

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
MERIDIAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
DISTRICT 48-0303
DAYKIN, NEBRASKA 68338
MONDAY, JULY 20, 2020**

REGULAR JULY MEETING – 7:00 P.M.:

Meridian Public School Board of Education met on Monday, July 20, 2020, as per notice in the Fairbury Journal-News.

President Bartels called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. The open meetings law was presented.

Nothing new was added to the agenda.

Roll call was taken: Vorderstrasse-present, Sobotka-present, VanWesten-present, and Bartels Present. Also present were Superintendent Kort, Principal Scott, and Mrs. Meyer.

No comments were heard from the public.

Sobotka moved and VanWesten seconded to excuse Niederklein and Scheer from the meeting. Vote Taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Sobotka-aye, VanWesten-aye, Bartels-aye. Motion passed 4-0.

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

1. Minutes of the Monday, June 15, 2020 Regular Meeting
2. District Financial Report
3. Activity Fund Report
4. Hot Lunch Fund Report
5. Bills

Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Sobotka-aye, VanWesten-aye, Bartels-aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Principal Scott gave the Curriculum Report. Mr. Adam has set up an on-line personal finance course.

VanWesten moved and Vorderstrasse seconded to approve Randy Kort as Administrator of Federal and State Programs. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Sobotka-aye, VanWesten-aye, Bartels-aye. Motion passed 4-0.

VanWesten moved and Vorderstrasse seconded to approve the Annual Public Hearing on Student Fees. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Sobotka-aye, VanWesten-aye, Bartels-aye. Motion passed 4-0.

VanWesten moved and Sobotka seconded to approve the 2020-2021 Milk Price at 30 cents per carton. The price has remained the same for the last 5 years. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Sobotka-aye, VanWesten-aye, Bartels-aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Sobotka moved and VanWesten seconded to approve Policy 5416 Student Fees Policy. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Sobotka-aye, VanWesten-aye, Bartels-aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Vorderstrasse moved and Sobotka seconded to approve Policy 6400 Parent Involvement Policy. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Sobotka-aye, VanWesten-aye, Bartels-aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Sobotka moved and VanWesten seconded to approve Policy 5415 Bullying Policy. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Sobotka-aye, VanWesten-aye, Bartels-aye. Motion passed 4-0.

VanWesten moved and Vorderstrasse seconded to approve Policy 5420 Dating Violence Policy. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Sobotka-aye, VanWesten-aye, Bartels-aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Discussion was held on the updates to the Student Handbook. The Elementary hand book is on a three-year cycle and had no changes at this time. If changes are needed due to COVID 19, addendums will be added to the Student Handbook and shared on media sources.

VanWesten moved and Vorderstrasse seconded to approve the Student Handbook 2020-2021. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Sobotka-aye, VanWesten-aye, Bartels-aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Discussion was held on the current Return to School Plan and the procedures and requirements of the different phases. The color-coded (green, yellow, orange, and red) plan for school operation reflects consultation with Public Health Solutions and our area color dial from Public Health. This plan helps address the academic plan, student and staff temperature checks, lunch and breakfast procedures, morning entrance routine for students, transportation, cleaning practices, communication in different phases, and extracurricular activities. The Board discussed the colored phases in which masks should be encouraged within the school and on the bus. It was emphasized this is a continuous working document that will continue to change throughout the school year in conjunction with Public Health Solutions, the School's legal team and the Nebraska Department of Education.

VanWesten moved and Vorderstrasse seconded to approve the current Back to School Plan. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Sobotka-aye, VanWesten-aye, Bartels-aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Discussion was held on the purchase of ChromeBooks for the Junior High. The current Junior High ChromeBooks will then be moved to the elementary. With the possibility of the need for remote learning this will ensure the lower elementary students have computers.

Sobotka moved and VanWesten seconded to approve the purchase of ChromeBooks for the Junior High. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Sobotka-aye, VanWesten-aye, Bartels-aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Principal Scott gave the Principal's Report.

1. There are no major changes in the student handbooks for this year. Any changes brought about by COVID-19 or other reasons will be added as an addendum and shared with stakeholders through multiple media sources.
2. We will be working to finalize class schedules this week. We are trying to add some additional classes in the high school and adapting the elementary schedule to match up for the teachers that teach at both levels.
3. Teacher in-service begins Friday, August 14. Students first day is Wednesday, August 19, with at 1:30 dismissal. Back to school bash is Friday, August 21.
4. Several camps are scheduled in the next few weeks. Grades 7-12 football will be July 28 - July 30. High School show choir will be August 3-5.

Superintendent Kort gave the Superintendent's Report.

1. Summer Projects – including painting of inside of school building, track improvement projects, greenhouse construction update, and building improvements.
2. Training for Teachers – including dating violence, concussion protocol, suicide prevention, vehicle safety and remote learning skill training if needed.
3. Community Weight Room Equipment Improvements
4. School Bus Grant Application
5. Concession Stand Operation
6. Concussion Protocol - Base Evaluation for Junior High Students

Next Regular Meeting was set for August 17, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Vorderstrasse moved and VanWesten seconded to adjourn at 8:28 p.m. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Sobotka-aye, VanWesten-aye, Bartels-aye. Motion passed 4-0.

J. Scott Sobotka,
Vice President Meridian District #48-0303