

**Board of Education
Meridian Public Schools
District 48-0303
Daykin, Nebraska 68338
Sunday, October 15, 2017**

Regular October 15, 2017 Meeting 12:00 P.M.

Meridian Public School Board of Education met on Sunday, October 15, 2017, as per notice in the Fairbury Journal-News.

President VanWesten called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. The open meeting law information was presented. Members present were Sobotka, Bartels, Scheer, Miller, Vorderstrasse, and VanWesten. Also present were Superintendent Kort, Principal Scott, Mr. VanderSchaaf, Mrs. Hofstetter, and Ms. Hermsmeier.

Nothing new to add to agenda.

No comments from public.

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

1. Minutes of the Special Budget Hearing, Monday, September 18, 2017
2. Minutes of the Special Tax Hearing, Monday, September 18, 2017
3. Minutes of the Monday, September 18, 2017 Regular Meeting
4. District Financial Report
5. Activity Fund Report
6. Hot Lunch Report
7. Bills

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

Superintendent Kort discussed E-Rate funds. These are funds given to rural districts and are intended to be invested in technology for the district.

Superintendent Kort updated the Board on the status of the school's technology plan. Projects the technology team are evaluating include staying current on computers and chrome books, and smart board updates. Mr. VanderSchaaf and Mr. Pohlman will be attending a conference in November and will look for options the district has to update technology.

Superintendent Kort reviewed the verbal audit received for the 2016-2017 school year. There were no concerns found in the audit and we should have a copy by the end of the month.

The Board discussed the 2000's Policies.

Discussion was held on the Superintendent's Evaluation. Superintendent Kort will email the evaluation form to all Board members, the members will fill out the forms, and turn their completed forms over to President VanWesten.

A motion was made by Sobotka and seconded by Miller for approval of Johnson Controls to update the HVAC system to allow all units to be controlled by one computer. Currently three Trane units will not communicate with a computer. Vote was taken: Scheer-aye, Bartels-aye, Sobotka-aye, Miller-aye, Vorderstrasse-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Discussion was held to Amend Tech Bond Resolution of July 2018.

Bartels moved and Scheer seconded to approve Inter-local membership with ESU 5 and Beatrice. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Miller-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, Scheer-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Principal Scott reported:

1. Student numbers continue to increase. Currently we have 122 students in 7-12, and 114 in PK-6.
2. Social Media Followers Increased
3. Fall NWEA Map Testing has been Completed
4. Update on Volleyball Conference Tournament and NSAA Power Points - Currently #1 or #2
5. Thursday, October 26th, will be First Round of Football Playoffs
6. School Improvement Team is Completing NDE 5 Year Visit Materials
7. Play Production will be Competing in Conference and Districts Starting November 8th
8. Parent Teacher Conference Participation: 94% Elementary, and 60% Jr High and High School

Superintendent Kort reported:

1. NASB Information for November 15-17th
2. Bus update
3. Looking to stay in eight man for next two years of football. Expecting 21 boys out next year. We would not be eligible for playoffs in six man due to student numbers
4. Update on lunch program expenses from last month.

Next Regular Meeting set for Monday, November 20, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.

Vorderstrasse moved and Miller seconded to adjourn at 12:46 p.m. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Miller-aye, Bartels-aye, Scheer-aye, Sobotka-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Jason Bartels, Secretary Meridian District # 48-0303