

**Board of Education  
Meridian Public Schools  
District – 48-0303  
Daykin, Nebraska, 68338  
Monday, February 19, 2024**

**Regular February 19, 2024 Meeting**

Meridian Public School Board of Education met on February 19, 2024, as per notice in the Fairbury Journal-News.

President Bartels called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. The open meeting law information was presented.

Roll call was taken: Barton – present, Niederklein – present, Rut – present, Scheer – present, and Bartels – present. Also present were Superintendent Kort, Principal Drees, and Principal Hull.

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

Nothing new was added to the agenda.

No comments were heard from the public.

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

- A. Minutes of the Monday, January 15, 2024 Regular Meeting
- B. District Financial Report
- C. Activity Fund Report
- D. Hot Lunch Fund Report
- E. Bills

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

Principal Drees and Principal Hull presented the Curriculum Report to the Board.

Scheer moved and Rut seconded to accept, with regrets, the resignation of Mrs. Maureen Halama. Vote taken: Barton – aye, Niederklein – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Anthony Specht requested to be approved for early graduation next school year. Anthony explained to the Board his reasons for wanting to graduate early. He presented three letters of recommendation from staff members who were all in support of Anthony graduating early. Anthony has satisfied all of the criteria for the Early Completion Plan. Niederklein moved and Scheer seconded to approve Anthony's request for early graduation. Vote taken: Barton – aye, Niederklein – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Superintendent Kort presented information on certificates of deposits (CD) at Heartland Bank.

Rut moved and Barton seconded to approve the transfer of money from the Special Building Fund into a CD at Heartland Bank in the amount of \$300,000. Vote taken: Barton – aye, Niederklein – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Niederklein moved and Scheer seconded to approve the transfer of money from the Qualified Capital Purpose Fund into a CD at Heartland Bank in the amount of \$100,000. Vote taken: Barton – aye, Niederklein – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Rut moved and Niederklein seconded to approve the transfer of money from the Depreciation Fund into a CD at Heartland Bank in the amount of \$250,000. Vote taken: Barton – aye, Niederklein – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Item Number 24-02-12 on the agenda was tabled due to the lack of a motion.

Superintendent Kort explained that Twin Rivers Public Schools has requested to join the Crossroads Conference. Barton moved and Rut seconded to approve Twin Rivers Public Schools into the Crossroads Conference. Vote taken: Barton – nay, Niederklein – nay, Rut – nay, Scheer – nay and Bartels – nay. Motion failed 0-5.

Principal Drees and Principal Hull presented the Principals' Reports to the Board.

Superintendent Kort presented the Superintendent's Report to the Board.

The next regular meeting was set for Monday, March 18, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Scheer moved and Barton seconded to adjourn at 6:47 p.m. Vote taken: Barton – aye, Niederklein – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

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