

**Board of Education
Meridian Public Schools
District 48-0303
Daykin, Nebraska 68338
Monday March 19, 2018**

Regular March 19, 2018 Meeting -7:00 P.M.

Meridian Public School Board of Education met on Monday, March 19, 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 Scheer, Sobotka, Bartels, Vorderstrasse, Miller, and VanWesten. Also present were Superintendent Kort, Principal Scott, and Ms. Hanzlik.

There was nothing new to add to the agenda.

No comments were made by the public.

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

1. Minutes of the Sunday, February 18, 2018 Regular Meeting
2. District Financial Report
3. Activity Fund Report
4. Hot Lunch Fund Report
5. Bills

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

Principal Scott and Superintendent Kort gave the Curriculum Report. Meridian is looking at upgrading the elementary reading program next fall. Mr. Scott is currently working on Ag Education classes for next year.

Discussion was held on approving Policy 5006 and Appendix 1. A motion was made by Scheer and seconded by Vorderstrasse to approve Policy 5006 and Appendix 1 as presented. New class capacity limits will be 20 students in high school classes and 16 students in elementary classes. Special education limits will be 15 students in high school and 12 students in elementary. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Bartels-aye, Sobotka-aye, Scheer-aye, Miller-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Sobotka moved and Scheer seconded to accept the resignation of Mary Houchin, with regrets, and to thank her for 35 years of service to the Meridian District. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Bartels-aye, Sobotka-aye, Scheer-aye, Miller-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Bartels moved and Miller seconded to approve the hiring of Certified Staff. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Bartels-aye, Sobotka-aye, Scheer-aye, Miller-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion was held on the hiring of new staff.

Bartels moved and Miller seconded to approve the hiring of Leslie Drees as the new Elementary Music Teacher. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Bartels-aye, Sobotka-aye, Scheer-aye, Miller-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Scheer moved and Bartels seconded to approve the hiring of Takota Thiem as the Secondary English Teacher. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Bartels-aye, Sobotka-aye, Scheer-aye, Miller-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Sobotka moved and Miller seconded to approve the hiring of Trevor Hoins as the 5th Grade homeroom teacher and 4th-6th Grade science teacher. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Bartels-aye, Sobotka-aye, Scheer-aye, Miller-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Vorderstasse moved and Scheer seconded to approve the contract for Principal Scott pending salary negotiation. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Bartels-aye, Sobotka-aye, Scheer-aye, Miller-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion was held on Superintendent Kort's contract. This item was tabled until the April Meeting.

Discussion was held on the progression of the Meridian Beef program. We will be purchasing a deep freeze for storage and will have a beef processed yet this year.

Principal Scott gave the Principal's Report.

1. Student Count at 230 - down one from last month
2. Pennies for patients was a huge success. \$1630.77 was raised this year.
3. Dr. Suess' birthday celebration week was held week of February 26-March 2.
4. Congratulations to the Jr High Quiz Bowl team for their showing at the ESU 5 contest. Members are Chase Bartels, Anissa Gonzales, Bailey Holtmeier, Kailyn Paul, Erika Schwisow, and Briannah Stromer.
5. Congrats to Erin Johnson for 1st Team CRC Basketball and Hailey Schafer, Jaicee Sobotka and Garrett Klipp for Honorable Mention.
6. Track has started.
7. Mudecus Music at Meridian on March 20th
8. Testing Season Begins Soon
9. Wrestling Donation for Jefferson Community Health and Life

Superintendent Kort gave the Superintendent's Report.

1. Possible Breath Tests at Prom/Post Prom
2. Non-Certified Wages - Discussed 3% Increase
3. Discussed Pickup Purchase
4. Testing: ACT and NeSA
5. Update on Legislative Issues
6. Purchase of Smart Boards
7. Discussions with Jefferson County Sheriff on Student Safety

Sobotka moved and Vorderstrasse seconded to go into closed session to discuss Administrative salaries.

President VanWesten stated that it had been moved and seconded to go into closed session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss Administrative salaries. Vote was taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Bartels-aye, Sobotka-aye, Scheer-aye, Miller-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 6-0.

The Board returned to open session at 7:56 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, April 16th, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.

Sobotka moved and Vorderstrasse seconded to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Bartels-aye, Sobotka-aye, Scheer-aye, Miller-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Jason Bartels, Secretary Meridian District # 48-0303