

**Board of Education
Meridian Public Schools
District – 48-0303
Daykin, Nebraska, 68338
Monday, August 16, 2021**

Regular August 16, 2021 Meeting – 7:00 P.M.

Meridian Public School Board of Education met on August 16, 2021, as per notice in the Fairbury Journal-News.

President Bartels called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The open meeting law information was presented.

Roll call was taken: Vorderstrasse – present, Niederklein – present, Sobotka – present, Rut – present, Scheer – present, and Bartels – present . Also present was Superintendent Kort and Principal Scott.

The meeting was recessed at 7:01 to allow members to attend volleyball and football parents meeting. The meeting came back into session at 7:30.

Nothing new was added to the agenda.

No comments were heard from the public.

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

- A: Minutes of Monday, July 12, 2021 Regular Meeting
- B: District Financial Report
- C: Activity Fund Report
- D: Hot Lunch Fund Report
- G: Bills

Vote taken: Vorderstrasse – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Curriculum report:

- Still working on quotes for the lights, sound system, headsets, etc.

Scheer moved and Sobotka seconded to approve ALICAP as the insurer for the 2021-2022 school year. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 6-0.

The District Area Workshop for school boards will be held on September 15, 2021 in York. The State School Board Convention will be held November 17 – 19, 2021 in Omaha.

Vorderstrasse moved and Niederklein seconded to approve the transfer of the 2020-2021 budget funds into the Activity Account. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Rut moved and Vorderstrasse seconded to approve the transfer 2020-2021 budget funds into the Depreciation Account. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Niederklein moved and Scheer seconded to approve the 2021-2022 Student Handbook. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Sobotka moved and Rut seconded to approve the fleet purchase of a Ford Excursion through Beatrice Ford. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Principal's Report:

- Current student count – Elementary – 108 and High School – 96.
- Reminder that on Fridays, school dismisses at 3:12.
- Welcome new faculty members: Bryan Becker – 5th Grade, Jacob Nore – JH/HS Social Studies, Sarah Thomas – Elementary Special Education and Wade Vernon – Technology.
- Staff began with in-service meetings on Friday, August 13 and continued them on Monday, August 16 and Tuesday, August 17.
- First day of school is Wednesday, August 18, 2021 with a 1:30 dismissal.
- The Back to School Bash is planned for Friday, August 20, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.
- School pictures are scheduled for Wednesday, August 25, 2021.
- Volleyball jamboree game will be at Thayer Central on Tuesday, August 24, 2021.
- JV & Varsity volleyball plays at Meridian against Blue Hill on Thursday, August 26, 2021.
- The first football game will be on Friday, August 27, 2021 at Dorchester.
- The marching band will perform at the State Fair on Friday, August 27, 2021.

Superintendent's Report:

- Update on Summer Projects
 - Ceiling Painting Project Complete
 - Hauled Away a Load of Iron
 - Hauled Away the Old Gray Van
- Students Involved in Fall Sports
 - 16 of 28 Boys Involved (57%)
 - 26 of 38 Girls Involved (68%)
- Projection of 2021-2022 Budget
 - Current Valuation has not been Received
 - Option Money Increase
 - Plan to Increase Special Building from 1 – 1 ½ Cent
 - Increase to General Fund will be Minimal

Next Meeting was set for Sunday, September 12, 2021. Budget Hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m., immediately followed by the Tax Request Hearing, immediately followed by the Regular Board Meeting.

Sobotka moved and Scheer seconded to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Jamie Niederklein, Secretary Meridian District #48-030