

**Board of Education  
Meridian Public Schools  
District – 48-0303  
Daykin, Nebraska, 68338  
Sunday, January 20, 2019**

**Regular January 20, 2019 Meeting -11:30 A.M.**

Meridian Public School Board of Education met on Sunday, January 20, 2019, as per notice in the Fairbury Journal-News.

President VanWesten called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. The open meeting law information was presented. Members present were Vorderstrasse, Sobotka, Bartels, Scheer, and VanWesten. Also present were Superintendent Kort, Principal Scott, Chris Placek, Timothy Linscott, and a student and parent.

Superintendent Kort was appointed to preside over the process to elect a President.

Bartels moved and Scheer seconded to nominate VanWesten as Board President.

Scheer moved and Vorderstrasse seconded to cease nominations. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, Scheer-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent Kort turned the meeting over to newly elected President VanWesten.

Sobotka moved and Scheer seconded to nominate Vorderstrasse as Board Vice-President.

Sobotka moved and Scheer seconded to cease nominations. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, Scheer-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 5-0. Vorderstrasse was elected Vice-President.

Scheer moved and Sobotka seconded to nominate Bartels as Board Secretary.

Sobotka moved and Scheer seconded to cease nominations. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, Scheer-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 5-0. Bartels was elected as Board Secretary.

Scheer moved and Bartels seconded to nominate Sobotka as Board Treasurer.

Bartels moved and Vorderstrasse seconded to cease nominations. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, Scheer-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 5-0. Sobotka was elected as Board Treasurer.

Nothing new was added to the agenda.

Roll call was taken: Vorderstrasse-present, Miller-absent, Sobotka-present, Bartels-present, Scheer-present, and VanWesten-present.

A student addressed the Board in regards to computer privileges.

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

1. Minutes of the Sunday, December 16, 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.

Superintendent Kort presented the curriculum report. The FFA Program continues to grow and the number of students involved is great for a school of our size. The ACT Test for Juniors will be April 2nd.

Sobotka moved and Vorderstrasse seconded to approve the resignation of Mrs Backstrom with regrets. The Board would like to thank her for serving the Meridian District for the last 14 years. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, Scheer-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion was held on the 2019-2020 Calendar which is still being finalized.

After discussion, Bartels moved and Vorderstrasse seconded to approve Standing Committees as follows:

Americanism: Scheer, Vanwesten, Bartels

Building & Grounds: Miller, Vorderstrasse, Scheer

Transportation: Miller, Vorderstrasse, Sobotka

Curriculum & Instruction: Bartels, Vanwesten

Negotiations: Vanwesten, Bartels, Sobotka

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

Scheer moved and Sobotka seconded to approve Heartland Bank (formally known as Jefferson County Bank) as the official District depository. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, Scheer-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Sobotka moved and Vorderstrasse seconded to approve The Fairbury Journal-News as the District newspaper. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, Scheer-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion was held on Policy 4000's. No changes are needed and a vote will be taken next month.

Sobotka moved and Bartels seconded to approve Policy 5006 with the addition of employees' children having the ability to option in without the concern of the class size cap. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, Scheer-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Principal Scott reported:

1. Student Numbers are 233 Total: 123 Elementary and 110 Secondary
2. Welcome New School Resource Officer, Kruz Shoenrock
3. Students performed well on state testing last year. Juniors took the ACT and were rated Good, Elementary took NSCAS state test and were rated Great, and the Junior High took NSCAS and were rated Excellent. Congrats to the students, teachers, and staff for all of their hard work.
4. Speech Season Started - Students Doing Very Well
5. Meridian will be conducting the five-year accreditation on Tuesday, March 19th. A team representing the Nebraska Department of Education will help with this.
6. CRC Tournament Started - Girls Play Tuesday

Superintendent Kort reported:

1. Legislative Update
2. CRC/NSAA Updates - Girls Wrestling
3. Update on the Meridian Foundation and School projects. Ms. Wollenburg is gathering information on the cost of a greenhouse.
4. Board Retreat
5. Will Receive New Pickup This Week

Next Regular Meeting was set for Monday, February 18, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.

Vorderstrasse moved and Sobotka seconded to adjourn at 12:15 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