate Wage Increase Proposal

Ms. Cornwell & Supt. Wood proposed a wage increase to \$13.00/hr for associates hired within the past year, and an increase to \$13.25/hr for associates employed with the district for 1+ years, to be effective October 11, 2021.

Ms. Reeves approved the increase as presented, seconded by Ms. Held. Mr. DiCesare abstained. Roll call: 4 ayes.

E. Discuss/Approve Football Field Resurfacing

Ms. Reeves motioned to approve the total quote of \$464,000 to resurface the football field. Ms. Held seconded.

Roll call: 5 ayes.

F. Discuss/Approve Sound System Upgrade for Fields & Weight Room/Gym

Mr. Bowlin motioned to approve the quotes presented from Embark IT, seconded by Ms. Held. Roll call: 5 ayes.

G. Discuss/Approve Personnel Resignations – None.

H. Discuss/Approve Personnel Recommendations

Ms. Reeves motioned to approve the hire of Aric Broderick (Head JH Baseball), Ayden Twaddell (HS Associate), Cody Cline (Head HS Wrestling), Dan Jones (Asst. JH Boys Basketball), Rob Fugate (Asst. JH Girls Basketball), Ema Parker (Elem. Associate), and Shiloh Strawn (PT Nutrition); seconded by Mr. DiCesare. Roll call: 5 ayes.

I. Confirm – Next Meeting Dates

The next Board meeting will be held on Monday, November 8 at 4:00pm in the library.

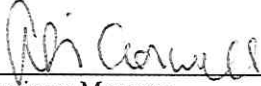
VI. Adjournment

Ms. Reeves motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. DiCesare. Roll call: 5 ayes. Time: 5:18pm.

APPROVED



Board President



Business Manager