August 1, 2014

From the Desk of Tom Wood,
Superintendent/Elementary Principal

Welcome Back!

It is that time of year again, and we are excited to get students back in the building. We have had an eventful summer with the successes of our baseball and softball teams. We have also been busy at school readying for the upcoming school year, which will include our five-year Comprehensive Site Visit from the Iowa Department of Education. As the year progresses you will hear much more about this visit and possibly be asked to participate with it.

As school begins you will see some changes in our staff. We were very lucky to get all of these new teachers at MStM, and I know they are anxious to start the school year and meet the families here. New staff members include the following; please welcome them when you get a chance:

- Allison Grandfield, Elementary Special Education Teacher
- Brett Flander, Elementary Special Education Teacher
- Jenna Fitzgerald, Preschool Teacher
- Amanda Meacham, Preschool Teacher
- Kelsey Nickel, 3rd Grade Teacher
- Kathy Higgins, 4th Grade Teacher
- Michael Tiano, Secondary Math/Comp. Science Teacher
- Sara Gladson, Family and Consumer Science Teacher

We also have some of our veteran teachers moving into new roles:

- Jenny Schwery, 5th Grade Teacher
- Tish O’Mara 2nd Grade Teacher
- Amy De Waard, Preschool Teacher/Preschool Director

As always I invite you to come in to open house on August 18 to meet new people, reconnect with others, and see what we are proud of at MStM. Please continue to share your feedback with us; we value your input and appreciate ideas for continual improvement.

Thank you for your continued support; the families of MStM make this school a great place to be!

From the Desk of Josh Moser,
Secondary Principal

Summer Activities Recognition

June and July are typically associated with vacations, sleeping in, and lounging around. This was not the case for our boys and girls who were part of our baseball and softball programs this summer. Often playing several games a week, softball and baseball players devote their summers to their respective sports. I can safely say their hard work and dedication paid off. The baseball program, led by head coach Jon Fitzpatrick and assistant coach Ethan Westphal, finished the season in the quarterfinal game at the Iowa HS State Baseball Tournament with a record of 33-8. This marked MStM baseball’s 13th appearance at the state tournament, and they played together as a team through and through.

Softball made an impact at the state level as well – for the seventh season in a row! Under the guidance of head coach Brian Sweet and assistant coach Brent Parrott, the girls upheld their reputation as a powerhouse in Iowa HS softball, finishing their season at the semifinals of the tournament with a record of 26-6. Special recognition goes to Kaitlyn Schad and Jamie Jordan for their selection as members of the Class 1A All-Tournament Team. Great job, girls!

There were large crowds at baseball and softball games throughout the summer, which is always good to see. Our student-athletes work incredibly hard all year round to do their best and to showcase their talents. It is exciting to see such overwhelming support for our girls and boys of summer. It goes to show that Blue Devils know how to put the “community” in “Community School District.”

I also want to extend a special thank you to all of the parents and volunteers who helped throughout the baseball and softball seasons. These are often thankless jobs that require standing out in the hot sun or a concession stand to help make the event run smoothly. Whether you took tickets as a gate worker, provided the game’s play-by-play and color commentary as an announcer, kept scores and stats on the board or in a book, or served hot dogs and ice cream as a
concession worker, you deserve sincere thanks for your time and energy.

New Faculty, Sponsors, and Coaches

We have new additions to our faculty and staff for the 2014-2015 school year. In the last issue I introduced Michael Tiano (7-12 Math Instructor), and this month there are three staff members moving into different roles:

- I am pleased to welcome Sara Gladson to the secondary staff as the new Family and Consumer Science teacher. Mrs. Gladson has been part of the MStM family for a year already, serving as a long-term substitute in FCS as well as day-to-day classroom assignments. She is clearly ready and excited for the opportunity to have her own classroom again, having previously taught business in other districts before moving to this area. Welcome, Mrs. Gladson!

- Jodi Broadbent has been hired as head volleyball coach for the quickly-approaching season. Mrs. Broadbent (nee Wyman) previously served as assistant volleyball coach under former coach Brian Spanhut. She will bring this experience as well as enthusiasm to continue a program focused on teamwork, growth, and success. We are very lucky to have Jodi as our volleyball coach.

- Now starting her fourth year in the district, Beth Grafft will assume the role of drama director/speech sponsor for the upcoming year. Mrs. Grafft has a depth of experience directing HS plays from working in her previous district, and also brings a heightened excitement for all things dramatic. She will be taking over for Melissa Schad, who spent four seasons in this role. Break a leg, Mrs. Grafft!

I am greatly looking forward to this new school year — not only because we have a dedicated faculty and staff but also because we are fortunate to be part of a strong, caring community that values education and learning. Being supportive is something that cannot be faked nor is it taken lightly. A partnership between the school and community is a sure way to help each one grow and prosper.

From the Desk of Mrs. Sowder, Talented and Gifted/Yearbook

Attention Parents of Seniors: It's time to get your child's senior photos scheduled for the 2015 yearbook/graduation slide show. Typically, the time frame from photo session to printed photos is four to six weeks. Senior photos and baby photos are due into the yearbook staff the week after winter break; submissions may be taken as early as October. Please submit at least one **vertical** senior photo but you may submit two (one for yearbook and one for the graduation slide show) and at least one **vertical** baby/early childhood photo. Horizontal poses often do not fit our dimensions. Baby photos must not be blurry. Photos will be scanned and returned to you.

You may purchase a senior ad for the yearbook to recognize your child's accomplishments and promote a personal message from your family. The fee is $50 and due with a photo and message by Parent/Teacher Conferences in the fall. Contact: Amy Sowder

PTO

The PTO is looking to have a Homemade Pie Fundraiser this fall just in time for the upcoming Holidays. We are asking for donations of fresh fruit, we are hoping to make a few different kinds of pies! Cherries, Apples, Blueberries, Peaches, Strawberries and Rhubarb are the kinds of fruit we are looking for. Any help would be wonderful! We will also be in need of: flour, sugar, lard (Crisco) as well as volunteers to help with putting the pies together!

If you have any fruit that you would like to donate, please contact either Cassandra Ackerson @ 515-210-6336 or Val Oberbroeckling @ 563-543-7979.

Again this year we will be doing a clothing swap in the school cafeteria sometime in October! We had a great turnout last fall! This will be a free will donation with the proceeds going to the PTO funds to help purchase items for our school. Just wanted to get the information out there if you happen to be going through clothing and would like to donate to the swap in the fall! More information to come in the future.

Thank you for considering a donation!
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
May 7, 2014

The Board of Directors of the Martensdale-St. Marys Community School District met in regular session, pursuant to law, on May 7, 2014.

Members Present: President, Nicole Bunch; Vice President, Wade Gibson; Dawn Reeves, Ralph DiCesare and Dean Furness (on conference call); together with Superintendent Tom Wood, Principal Josh Moser, and Business Manager Jill Gavin.

Members Absent: none

I. Welcome – Board President

Mrs. Bunch called the 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
D. Approval of Hot Lunch and Activity Reports Board President

Mr. DiCesare motioned to approve the consent items, seconded by Mrs. Reeves. Roll call: 5 ayes.

IV. Celebrations

Mr. Wood announced the annual PTO Fun Run on May 17th. Interviews have been set up for most of our open positions. TeachIowa has been an excellent tool for candidates than in the past. The website can provide surveys, allow us to collect data and we are confident that we have some excellent candidates. Over 60 candidates applied for our 3rd grade position, over 25 candidates for our Preschool positions and over 30 candidates for our Special Ed position.

Mr. Moser announced that this was Teacher Appreciation Week. Prom was a success on May 3rd. It was held at Echo Valley and Post Prom went very well and well attended. Two teams of students participated in our Math Modeling Competition. They were to solve real world problems and spent 36 hours working together to advice reports, applied multiple content areas from science to physical education. He was very proud of these students.

Student Recognition: Katelyn Amfahr, Andrew Niklawski, Dylan Black, Hunter Starmer, Reid Frederiksen, Sage Sowder, Brianna Hartman, Tom Warden, Jamie Jordan, Matt Neiderheiser, Keaton Wenzel.

V. Public Comments - none

VI. Old Business

A. Reports Supt. Wood

1) MStM Music Booster Minutes – April 14, 2014
2) MStM Athletic Booster Minutes – April 9, 2014
3) MStM PTO Minutes – April 15, 2014

B. Presentations

1) Facilities Report Mr. Wood

The Facilities Committee met on April 23rd. They reviewed their five-year plan for PPEL and Capital Projects. Three main concerns the district had was the condition of our current boilers, the condition of the track and the wireless in the building. The boilers have exceeded their life spans and we were advised to replace one for the next three years. A Fisher Track representative came down on May 6th to inspect the track surface with Jim Lynch, Tom Wood and Andy Klemesrud, and his recommendation was that we could wait one more year. It is still in good condition and he provided some suggestions on how to prevent the wearing of the surface in the future. Mr. Wood informed the Board that the building is in need of upgrading the wireless due to increase usage of outside sources. Jim Lynch informed the administration on May 7th that he received a quote on repairs or replacement of the kitchen roof. That amount came in at $99,000. This has now become a concern and we will have to adjust future projects.

2) Principal’s Report Mr. Moser

Mr. Moser reviewed the IA Assessments data. He has met with perspective teachers and gave an overview of the database that we have used to gather scores and analyze student performances. He provided the responses and discussion points from the teachers.
Mr. Moser is nearly done with the 2014-2015 course schedule and JH schedule. He will be working with the new math teacher over the summer on curriculum. He updated the Board on open coaching positions and several student concerns. The AEA has been working with a Network Vulnerability testing to determine our weak areas in our networks and how to secure those. Teachers from Melcher Dallas came to visit to observe our block scheduling, what to avoid and what works. Several computers were donated by EMC and they are being used in the library and for the Yearbook students.

3) Superintendent’s Report Supt. Wood

Mr. Wood acknowledged School Board Recognition Week and thanked Nicole Bunch, Wade Gibson, Dean Furness, Dawn Reeves and Ralph DiCesare for their service. It is often a thankless job and can be full of stress, but our kids and teachers are better off because of the work that you do.

VII. New Business

A. School Board Recognition Week Supt. Wood

Mrs. Reeves motioned to approve the 2014 Graduates, seconded by Mr. Gibson. Roll call: 5 ayes.

B. Approve Personnel Resignations Supt. Wood

Mr. DiCesare motioned to approve the resignation of Todd Verwers of all activity positions, seconded by Mr. Gibson. Roll call: 5 ayes.

Mr. DiCesare motioned to approve the resignation of Alison Meier, FCS Teacher, seconded by Mr. Gibson. Roll call: 5 ayes.

Mr. DiCesare motioned to approve the resignation of Manda Gibson, associate and school photographer, seconded by Mrs. Reeves. Roll call: 4 ayes. Mr. Gibson abstained from voting.

C. Approve Personnel Recommendations Supt. Wood

Mrs. Reeves motioned to approve the recommendation of Scott Bixby as Head Boys/Girls Cross Country Coach and Andrea Benson as JH/Assistant Varsity Boys/Girls Cross Country Coach, seconded by Mr. Gibson. Roll call: 5 ayes.

The Board agreed to allow the administration to move forward on a summer weight room/agility program for the summer and possibly year round. Mr. Klemesrud will bring a recommendation to the board on positions at the next special board meeting.

D. Approve 2014 Graduates Supt. Wood

Mrs. Reeves motioned to approve the 2014 Graduates, seconded by Mr. Gibson. Roll call: 5 ayes.

E. Discuss/Approve 2014-2015 Classified Staff Contracts Supt. Wood

Mrs. Reeves motioned to approve the 4.5% increase to certified staff, seconded by Mr. Gibson. Roll call: 5 ayes.

F. Discuss/Approve 2014-2015 Administration Staff Contracts Supt. Wood

Mrs. Reeves motioned to approve a three year contract for Mr. Wood and a two year contract for Mr. Moser, seconded by Mr. DiCesare. Roll call: 5 ayes.

G. Discuss/Approve 2014-2015 Extra-Curricular Staff Contracts Supt. Wood

Mr. Wood requested to change the way we approve the extra-curricular contracts. Instead of approving all contracts for the whole year, it was recommended to approve them by fall sports, spring sports and summer sports. The reason for this is that in most instances we do not have people in place to make those recommendations. This will also allow the administration to evaluate those coaches after their seasons are complete before assigning new contracts. Mr. DiCesare approved the following contracts: Music, Speech, Drama, Yearbook, Student Council, NHS, Fundraising Coordinator, School to Work, Early Bird Spanish, Mr. Folkerts’ Extended Contract, Summer School, AD contract, 12th Grade Class Sponsor, Dance, Cheerleading and Activities Sponsor, seconded by Mr. Gibson. Roll call: 5 ayes.

H. Discuss/Approve 2014-2015 Bus Driver Contracts Supt. Wood

Mrs. Reeves motioned to approve 2014-2015 Bus Driver Contracts, seconded by Mr. Furness. Roll call: 5 ayes.

I. Discuss/Approve 2014-2015 Registration Fees Supt. Wood

Mr. Gibson motioned to approve the 2014-2015 registration fees and keep them the same, seconded by Mrs. Reeves. Roll call: 5 ayes.
J. Discuss/Approve 2014-2015 Activities Pass Fees
   Supt. Wood

Mr. Gibson motioned to approve the 2014-2015 activity pass fees and keep them the same, seconded by Mr. DiCesare. Roll call: 5 ayes.

K. Discuss/Approve 2014-2015 Secondary
    Computer Fees
   Supt. Wood

Mr. DiCesare motioned to approve the 2014-2015 computer fees and keep them the same, seconded by Mrs. Reeves. Roll call: 5 ayes.

L. Discuss/Approve Wireless Upgrade – Capital
    Projects FY14
   Supt. Wood

Mr. Gibson motioned to approve the wireless upgrade recommendation with Communication Innovators to be purchased from Capital Projects in fiscal year 2014, seconded by Mr. DiCesare. Roll call: 5 ayes.

M. Discuss/Approve Boiler Replacement - PPEL
    FY14
   Supt. Wood

Mrs. Reeves motioned to approve the water heater replacement from Carroll Plumbing of $7,860, installing new boiler from Hildreth Co of $2,800, and new hot water heating boiler to elementary school boiler room for $10,434, to be paid from PPEL in fiscal year 2014, seconded by Mr. DiCesare. Roll call: 5 ayes.

N. Confirm – Next Meeting Dates
   Supt. Wood

The next regular schedule board meeting will be held on June 9th at 4:00 p.m.

VIII. Adjournment
   Mrs. Reeves motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. DiCesare. Roll call: 5 ayes. Time: 5:25 p.m.

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
MAY 13, 2014

The Board of Directors of the Martensdale-St. Marys Community School District met in special session, by conference call, pursuant to law, on May 13, 2014.

Members Present: President, Nicole Bunch; Vice President, Wade Gibson; Dawn Reeves, Ralph DiCesare and Dean Furness; together with Superintendent Tom Wood, Principal Josh Moser, and Business Manager Jill Gavin.

Welcome – Board President
Mrs. Bunch called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and welcomed all guests.

II. Public Comments - none

III. New Business

A. Approve Personnel Resignations

Mr. Furness motioned to approve the resignations of Mollie Scrivner, 2nd grade, and John Amfahr, JH Girls Track, seconded by Mrs. Reeves. Roll Call: 5 ayes.

B. Approve Personnel Recommendations

Mr. DiCesare motioned to approve Brian Sweet, Head Softball Coach and Brent Parrott, Assistant Softball Coach, seconded by Mr. Furness. Roll Call: 5 ayes.

Mr. Gibson motioned to approve Jenna Fitzgerald, Preschool, and Amanda Meacham, Preschool, Brett Flander, Elementary Special Education, and Allison Grandfield, Elementary Special Education, seconded by Mr. DiCesare. Roll Call: 5 ayes.

Mr. Wood requested during the May 7th board meeting to change the way we approve the extra-curricular contracts. Instead of approving all contracts for the whole year, it was recommended to approve them by fall sports, spring sports and summer sports. The reason for this is that in most instances we do not have people in place to make those recommendations. This will also allow the administration to evaluate those coaches after their seasons are complete before assigning new contracts.

Since the May 7th board meeting, this decision made a stir with the existing coaches. In rethinking this decision some circumstances were overlooked.

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Coaches may perceive this as a lack of confidence in their abilities, summer work-outs and camps could suffer, and coaches may be lost to other programs without a contract issued. In following past practice it would be best to stay with this system. Mr. Wood would like to back off his previous recommendation and move forward approving all fall, winter, spring and summer contracts for the 2014-2015 school year.

Mr. Furness motioned to approve all coaching contracts for the 2014-2015 school year, excluding Golf, seconded by Mrs. Reeves. Roll Call: 4 Ayes. Mr. Gibson abstained from the vote.

Mr. Furness motioned to approve Golf contracts for 2014-2015 school year, seconded by Mr. DiCesare. Roll Call: 4 Ayes. Mr. Gibson abstained from the vote.

Mr. DiCesare motioned to approve Brent Parrott as Head JH Softball Coach, seconded by Mr. Furness. Roll Call: 3 ayes. Mr. Furness abstained from the vote.

Mrs. Reeves motioned to approve Manda Gibson as Assistant JH Softball Coach, seconded by Mr. Furness. Roll Call: 3 ayes. Mr. Gibson abstained from the vote.

Mr. Furness motioned to approve 4.5% increase to Andy Klemesrud, Activities Director, seconded by Mrs. Reeves. Roll Call: 4 ayes.

V. Adjournment
Mrs. Reeves motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. DiCesare. Roll Call: 4 ayes. Time: 12:15 p.m.

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
MAY 19, 2014

The Board of Directors of the Martensdale-St. Marys Community School District met in special session, by conference call, pursuant to law, on May 19, 2014.

Members Present: Vice President, Wade Gibson; Dawn Reeves, Ralph DiCesare and Dean Furness; together with Superintendent Tom Wood, Principal Josh Moser, and Business Manager Jill Gavin.

Members Absent: President, Nicole Bunch

Welcome – Board President
Mr. Gibson called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and welcomed all guests.

III. Public Comments - none

III. New Business

C. Approve Personnel Resignations

Mrs. Reeves motioned to approve Melissa Schad’s resignation of Speech and Drama, seconded by Mr. Furness. Roll Call: 4 ayes.

D. Approve Personnel Recommendations

Mr. Furness motioned to approve Kelsey Nickel, 3rd grade teacher, and Kathy Higgins, 4th grade teacher, seconded by Mr. DiCesare. Roll Call: 4 ayes.

Mr. Furness motioned to approve Brent Parrott, summer weight room supervisor, and Scott Bixby, summer speed/agility coach, seconded by Mrs. Reeves. Roll Call: 4 ayes.

Mr. DiCesare motioned to approve Brent Parrott as Head JH Softball Coach, seconded by Mr. Furness. Roll Call: 4 ayes.

Mrs. Reeves motioned to approve Manda Gibson as Assistant JH Softball Coach, seconded by Mr. Furness. Roll Call: 3 ayes. Mr. Gibson abstained from the vote.

Mr. DiCesare motioned to approve Dean Furness as Assistant/JH Football Coach, seconded by Mrs. Reeves. Roll Call: 3 ayes. Mr. Furness abstained from the vote.

Mrs. Reeves motioned to approve 4.5% increase to Andy Klemesrud, Activities Director, seconded by Mrs. Reeves. Roll Call: 4 ayes.

V. Adjournment
Mrs. Reeves motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. DiCesare. Roll Call: 4 ayes. Time: 12:15 p.m.

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
JUNE 9, 2014

The Board of Directors of the Martensdale-St. Marys Community School District met in regular session, pursuant to law, on June 9, 2014.

Members Present: President, Nicole Bunch; Ralph DiCesare and Dean Furness; together with Superintendent Tom Wood, Principal Josh Moser, and Business Manager Jill Gavin.

Members Absent: Vice President, Wade Gibson; Dawn Reeves

Welcome – Board President
Mr. Gibson called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and welcomed all guests.

III. Public Comments - none

III. New Business

C. Approve Personnel Resignations

Mrs. Reeves motioned to approve Melissa Schad’s resignation of Speech and Drama, seconded by Mr. Furness. Roll Call: 4 ayes.

D. Approve Personnel Recommendations

Mr. Furness motioned to approve Kelsey Nickel, 3rd grade teacher, and Kathy Higgins, 4th grade teacher, seconded by Mr. DiCesare. Roll Call: 4 ayes.

Mr. Furness motioned to approve Brent Parrott, summer weight room supervisor, and Scott Bixby, summer speed/agility coach, seconded by Mrs. Reeves. Roll Call: 4 ayes.

Mr. DiCesare motioned to approve Brent Parrott as Head JH Softball Coach, seconded by Mr. Furness. Roll Call: 4 ayes.

Mrs. Reeves motioned to approve Manda Gibson as Assistant JH Softball Coach, seconded by Mr. Furness. Roll Call: 3 ayes. Mr. Gibson abstained from the vote.

Mr. Furness motioned to approve 4.5% increase to Andy Klemesrud, Activities Director, seconded by Mrs. Reeves. Roll Call: 4 ayes.

V. Adjournment
Mrs. Reeves motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. DiCesare. Roll Call: 4 ayes. Time: 12:15 p.m.
IV. Welcome – Board President

Mrs. Bunch called the 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
D. Approval of Hot Lunch and Activity Reports Board President

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

III. Celebrations

Mr. Wood stated that the end of the year activities went well. The Preschool and Kindergarten classes celebrated graduation; the students enjoyed the Elementary Talent Show and the Fun Run was chilly but the kids had a great day. The teachers celebrated the end of the year with Scratch Cupcakes from Nicole Bunch, and a retreat to Incredible Pizza where they went through team building exercises and a scavenger hunt.

Mr. Moser stated that graduation went well. He was pleased with the turnout. The band and chorus performed well, the speaker did a nice job and several students presented Mrs. Butcher with flowers. Congratulations Class of 2014!

Mr. Moser stated that the Softball and Baseball seasons are going well. Baseball currently is 9-1 and Softball is currently 7-2. The kids are excited to be playing.

Mr. Moser commended the students who are working with the maintenance department. There is huge progress already in getting the rooms ready for the next year.

IV. Public Comments - none

V. Old Business
A. Reports Supt. Wood

1) MStM Music Booster Minutes – May 12, 2014
2) MStM Athletic Booster Minutes – none
3) MStM PTO Minutes – none

B. Presentations

1) Principal’s Report Mr. Wood

Mr. Wood announced that the expected enrollment for preschool this fall is 52. Enrollment for preschool this current year was 31. Kindergarten is expecting 32 students this fall compared to 37 this current school year. The District has rearranged some of the classrooms to keep all three preschool classes close together. Mr. Wood reviewed a major change to the Preschool handbook adding a $100 non-refundable deposit due at spring registration. He reviewed only editorial changes to the Elementary handbook and Staff handbook. He reviewed the results of staff exit interviews and discovered the primary reason for leaving was family related.

Mr. Wood reviewed the Early Literacy Mandate. A team of teachers and Mr. Wood attended a Department of Education training on June 3rd and 4th. The next steps will be to study current practices and materials to determine if they are scientifically researched and meet the DE requirements. New assessments will be implemented in the 2014-2015 school year for PK-3.

2) Principal’s Report Mr. Moser

Mr. Moser stated that he has a group of teachers who will be coming in for summer curriculum work. He went over the book studies that he plans on using with the teachers for professional development for the 2014-2015 school year. He reviewed a letter from Brad Buck, Director of the Department of Education, informing MStM that we have been selected to participate in the 2015 National Assessment of Educational Progress program. Between January and March of 2015 the 8th grade class will participate in math, reading and science assessments.

He reviewed the Iowa Youth Survey that will be taken in the fall of 2014. He updated the board on the Family Consumer Science position. Very few applicants have applied...
and Mr. Moser is now reaching out to other schools, the Board of Educational Examiners and the Department of Education. This position is a shortage position and they are looking at other ways of filling the position. Mr. Moser updated the board on the wrestling mat; whether or not it should be 1 or 2 pieces and the concerns of cutting a hole in the wall again and the safety of moving the mat. Mr. Moser requested help from staff to gate money at the west gate during baseball games. Mr. Moser presented a piece on anti-tobacco programming.

Mr. Moser stated that they will not be issuing planners to students in the fall. Feedback from students and teachers indicate the planners are not used as much as they have been in the past, and there isn’t as great a need for them. If students need to leave the classroom to visit another teacher, they will be given admit slips instead. Each teacher will be provided with standardized passes for students going to their lockers, the restroom, the office, and other common places. Teachers are also encouraged to create sign-out sheets for students. Part of the Advisory work will include some introduction to some planner-like apps for phones so as to increase the responsible and relevant use of technology tools.

Mr. Moser discussed how to reward students who demonstrate growth or maintain high levels of proficiency with the Iowa Assessment testing. Parents will be given supply lists at registration in August. Due to the cut in the number of early out days for the 2014-2015 school year, we will return to the previous practice of having Wednesdays used for teacher collaboration and study hall. In doing so, we will increase the amount of time teachers have to work together and with students by nearly 18 hours during the school year. There will also be a greater focus on intervention and remediation for struggling students during this time rather than a simple study hall time.

VI. New Business

O. Discuss/Approve Equipment Breakdown Insurance

Mr. DiCesare motioned to not approve the renewal of the Equipment Breakdown Insurance policy for 2014-2015, seconded by Mr. Furness. Roll Call: 3 ayes.

P. Approve IAEP Contract

Mr. Furness motioned to approve the Iowa Association for Educational Purchasing agreement for 2014-2015, seconded by Mr. DiCesare. Roll Call: 3 ayes.


Mr. Wood reviewed the IASB Legislative Priorities for 2014-2015. The comprehensive site visit is scheduled for January 27, 2015 through January 29, 2015. Mr. Wood will be updating procedure manuals, collecting requested information, and insuring the District that we are in compliance as best we can. He is also gearing up for the Early Literacy Implementation that will affect grades PK-3. This will change instruction, assessment, and curricular needs in these grades. He will also need to begin planning for summer school as part of this legislation. Another item for 2014-2015 is our selection to participate in the National Assessment for Educational Progress. This test is used to compare students across the U.S and the world. Information on it can be found at http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/about.

A final component of his summer work will include preparation and writing the grant for the Teacher Leadership and Compensation (TLC) package. Mr. Moser and Mr. Wood attended an informational meeting on June 6th. They have formed a committee to determine what model best fits MStM and plan to submit the grant application when it is due this fall (most likely October or November). This application includes ten written sections which are required to meet DE guidelines as well as an abstract with an executive summary. All of these items will be woven into professional development and teacher work time.
Mr. DiCesare motioned to approve the 2014-2015 Secondary Student Handbook, seconded by Mr. Furness. Roll Call: 3 ayes.

   Supt. Wood

Mr. Furness motioned to approve the 2014-2015 Elementary Handbook, seconded by Mr. DiCesare. Roll Call: 3 ayes.

   Supt. Wood

Mr. Furness motioned to approve the 2014-2015 Preschool Handbook, seconded by Mr. DiCesare. Roll Call: 3 ayes.

   Supt. Wood

Mr. Furness motioned to approve the 2014-2015 Elementary Staff Handbook, seconded by Mr. DiCesare. Roll Call: 3 ayes.

   Supt. Wood

Mr. DiCesare motioned to approve the 2014-2015 Secondary Staff Handbook, seconded by Mr. Furness. Roll Call: 3 ayes.

V. Discuss/Approve Athletic Training Agreement
   Supt. Wood

Mr. DiCesare motioned to table the Athletic Training Agreement with Accelerated, seconded by Mr. Furness. Roll Call: 3 ayes.

W. Discuss/Approve IASB Legislative Priorities
   Supt. Wood

Mr. Furness motioned to approve priorities #3, #11, #14, #37 and #38 for the 2014-2015 IASB Legislative actions, seconded by Mr. DiCesare. Roll Call: 3 ayes.

X. Approve Personnel Resignations
   Supt. Wood

There were no personnel resignations.

Y. Approve Personnel Recommendations
   Supt. Wood

Mr. DiCesare motioned to approve Tim Baker as a summer weight room personnel, seconded by Mr. Furness. Roll Call: 3 ayes.

Z. Approve Close Session - Personnel
   Supt. Wood

Mr. DiCesare motioned to go into closed session regarding personnel, seconded by Mr. Furness. Roll Call: 3 ayes. Time: 5:30 p.m. Mr. Furness motioned to go out of closed session regarding personnel, seconded by Mr. DiCesare. Roll Call: 3 ayes. Time: 6:50 p.m.

AA. Confirm – Next Meeting Dates
   Supt. Wood

The next board meeting will be held on July 14, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

VIII. Adjournment

Mr. Furness motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. DiCesare. Roll call: 3 ayes. Time: 6:55 p.m.

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### August

#### Some dates to remember:
- **August 11**: Registration 8:00-4:00
- **August 12**: Registration 12:00-8:00
- **August 18**: Open House 6:30 – 7:30
- **August 19**: School Begins
- **August 21**: Preschool Begins
- **August 28**: Picture day!
- **August 29**: 1:00 Dismissal

### School Lunch

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# Martensdale-St Marys

## Calendar Report

### August, 2014

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| **10** | **11** | **12**  | **13**    | **14**   | **15** | **16**   |
| 8:00am Registration<br>4:00pm School Board Meeting @ Supt. Office<br>4:00pm School Board Meeting @ Supt. Office | 12:00pm Registration<br>6:00pm 7th Grade Orientation @ JH-HS Media Center | **Professional Development**<br>6:00pm 9th Grade/New Student Laptop Orientation Meeting @ JH-HS Media Center<br>6:30pm Open House | Professional Development | Professional Development | Professional Development | **16:00am MSTM Golf Outing** |
| **17** | **18** | **19**  | **20**    | **21**   | **22** | **23**   |
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**School Events**
- **1:00 Dismissal**
- **7:00pm Football-Varsity Woodward Granger**
- **9:00am Volleyball-Varsity Clarke vs. Multiple Schools**
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Martensdale, Iowa 50160  
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MStM’s Equity Coordinator is Josh Moser, secondary principal. His address is MStM Community School, 390 Burlington, Martensdale, Iowa 50160. His phone number is 641-764-2686 and his email address is: josh_moser@mstm.us