

**Board of Education
Meridian Public Schools
District – 48-0303
Daykin, Nebraska, 68338
Monday, August 12, 2024**

Regular August 12, 2024 Meeting

Meridian Public School Board of Education met on August 12, 2024, as per notice in the Fairbury Journal-News.

President Bartels called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. The open meeting law information was presented.

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

Nothing new was added to the agenda.

Rut moved and Sobotka seconded to excuse Barton from the meeting. Vote taken: Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 4-0.

No comments were heard from the public.

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

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

Vote taken: Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 4-0.

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

Sobotka moved and Niederklein seconded to approve ALICAP as the insurer for the 2024-2025 school year. Vote taken: Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Superintendent Kort presented the Area Membership Meeting information and dates to the Board. Meridian School Board members attending will go to York on August 28, 2024. The Nebraska Association of School Board State Convention will be held on November 20 - 22, 2024.

Rut moved and Sobotka seconded to approve the transfer of the 2023-2024 budget funds into the Activity Account. Vote taken: Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Davis joined the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

Sobotka moved and Niederklein seconded to approve the transfer of the 2023-2024 budget funds into the Depreciation Account. Vote taken: Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, Davis – abstain, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Rut moved and Davis seconded to approve the 2024-2025 Handbook based off of the recommendations by Mr. Asche and Mr. Hull at the July Board Meeting. Vote taken: Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, Davis – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Superintendent Kort presented the following new policies to the Board:

- Policy 2006 – Complaint Procedure
- Policy 2008 – Open Meeting
- Policy 2009 – Public Participation at Board Meeting
- Policy 3003.1 – Bidding for Construction

- Policy 3004.1 – Fiscal Management for Purchasing & Procurement Using Federal Funds
- Policy 3011 – Old Transportation (Now Blank)
- Policy 3017 – Official Communication with Public
- Policy 3032 – Fees for District Records
- Policy 3033 – Old Lending Book (Now Blank)
- Policy 3053 – Non-Discrimination
- Policy 3057 – Title IX
- Policy 3059 – Audio & Video Recording
- Policy 3060 – Firearms & Weapons for Non-Students
- Policy 4011 – Employee Leave FMLA
- Policy 4053 – Conflict of Interest
- Policy 5001 – Compulsory Attendance & Excessive Absenteeism
- Policy 5004 – Option Enrollment
- Policy 5005 – Option Transportation
- Policy 5008 – Pregnant or Parenting Students
- Policy 5035 – Old Firearms (Now Blank)
- Policy 5052 – School Wellness
- Policy 6025 – Student Cell Phones or Other Electronic Devices
- Policy 6031 – Emergency Exclusion
- Policy 6036 – Reading Instruction and Intervention Service
- Policy 6039 – Repeat of Grade at Parent-Guardian Request
- Policy 6040 – Prekindergarten Program
- Policy 6041 – Malcolm X Day Education
- Policy 6042 – Projection Maps

Sobotka moved and Rut seconded to approve the new policies as written. Vote taken: Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, Davis – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

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, September 9, 2024. The Budget Hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m., immediately followed by the Tax Request Hearing, immediately followed by the Regular Board Meeting.

Niederklein moved and Rut seconded to adjourn at 7:02 p.m. Vote taken: Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, Davis – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Jamie Niederklein, Secretary Meridian District #48-0303