

**Board of Education  
Meridian Public Schools  
District – 48-0303  
Daykin, Nebraska, 68338  
Monday, October 14, 2024**

**Regular October 14, 2024, Meeting**

Meridian Public School Board of Education met on October 14, 2024, as per notice in the Fairbury Journal News.

President Bartels called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. The open meeting law information was presented.

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

Nothing new was added to the agenda.

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

Comments were heard from the public.

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

- A. Minutes of the Monday, September 9, 2024, Special Budget Hearing
- B. Minutes of the Monday, September 9, 2024, Special Tax Hearing
- C. Minutes of the Monday, September 9, 2024, Regular Meeting
- D. District Financial Report
- E. Activity Fund Report
- F. Hot Lunch Fund Report
- G. Bills

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

Principal Hull presented the Curriculum Report to the Board.

Sobotka moved and Rut seconded to Approve Policy 5006 to set the class maximum numbers in regard to option enrollment. Vote taken: Barton – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Rut moved and Barton seconded to approve the training schedule for school employees as set by the August in-service schedule. Vote taken: Barton – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Superintendent Kort gave an update on technology and an overview of the upcoming plans at Meridian for technology.

Superintendent Kort updated the Board on the verbal audit report received from Dana Cole. The final audit books will be available in November.

Barton moved and Sobotka seconded to approve the purchase of a 2020 Ford Expedition with a trade-in value of \$10,000.00 for the 2014 Chevy van in the current fleet. The cost, with trade in, is \$24,294.00. Vote taken: Barton – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Niederklein moved and Barton seconded to approve the Meridian Education Association (MEA) as negotiators for the 2026-2027 school year. Vote taken: Barton – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

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, November 11, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Niederklein moved and Rut seconded to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. Vote taken: Barton – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

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