

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

Regular December 18, 2017 Meeting 7:00 P.M.

Meridian Public School Board of Education met on Monday, December 18, 2017, as per notice in the Fairbury Journal-News.

President VanWesten called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. The open meeting law information was presented. Members present were Bartels, Vorderstrasse, Sobotka, and VanWesten. Also present were Superintendent Kort, Principal Scott, Mrs. Hofstetter, Rylee Pieper, Delaney Homolka, and Minette Tomasch of the Fairbury Journal-News.

A motion was made by Sobotka and seconded by Bartels to excuse member Scheer. Vote was taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, and Van Westen-aye. Motion passed 4-0.

A motion was made by Bartels and seconded by Sobotka to excuse member Miller. Vote was taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, and Van Westen-aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Nothing to add to agenda.

No comments from the public.

Miller arrived at 7:05 p.m.

A motion was made by Vorderstrasse and seconded by Sobotka to approve consent agenda as follows:

1. Minutes of the Monday, November 20, 2017 Regular Meeting
2. District Financial Report
3. Activity Fund Report
4. Hot Lunch Report
5. Bills

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

Superintendent Kort gave the Curriculum Report. The report contained results of a survey that was given to the students in regards to interest in Ag Education/FFA. Over 30 students said they are interested in having this option at Meridian.

The motion was made by Bartels and seconded by Sobotka to add Agricultural Education Curriculum including FFA starting the 2018-2019 school year. Vote was taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Bartels-aye, Miller-aye, Sobotka-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Sobotka and seconded by Bartels to approve MEA as the recognized bargaining agent for the 2019-2020 school year. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Bartels-aye, Miller-aye, Sobotka-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion was held on adding a storage building between the new gym and the current shop to store bleachers, chairs, drama equipment, etc. Mike will begin looking at sizes and costs for a building.

Principal Scott reported:

1. Current student numbers are 116 Elementary and 117 Jr High/High School
2. Winter sports are in full swing. Wrestlers earned the runner up plaque at the Bob Oliver Invite and JV girls won the Meridian JV Basketball Tourney.
3. Bobby Truhe of KSB School Law gave a presentation on digital citizenship and internet safety to 4-12 grade students.
4. The music department had their elementary concert on December 4th, and secondary concert on December 14th. The students did a great job.

5. Meridian might want to look at class size limits to continue to offer small school feel.

Superintendent Kort reported:

1. Discussed Placement of Alumni TV
2. Johnson Controls to be here December 26th, to Update HVAC Controls
3. Starting Work on 2018-2019 School Calendar
4. Discuss Meridian Beef Program - Will be Talking to Diller Locker - Contacting Nebraska Community Foundation
5. Update from NCSA/Legislative
6. Update from CRC and MUDECAS Conferences

Bartels moved and Vorderstrasse seconded to go into executive session at 7:30 p.m. to discuss a teacher's resignation. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Miller-aye, Bartels-aye, Sobotka-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 5-0.

President VanWesten stated that it had been voted to go into executive session to discuss a teacher's resignation.

The Board reentered open session at 7:43 p.m.

A motion was made by Sobotka and seconded by Vorderstrasse to accept the resignation of Brenda Williams effective December 2017. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Bartels-aye, Miller-aye, Sobotka-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion was held on the Evaluation Report for Superintendent Kort.

The next Regular Meeting was set for Monday, January 15, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.

Sobotka moved and Miller seconded to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Bartels-aye, Miller-aye, Sobotka-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Jason Bartels,

Secretary Meridian District # 48-0303