

**Board of Education
Meridian Public Schools
District – 48-0303
Daykin, Nebraska, 68338
Monday, April 14, 2025**

Regular April 14, 2025 Meeting

Meridian Public School Board of Education met on April 14, 2025, as per notice in the Fairbury Journal-News.

President Rut called the meeting to order at 7:03 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.

Niederklein moved and Barton 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.

Bartels moved and Barton seconded to approve the consent agenda with the minutes of the March 10, 2025, Board Meeting amended to recognize that comments were heard from the public regarding improvements to the football field seating.

- A. Minutes of the Monday, March 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 and Principal Asche presented the Curriculum Report to the Board.

Representatives from the senior class updated the School Board on the upcoming senior trip to be held on May 15, 2025.

Superintendent Kort presented information to the Board regarding non-certified staff. All non-certified staff will be moved to a minimum of \$15.00 per hour to align with the State of Nebraska minimum wage requirements.

The Americanism Committee met prior to the Board meeting. Superintendent Kort and Principal Hull gave an update from the Americanism Committee.

The Buildings and Grounds Committee met prior to the Board meeting. Plans are being made to move the crowd's nest to the west. Options are being discussed to help improve the visibility the fans have of the football field. Recommendations were taken from patrons of the district.

Bartels moved and Niederklein seconded to approve the hire of Leslie Drees as the instrumental music teacher. Vote taken: Barton – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Bartels – aye, and Rut – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Sobotka moved and Bartels seconded to approve the hire of Jen Wolfe a K-12 special education teacher. 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.

The next regular meeting was set for Monday, May 12, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Bartels moved and Barton seconded to adjourn at 7:48 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