

**Board of Education
Meridian Public Schools
District - 48-0303
Daykin, Nebraska, 68338
Monday, September 18, 2017**

SPECIAL PUBLIC HEARING 6:30 P.M.

Meridian Public School Board of Education met on September 18, 2017, as per notice Fairbury Journal-News.

President VanWesten called the hearing to order at 6:30 p.m. The open meeting law was presented. Members present were Sobotka, Bartels, Scheer, Vorderstrasse, Miller, and VanWesten. Also present were Superintendent Kort and Shana Rickstrew.

Superintendent Kort provided information concerning the proposed 2017-2018 Budget. Total asking amount is down \$19,648.

Special Budget Hearing was closed at 6:43 p.m.

SPECIAL PUBLIC HEARING 6:45 P.M.

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President VanWesten called the hearing to order at 6:45 p.m. The open meeting law was presented. All members were present. Also present were Superintendent Kort and Shana Rickstrew.

Superintendent Kort provided information concerning the proposed 2017-2018 Tax Request which will be .533688 (.002696 less than a year ago).

Special Tax Hearing was closed at 6:50 p.m.

Regular September 18, 2017 Meeting - 6:50 P.M.

Meridian Public School Board of Education met on September 18, 2017, as per notice Fairbury Journal-News.

President VanWesten called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m. The open meeting law information was presented. Members present were Sobotka, Bartels, Scheer, Vorderstrasse, Miller, and VanWesten. Also present were Superintendent Kort, Shana Rickstrew, Jaicee Sobotka, Erin Johnson, and Dewey Linnemann.

There was nothing to add to the agenda.

No comments were heard from the public.

Sobotka moved and Scheer seconded to approve consent agenda as presented with an amendment showing Sobotka, not Miller, moved to transfer \$80,000 of the 2017 budget funds to the Activity Fund in the August 21, 2017 Minutes.

A: Minutes of the Monday, August 21, 2017 Regular Meeting

B: District Financial Report

C: Activity Fund Report

D: Hot Lunch Fund Report

E: Bills

Vote was taken. Vorderstrasse-aye, Miller-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, Scheer-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Jaicee Sobotka and Erin Johnson reviewed the 2017-2018 Student Council Schedule of Activities.

Vorderstrasse moved and Sobotka seconded to approve 2017-2018 Budget. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Miller-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, Scheer-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Bartels moved and Miller seconded to approve the 2017-2018 Tax Request Resolution of \$2,448,484 General Fund, \$24,242 Special Building, \$151,515 Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund, and \$101,010 Technology Fund. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Miller-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, Scheer-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Scheer moved and Vorderstrasse seconded to approve changing Tuesday, March 20, 2018, to a day of no school for students and a teacher work day due to Meridian hosting MUDECAS Music West Division. Vote take: Scheer-aye, Bartels-aye, Sobotka-aye, Miller-aye, Vorderstrasse-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Dewey Linnemann gave a presentation on FFA and the benefits of a program being started at Meridian. Mr. Linnemann answered the Board's questions following his presentation. Matt Kriefels from UNL will be attending the October Board Meeting to give the Board more information on the next steps to getting a program started.

Negotiations with MEA (Meridian Education Association) will begin next month for the 2018-2019 school year.

Bartels moved and Miller seconded to use North Star Negotiation Software for the 2018-2019 Teacher Negotiations. Vorderstrasse-aye, Miller-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, Scheer-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 6-0.

The Board discussed the Superintendent evaluation tool that will be used for the 2017-2018 school year.

Discussion was held on Head Cook Benefit Negotiations. It was decided this item will be included in the negotiations with the Board Negotiation Committee starting next month. More information will be requested from Superintendent Kort.

Principal Scott reported:

1. Student Numbers: 114 in Pre-K-6th, and 119 in 7-12; Total 234 Students
2. Homecoming Week Activities
3. Social Media Followers
4. NWEA Map Testing
5. MUDECAS Volleyball
6. School Improvement Team Preparing for NDE 5 Year Visit Next School Year

Superintendent Kort reported:

1. Meridian Board Negotiations Committee Meeting Dates
2. NASB State Convention on November 15-17th in Omaha
3. Attended NASB meeting September 13th, with Jay, Jason, Scott, and Todd
4. Changes to Parent Teacher Conferences in the Fall and Spring Due to Activities
5. Vandalism to the New ADA Restrooms at the First Football Game

Next Regular Meeting set for Sunday, October 15, 2017 – 12:00 p.m.

Sobotka moved and Miller seconded to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Miller-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, Scheer-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Jason Bartels, Secretary Meridian District #48-0303