

**Board of Education  
Meridian Public Schools  
District – 48-0303  
Daykin, Nebraska, 68338  
Monday, November 15, 2021**

**Regular November 15, 2021 Meeting**

Meridian Public School Board of Education met on November 15, 2021, as per notice in the Fairbury Journal-News.

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

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

Nothing new was added to the agenda.

Niederklein moved and Vorderstrasse seconded to excuse Scheer from the meeting. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

No comments were heard from the public.

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

- A. Minutes of the Wednesday, October 13, 2021 Regular Meeting
- B. District Financial Report
- C. Activity Fund Report
- D. Hot Lunch Fund Report
- E. Bills

Vote taken: Vorderstrasse – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Curriculum report:

- The teachers continue to work on reading techniques. One example is using critical thinking to help the students understand what they are reading.
- The seniors visited the WWI Museum in Kansas City on November 9, 2021, since they were unable to go last year due to Covid-19. The juniors will visit the museum in the spring of 2022.

The Hazard Mitigation Resolution was presented to the Board. Sobotka reminded the Board that participating entities are eligible for pre- and post-disaster mitigation funds for a wide variety of projects.

Sobotka moved and Rut seconded to approve the Hazard Mitigation Resolution. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Niederklein moved and Vorderstrasse seconded to approve the teachers negotiations for the 2022-2023 school year. The total negotiated package is approximately a 3% increase from 2021-2022. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Superintendent Kort presented information on the remainder of the first semester calendar.

Vorderstrasse moved and Rut seconded to grant the administration the authority to shorten the 1<sup>st</sup> semester by one school day. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Superintendent Kort summarized the 2020-2021 Audit completed by Dana Cole.

Niederklein moved and Sobotka seconded to approve the Annual Audit Report. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

The Multicultural Report was reviewed.

Sobotka moved and Rut seconded to approve the Multicultural Report. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Policy 6000s were reviewed. The policies will be presented for approval at the December meeting.

Policy 4047 – “Professional Boundaries and Appropriate Relationships between Employees and Students” was presented for approval.

Niederklein moved and Sobotka seconded to approve Policy 4047. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Superintendent Kort gave an update on the new scorer’s table that is being designed and ordered. Hopefully it will be available for use after the first of the year.

Principal’s Report:

- Current student count – Elementary – 110 and High School – 97, including 2 exchange students.
- Teachers completed part 3 of the close reading professional development training presented by Joni Runge, ESU5. Courtney Schendt, school psychologist, presented training on the SAT (student assistance team) process and paperwork.
- November 8-12 was School Psychologist week. We want to thank Courtney Schendt and Cole Stark for all they do for our students and staff.
- November 15-19 is American Education Week. We want to thank all staff for their dedication to serving our students.
- JH wrestling had a great start on its season with all 6 wrestlers placing in the top 4.
- JH basketball has started practice. HS basketball and wrestling practice started today.
- One act presented a matinee performance of “Mmmbeth” for the elementary this afternoon. The home performance is Tuesday, November 16 at 7:00 pm. Meridian performs first at the CRC play production contest in Shickley on Wednesday, November 17, at 8:30 am. They perform Saturday, November 20, at 2:30 pm at the Pawnee City invite. Districts will be held on Wednesday, December 1, at Harvard. Meridian performs first at 9:30 am.
- Girls’ and boys’ varsity basketball jamboree games will be played at Superior on Tuesday, November 23.
- We will have a 1:30 pm dismissal on Wednesday, November 24, for Thanksgiving break.
- The first home basketball games will be on Thursday, December 2, vs. Dorchester.
- Wrestling home quad will be Friday, December 3 starting at 5:30 pm.

Superintendent’s Report:

- NASB Meetings
  - State Meeting in Omaha on November 17 – 19
- 2021 Holiday Basketball Tournament
- Boys and Girls State Basketball will be held in the same week
- Possible changes with the Nebraska Department of Education

Next Meeting was set for Monday, December 20, 2021 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Vorderstrasse moved and Niederklein seconded to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

*Jamie Niederklein*, Secretary Meridian District #48-0303