

**Board of Education
Meridian Public Schools
District – 48-0303
Daykin, Nebraska, 68338
Monday, March 10, 2025**

Regular March 10, 2025 Meeting

Meridian Public School Board of Education met on March 10, 2025, as per notice in the Fairbury Journal-News.

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

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

Nothing new was added to the agenda.

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

No comments were heard from the public.

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

- A. Minutes of the Monday, February 10, 2025, 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, Bartels – aye, and Rut – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Principal Hull presented the Curriculum Report to the Board.

Niederklein moved and Bartels seconded to accept, with regrets, the resignation of Ms. Celesky. Vote taken: Barton – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Bartels – aye, and Rut – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Sobotka moved and Barton seconded to approve the hire of Grace Ellis as the high school English teacher. Vote taken: Barton – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Bartels – aye, and Rut – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Cody Turner requested to be approved for early graduation next school year. Cody 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 Cody graduating early. Cody has satisfied all of the criteria for the Early Completion Plan. Sobotka moved and Bartels seconded to approve Cody's request for early graduation. Vote taken: Barton – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Bartels – aye, and Rut – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Bartels moved and Niederklein seconded to approve the transfer of the State Apportionment of the District's share of the Temporary School Fund to the Lunch Fund. Vote taken: Barton – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Bartels – aye, and Rut – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Principal Asche presented the Elementary Principal's Report and Principal Hull presented the Junior High/High School Principal's Report to the Board.

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

Bartels moved and Barton seconded to approve the 2025-2026 contract for Principal Matthew Asche and Principal Alex Hull with a 3.3% increase to \$98,325. Vote taken: Barton – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Bartels – aye, and Rut – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Bartels moved and Barton seconded to approve the 2025-2026 contract for Superintendent Randy Kort with a 3.3% increase to \$152,400. Vote taken: Barton – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Bartels – aye, and Rut – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

The Americanism Committee will meet on Monday, April 14, 2025 at 6:45 p.m. The next regular meeting was set for Monday, April 14, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Niederklein moved and Bartels seconded to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Vote taken: Barton – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Bartels – aye, and Rut – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Jamie Niederklein, Secretary Meridian District #48-0303