

**Board of Education
Meridian Public Schools
District 48-0303
Daykin, Nebraska 68338
Monday, August 21, 2017**

Regular August 21, 2017 Meeting -7:00 P.M.

Meridian Public School Board of Education met on August 21, 2017, as per notice in the Fairbury Journal-News.

President VanWesten called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The open meeting law information was presented. Members present were Scheer, Sobotka, Bartels, Vorderstrasse, and VanWesten. Also present were Superintendent Kort, Principal Scott, and Natalie Meyer.

Bartels moved and Scheer seconded to excuse Miller from the August 21, 2017 Board Meeting. Vote taken: Scheer-aye, Bartels-aye, Sobotka-aye, Vorderstrasse-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 5-0.

No comments from the public.

Sobotka moved and Vorderstrasse seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

1. Minutes of the Monday, July 17, 2017 Regular Meeting with correction of Approved Lunch
Prices: Should Read PreK-6 = \$2.60; 7-12=\$2.70
2. District Financial Report
3. Activity Fund Report
4. Hot Lunch Report
5. Bills

Vote taken: Scheer-aye, Bartels-aye, Sobotka-aye, Vorderstrasse-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent Kort asked the Board if we would like to have a former FFA advisor come to a Board Meeting to discuss needed steps to start at program here at Meridian. The Board advised him to move forward with this.

Bartels moved and Scheer seconded to approve ALICAP as the insurance provider for the 2017-2018 school year. Vote taken: Scheer-aye, Bartels-aye, Sobotka-aye, Vorderstrasse-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent Kort stated that the Nebraska Association of School Board's meeting is November 15th- 17th, in Omaha and the Regional meeting will be in York on September 13th.

Discussion was held on Head Cook Benefits Negotiation. Item was tabled until member Miller was present and Superintendent Kort can gather additional info.

Scheer moved and Vorderstrasse seconded to transfer \$150,000 of the 2017 budget funds into the Depreciation Fund. Vote taken: Scheer-aye, Bartels-aye, Sobotka-aye, Vorderstrasse-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Miller moved and Vorderstrasse seconded to transfer \$80,000 of the 2017 budget funds into the Activity Fund. Vote taken: Scheer-aye, Bartels-aye, Sobotka-aye, Vorderstrasse-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Principal Scott reported:

1. First Day of School was Friday, August 18th.
2. New teachers for the 2017 – 2018 school year are Emma Shaner, PK-8 General Music; Echoe Davis, 4th Grade and 4th, 5th and 6th Grade Math; Lisa Hermsmeier, Counselor; and Brenda Williams, 8-12 English.
3. 2017-2018 school year student enrollment: Elementary enrollment is 111 students, and 7-12 has 118 students for a total of 229.

4. Teachers were involved in four days of in-service and training from August 14th- 17th. APL training and other various topics were presented. School Improvement goals for this school year are improving student math and reading performance.

Superintendent Kort reported:

1. Update on summer projects: ADA restrooms should be complete in the next week.
2. Student involvement in fall sports: Football 16 and Volleyball 22.
3. Initial discussion of football projections for 18 and 19 rotations.
4. Projection of 2017-2018 Budget.

Hearings and next meeting set for Monday, September 18, 2017– Annual Budget Hearing-6:30 p.m.; Annual Tax Request Hearing-6:45 p.m.; Regular Meeting to follow.

Vorderstrasse moved and Sobotka seconded to adjourn at 7:49 p.m. Vote taken: Vote taken: Scheer-aye, Bartels-aye, Sobotka-aye, Vorderstrasse-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Jason Bartels, Secretary Meridian District # 48-0303