

**Board of Education
Meridian Public Schools
District – 48-0303
Daykin, Nebraska, 68338
Monday, January 15, 2025**

Regular January 15, 2025 Meeting

Meridian Public School Board of Education met on January 15, 2025, as per notice in the Fairbury Journal-News.

President Bartels called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. The open meeting law information was presented.

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

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

Barton nominated to elect Rut as president.

Nominations ceased. Vote taken: Barton – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – abstain, Davis – aye, and Bartels – abstain. Motion passed 4-0. Rut was elected president.

Superintendent Kort turned the meeting over to President Rut.

Sobotka nominated to elect Barton as vice president and Davis nominated to elect Sobotka as vice president. Barton declined her nomination as vice president.

Nominations ceased. Vote taken: Barton – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – abstain, Rut – aye, Davis – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 5-0. Sobotka was elected vice president.

Davis nominated to elect Niederklein as secretary.

Nominations ceased. Vote taken: Barton – aye, Niederklein – abstain, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, Davis – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Sobotka nominated to elect Bartels as treasurer.

Nominations ceased. Vote taken: Barton – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, Davis – aye, and Bartels – abstain. Motion passed 5-0.

Nothing new was added to the agenda.

Comments were heard from the public.

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

- A. Minutes of the Sunday, December 8, 2024, Regular Meeting
- B. District Financial Report
- C. Activity Fund Report
- D. Hot Lunch Fund Report
- E. Bills

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

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

Davis moved and Bartels seconded to retain the current committee assignments. Vote taken: Barton – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, Davis – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 6-0.

- Americanism: Bartels, Rut, Davis
- Building & Grounds: Niederklein, Sobotka, Barton
- Transportation: Niederklein, Davis, Barton
- Curriculum & Instruction: Bartels, Rut, Barton
- Negotiations: Bartels, Niederklein, Sobotka

Sobotka moved and Niederklein seconded to approve Heartland Bank as the Official District Depository. Vote taken: Barton – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, Davis – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Niederklein moved and Davis seconded to approve the Fairbury Journal-News as the District Newspaper. Vote taken: Barton – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, Davis – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Superintendent Kort presented the proposed 2025-2026 Calendar to the Board. Davis moved and Barton seconded to approve the 2025-2026 calendar. Vote taken: Barton – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, Davis – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Bartels moved and Niederklein seconded to approve the 2025-2026 Teacher Negotiations. Vote taken: Barton – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, Davis – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Bartels moved and Davis seconded to Approve Policy 2231 – Evaluation Instrument of Superintendent. Vote taken: Barton – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – nay, Rut – aye, Davis – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 5-1.

Principal Asche 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, February 10, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Davis moved and Bartels seconded to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. Vote taken: Barton – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, Davis – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Jamie Niederklein, Secretary Meridian District #48-0303