

**Board of Education  
Meridian Public Schools  
District 48-0303  
Daykin, Nebraska 68338  
Monday, April 16, 2018**

**Regular April 16, 2018 Meeting -7:00 P.M.**

Meridian Public School Board of Education met on April 16, 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 Sobotka, Bartels, Scheer, Vorderstrasse, and VanWesten. Also present were Superintendent Kort, Principal Scott, Mrs. Schwan, Erin Johnson, and Breanna Miller.

There was nothing new to add to the agenda.

Sobotka moved and Bartels seconded to approve the absence of member Miller. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, Scheer-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 5-0.

No comments were made by the public.

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

1. Minutes of the March 19, 2018 Regular Meeting
2. District Financial Report
3. Activity Fund Report
4. Hot Lunch Report
5. Bills

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

Principal Scott gave the Curriculum Report. Meridian Elementary is currently reviewing three different reading series for the next year.

Breanna Miller and Erin Johnson gave the Board an overview of the Senior Trip planned for May 10<sup>th</sup>. The class will be traveling to Kansas City.

Discussion on the 2018-2019 School Calendar was held. The school year will start on August 15<sup>th</sup>, and every Friday will have a 3:10 dismissal. Next year will also be our five year review.

Vorderstasse moved and Scheer seconded to approve the 2018-2019 School Calendar as presented. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, Scheer-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Bartels moved and Scheer seconded to approve Policy 5404 Pregnant or Parenting Students with the policy number change from 5008. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Sobotka- aye, Bartels-aye, Scheer-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Sobotka moved and Scheer seconded to approve the hiring of Michelle Weyer as the new 1<sup>st</sup> Grade teacher pending her release from her current contract. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, Scheer-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent Kort updated the Board on the purchase of a pickup for the school.

Principal Scott gave the Principal's Report.

1. Student Numbers the Same as Last Month
2. Facebook followers = 769; and Twitter = 182
3. District Music on April 19-20<sup>th</sup>
4. Juniors took ACT Test April 3<sup>rd</sup>
5. NSCAS Testing has Begun for 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students
6. Track Season in Full Swing
7. Elementary Track Meet is Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, with May 16<sup>th</sup>, Rain Date
8. Seniors Last Day is Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>
9. Last Day for K-11 Students is Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>

Superintendent Kort gave the Superintendent's Report.

1. Update of Legislative Issues
2. Discuss Rooms to Carpet this Summer
3. NSAA updates include: Volleyball districts and state moved up one week. Boy-Girl count for basketball, volleyball and football. Wrestlers - 2 per weight class. Sub-state for everything but D1-D2 Volleyball.
4. SENCAP

Sobotka moved and Vorderstrasse seconded to go into closed session for the purpose of negotiations.

President VanWesten stated that it was moved and seconded to go into closed session at 7:38 p.m. for the purpose of negotiations.

The Board returned to open session at 7:57 p.m.

Sobotka moved and Scheer seconded to approve the hiring of Non-Certified Staff with a maximum of 3.5% increase in pay based on performance evaluations. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, Scheer-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Bartels moved and Sobotka seconded to approve the Principal's contract with a 3.3% increase in salary. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, Scheer-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Vorderstrasse moved and Bartels seconded to approve the contract for the Superintendent with a salary of \$122,000. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, Scheer-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Next regular meeting set for Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 a.m.

Sobotka moved and Bartels seconded to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, Scheer-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 5-0.

*Jason Bartels,*

Secretary Meridian District # 48-0303