

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

Regular December 16, 2018 Meeting - 11:00 A.M.

Meridian Public School Board of Education met on Sunday, December 16, 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.

Roll call was taken: Vorderstrasse-present, Miller-present, Sobotka-present, Bartels-present, Scheer-absent, VanWesten-present. Also present were Superintendent Kort, Principal Scott, and Natalie Meyer.

Sobotka moved and Vorderstrasse seconded to approve member Scheer's absence. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Miller-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Nothing new was added to the agenda.

No comments were made from the public.

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

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

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

Principal Scott gave the Curriculum report. Matt McNiff from ESU 5 gave the teachers a SAT Process update. Annette Weise will be at the January 7th, teacher in service to work on the five-year accreditation which is March 18-19, 2019.

Sobotka moved and Miller seconded to approve Teacher Negotiations for 2019-2020. In-house substitution pay will change to 1/8th of the daily substitute compensation. The end of the teachers' contract date will be May 31st. Jr High Quiz Bowl sponsor will receive 1% of base and ELL was changed to an assigned extra-duty with 1.5% compensation. Teacher compensation will increase \$650 which is close to 3.5% increase. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Miller-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Sobotka moved and Bartels seconded to add a non-certified subgroup to the existing Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance policy. The coverage would be for the employee only with an option for the employee to pay the difference for dependents. The school would pay 75% of the employee's coverage. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Miller-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Vorderstrasse moved and Sobotka seconded to approve Policy 3131 (Activity Fund and Hot Lunch Program protocol for check signatures). Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Miller-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent Kort and Principal Scott informed the Board on new services offered by ESU 5 on their web page. There is a Mental Health Services tab where there are links for family issues, suicide, parenting help, etc. available to anyone by going to WWW.ESU5.ORG.

Principal Scott gave the Principal's Report.

1. Student Count – 235
2. Congratulations to the One Act team for placing well at Conference and Districts. Also to the cast and crew for all their recognition.
3. Congratulations to the wrestling team for winning the Bob Oliver Invite with seven champions.
4. Congratulations to Halle Pribyl and Josiee Sobotka for earning First Team All-Conference.
5. Congrats Junior High Girls for Winning Dorchester Tourney
6. Congrats to 6th Grade Girls' Team for Winning the Tri County Tourney
7. First Semester Ends Friday, December 21, 2018 - 1:30 Dismissal
8. Social Media - Facebook = 828; Twitter = 211.

Superintendent Kort gave the Superintendent's Report.

1. Working on 2019-2020 School Calendar
2. Meridian Beef Program Update: Beef donated by Larry and Gina Schafer Family is being processed currently.
3. NCSA/Legislative Update: Good visit with Senators elect Myron Dorn and Tom Brandt at ESU
4. Update on CRC and Mudecas
5. Ruiz Process to Keep Full Time Status and Earn Citizenship
6. Locker Room Procedures Starting After First of Year
7. Elementary Student Council Reindeer Run

Discussion was held on the Board Evaluation of Superintendent Kort. Miller moved and Sobotka seconded to approve a new three-year contract for Superintendent Kort. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Miller-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Next regular meeting was set for Sunday, January 20th, 2019, at 11:30 a.m. due to a conflict with the CRC Basketball Tournament on Monday, January 21st.

Vorderstrasse moved and Miller seconded to adjourn at 12:18 p.m. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Miller-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Jason Bartels, Secretary Meridian District # 48-0303