

**Board of Education
Meridian Public Schools
District 48-0303
Daykin, Nebraska 68338
Sunday, October 14, 2018**

Regular October 14, 2018 Meeting -11:00 A.M.

Meridian Public School Board of Education met on Sunday, October 14, 2018, as per notice in the Fairbury Journal-News.

President VanWesten called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. The open meeting law information was presented. Members present were Sobotka, Bartels, Vorderstrasse, Scheer, and VanWesten. Also present were Minette Tomasch of the Fairbury Journal-News and Superintendent Kort.

No new items were added to the agenda.

Bartels moved and Vorderstrasse seconded to excuse member Miller. Vote was taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, Scheer-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion passed 5-0.

No comments were made by the public.

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

1. Minutes of the Special Budget Hearing-September 16, 2018
2. Minutes of the Special Tax Hearing-September 16, 2018
3. Minutes of the Sunday, September 16, 2018 Regular Meeting
4. District Financial Report
5. Activity Fund Report
6. Hot Lunch Report
7. Bills

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

Superintendent Kort gave the Curriculum Report. The FFA program is doing great and has 30+ kids involved. Kim Becker qualified for State Land Judging. The FFA will be going to a workshop in McCool Junction on October 13, 2018. The reading and Math curriculums in the Elementary are going well.

Discussion was held on the ALICAP Report from their Insurance walk-through. They complimented Mike on the facility.

Discussion was held on the next steps the Technology Committee will be taking. They will be meeting to evaluate the elementary technology and discuss updating the Chromebooks used by the elementary and junior high.

Discussion was held on the Verbal Audit Report. Several members of Dana Cole's firm conducted the audit and the bookkeeping is concise and accurate.

Discussion was held on Board Policy found in the 1000 Category. The Board may update the Tobacco Policy per the lawyers' suggestion due to vaping technology.

Sobotka moved and Vorderstrasse seconded to approve MEA as negotiators for the 2020-2021 School year. Vote was taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Bartels-aye, Scheer-aye, Sobotka-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Scheer moved and Vorderstrasse seconded to approve the increase of substitute pay. As of January, 2019, pay for a half day will be \$65 and \$120 for a full day. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Bartels-aye, Scheer-aye, Sobotka-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 5-0.

The Principal's Report was given by Superintendent Kort.

1. Student Numbers are 241 - 128 Elementary and 113 7-12th Grades
2. Parent Teachers' Conferences Held Wednesday, September 26, and Thursday, September 27th
93% Elementary Attendance; 67% 7-12 Attendance
3. Meridian hosted the Jefferson County Spelling Bee on Thursday, October 4th
Congratulations: (Elementary) Tucker Simms-2nd, Samuel Thomas-3rd, McKenzie Hofstetter-7th;
(Junior High) Kailyn Paul-2nd, Annisa Gonzales-4th, Blayne Schelbitzki and Kaylee Pribyl-tied for 5th, Bailey Holtmeier-8th
4. Social media count - Facebook-818; Twitter-202

Superintendent Kort gave the Superintendent's Report.

1. NASB Information for November 14-16 Conference
2. Final Completion from Ayers & Ayers
3. Bus Update
4. Lunch Program - Walk in Cooler and Freezer Completed
5. ALICAP Update - We are in the Top One-Third of Schools in Nebraska

Next regular meeting will be Monday, November 19th, at 7:00 P.M.

Vorderstrasse moved and Scheer seconded to adjourn at 11:35 A.M. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Bartels-aye, Scheer-aye, Sobotka-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Jason Bartels, Secretary Meridian District # 48-0303