

**Board of Education
Meridian Public Schools
District – 48-0303
Daykin, Nebraska, 68338
Monday, January 15, 2018**

Regular January 15, 2018 Meeting -7:00 P.M.

Meridian Public School Board of Education met on January 15, 2018, 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 Vorderstrasse, Miller, Sobotka, Bartels, Scheer, and VanWesten. Also present were Superintendent Kort, Principal Scott, and guests Andi Kort, Jackie Dimas, Jacob Baber, and Chris Placek.

Superintendent Kort was appointed to preside over the process of electing a president.

Bartels moved and Scheer seconded to nominate VanWesten as Board President.

Sobotka moved and Vorderstrasse seconded to cease nominations. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Miller-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, Scheer-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent Kort turned the meeting over to newly elected President VanWesten.

Sobotka moved and Scheer seconded to nominate Vorderstrasse as Board Vice-President.

Bartels moved and Miller seconded to cease nominations. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Miller-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, Scheer-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 6-0. Vorderstrasse was elected Vice-President.

Scheer moved and Sobotka seconded to nominate Bartels as Board Secretary.

Scheer moved and Sobotka seconded to cease nominations. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Miller-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, Scheer-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 6-0. Bartels was elected as Board Secretary.

Bartels moved and Scheer seconded to nominate Sobotka as Board Treasurer.

Vorderstrasse moved and Scheer seconded to cease nominations. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Miller-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, Scheer-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 6-0. Sobotka was elected as Board Treasurer.

There was nothing new to add to the agenda.

All members were present.

There were no comments from the public.

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

1. Minutes of the Monday, December 18, 2017 Regular Meeting
2. District Financial Report
3. Activity Fund Report
4. Hot Lunch Report
5. Bills

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

Superintendent Kort presented the curriculum report. Meridian is currently advertising for the Ag Education position and will be interviewing applicants in the near future.

Andi Kort and Jackie Dimas presented the Juniors Prom Report. Prom will be April 14th, at the Ohioa Auditorium.

Sobotka moved and Vorderstrasse seconded to approve teacher negotiations with a 3.3% increase in Base Salary. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Miller-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, Scheer-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Scheer moved and Bartels seconded to approve Jacob Smiley as Secondary English Teacher. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Miller-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, Scheer-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Sobotka moved and Scheer seconded to approve the resignation of Mrs. Schwan with regrets. The Board would like to thank her for serving the Meridian District since 1985. 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 the resignation of Jacob Smiley at the end of the second semester. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Miller-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, Scheer-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 6-0.

A first draft of the 2018-2019 School Calendar was presented to the Board.

Following discussion, Scheer moved and Vorderstrasse seconded to approve the Standing Committees as follows:

- Americanism: Vanwesten, Scheer, Bartels
- Building & Grounds: Miller, Vorderstrasse, Scheer
- Transportation: Miller, Vorderstrasse, Sobotka
- Curriculum & Instruction: Bartels, Vanwesten
- Negotiations: Vanwesten, Bartels, Sobotka

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

Miller moved and Sobotka seconded to approve Jefferson County Bank as the official District Depository. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Miller-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, Scheer-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Sobotka moved and Vorderstrasse seconded to approve The Fairbury Journal-News as the District Newspaper. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Miller-nay, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 4-1 with Scheer abstaining.

Bartels moved and Vorderstrasse seconded to approve the purchase of building supplies for a 24'x40' Storage Shed. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Miller-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, Scheer-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Principal Scott reported:

1. Student Numbers are 230 Total; 114 in Elementary and 116 in 7-12
2. Congratulations on the Girls Basketball Team's Runner Up Finish in MUDECAS Class A
3. Juniors Went to World War I Museum on December 20th
4. MUDECAS Speech Tournament is January 27th and Meridian Hosts at SCC
5. Parent Teachers Conferences - Held on February 5th, and February 7th, from 4:00-8:30 (Both Days)
6. Speech Season has Started

Superintendent Kort reported:

1. Legislative Update
2. CRC/NSAA Updates: CRC has done away with sweepstakes winners and the Conference will present Academic Awards.
3. Update on CRC Administrative Salaries
4. Updates on the Meridian Beef Program

The next Regular Meeting was set for Sunday, February 18, 2018 – 11:30 a.m. due to a conflict on the third Monday.

Vorderstrasse moved and Miller seconded to adjourn at 7:51 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