

**Board of Education  
Meridian Public Schools  
District – 48-0303  
Daykin, Nebraska, 68338  
Sunday, September 16, 2018**

**SPECIAL BUDGET HEARING 11:00 A.M.**

Meridian Public School Board of Education met on September 16, 2018, as per notice Fairbury Journal-News.

President VanWesten called the hearing to order at 11:00 a.m. The open meeting law was presented. All members were present. Also present were Superintendent Kort, Principal Scott, Lorrie Hofstetter, Halle Pribyl, and Josiee Sobotka.

Superintendent Kort provided information concerning the proposed 2018-2019 Budget. The total asking amount is down \$29,000. The budgeted amount includes increasing a music position by 3/8 FTE and adding the 1.0 FTE FFA/Ag Ed position.

Miller moved and Scheer seconded to close the Special Budget Hearing at 11:08 a.m. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Miller-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, Scheer-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion passed 6-0.

**SPECIAL TAX REQUEST HEARING 11:15 A.M.**

Meridian Public School Board of Education met on September 16, 2018, as per notice Fairbury Journal-News.

President VanWesten called the hearing to order at 11:15 a.m. The open meeting law was presented. All members were present. Also present were Superintendent Kort, Principal Scott, Lorrie Hofstetter, Halle Pribyl, and Josiee Sobotka.

Superintendent Kort provided information concerning the proposed 2018-2019 Tax Request. The District is requesting a levy of .536187.

Scheer moved and Vorderstrasse seconded to close the Special Tax Hearing at 11:22 a.m. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Miller-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, Scheer-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion passed 6-0.

**Regular September 16, 2018 Meeting - 11:22 A.M.**

Meridian Public School Board of Education met on September 16, 2018, as per notice in the Fairbury Journal-News.

President VanWesten called the meeting to order at 11:22 a.m. The open meeting law information was presented. All members were present. Also present were Superintendent Kort, Principal Scott, Lorrie Hofstetter, Halle Pribyl, Josiee Sobotka, Lori Pohlmann, Elaine Bartels, and Miranda Baxa.

Nothing was added to the agenda.

No comments were made by the public.

Sobotka moved and Miller seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented.

- A. Minutes of the Monday, August 20, 2018 Regular Meeting
- B. District Financial Report
- C. Activity Fund Report
- D. Hot Lunch Fund Report
- E. Bills

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

Josiee Sobotka and Halle Pribyl stated the yearly Student Council report will be presented at the October regular meeting.

Sobotka moved and Miller seconded to approve the 2018-2019 Budget. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Miller-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, Scheer-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Vorderstrasse moved and Miller seconded to approve the 2018-2019 Tax Request Resolution of \$2,419,191 General Fund, \$95,959 Special Building, \$0 Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund, and \$0 Technology Fund. Levy asking is .536187. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Miller-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, Scheer-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Scheer moved and Sobotka seconded to approve changing Friday, October 5th, 2018, to a 1:30 p.m. early dismissal as requested by the School Improvement Committee. Vote taken: Scheer-aye, Bartels-aye, Sobotka-aye, Miller-aye, Vorderstrasse-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Negotiations with MEA (Meridian Education Association) will begin next month for the 2019-2020 school year.

Sobotka moved and Miller seconded to use North Star Negotiation Software for the 2019-2020 teacher negotiations. Vote taken: Scheer-aye, Bartels-aye, Sobotka-aye, Miller-aye, Vorderstrasse-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Discussion was held on Non-Certified negotiations concerning the possibility of offering insurance to non-certified staff. Lori Pohlmann spoke to the Board on behalf of the non-certified staff requesting that a new group be added to the health insurance. Superintendent Kort will provide more information to the Negotiating Committee as they prepare for negotiations for 2019-2020 school year.

Discussion was held on Substitute Pay. This item was tabled and will be added to the agenda for action at October Regular Meeting.

The Board discussed options for updating the Fire Alarm System.

The board discussed the Superintendent evaluation tool that will be used for the 2018-2019 school year.

Principal Scott reported:

1. Student numbers: 128 in Pre-K-6th, and 114 in 7-12 - Total 242 Students
2. Homecoming Week Activities for September 17-22:
  - a. Community Pep Rally September 19<sup>th</sup>
  - b. VB Hosts BDS on September 20<sup>th</sup>, - VB Parents Night.
  - c. FB Will Host FCSH on September 21<sup>st</sup>
  - d. Foundation Tailgate at September 21<sup>st</sup>, FB Game
  - e. Homecoming Dance Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>
3. Parent Teacher Conferences: Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, from 4-8 P.M. and Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, from 2-6 P.M.
4. Early Dismissal on Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, Due to Parent Teacher Conferences
5. No School on Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>
6. Meridian Hosts the Jefferson County Spelling Bee on Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>
7. 1:30 P.M. Early Dismissal on October 5<sup>th</sup>, Teacher In-Service to Prepare for our NDE 5-Year Accreditation Visit
8. Social Media Followers: Twitter 198 and Facebook 814.

Superintendent Kort reported:

1. Meridian Board Negotiations Committee Meeting Dates
2. NASB State Convention on November 14 -16th in Omaha
3. Attend NASB meeting in York on September 19<sup>th</sup>
4. REAP Money \$22,750
5. Discuss Student Classes
6. Discuss Bus Replacement - More Information at Next Meeting

Next Regular Meeting set for Sunday, October 14, 2018 – 11:00 a.m.

Vorderstrasse moved and Miller seconded to adjourn at 12:27 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