

**Board of Education
Meridian Public Schools
District – 48-0303
Daykin, Nebraska, 68338
Monday, September 9, 2024**

Special Budget Hearing – 6:00 p.m.

Meridian Public School Board of Education met on September 9, 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, Rut – present, and Bartels – present. Also present was Superintendent Kort.

Nothing new was added to the agenda.

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

Superintendent Kort provided information regarding the proposed 2024-2025 budget. The 2025 tax request is \$66,798 higher compared to the 2024 tax request.

No comments were heard from the public.

Rut moved and Barton seconded to close the Special Budget Hearing. Vote taken: Barton – aye, Niederklein – aye, Rut – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Special Tax Hearing

Meridian Public School Board of Education met on September 9, 2024, as per notice in the Fairbury Journal News.

President Bartels called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. The open meeting law information was presented.

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

Nothing new was added to the agenda.

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

Superintendent Kort provided information regarding the 2024-2025 tax request and levy. The 2025 levy is 5 cents lower compared to the 2024 levy.

No comments were heard from the public.

Rut moved and Barton seconded to close the Special Tax Hearing. Vote taken: Barton – aye, Niederklein – aye, Rut – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Regular September 9, 2024, Meeting

Meridian Public School Board of Education met on September 9, 2024, as per notice in the Fairbury Journal News.

President Bartels called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. The open meeting law information was presented.

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

Nothing new was added to the agenda.

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

No comments were heard from the public.

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

- A. Minutes of the Monday, August 12, 2024 Regular Meeting
- B. District Financial Report
- C. Activity Fund Report
- D. Hot Lunch Fund Report
- E. Bills

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

Superintendent Kort and Principal Hull presented the Curriculum Report to the Board.

Niederklein moved and Rut seconded to approve the 2024-2025 Tax Request Resolution #240919. Vote taken: Barton – aye, Niederklein – aye, Rut – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Barton moved and Rut seconded to approve the 2024-2025 Annual Budget. Vote taken: Barton – aye, Niederklein – aye, Rut – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Superintendent Kort shared information regarding the upcoming negotiations with the Meridian Education Association (MEA).

Rut moved and Niederklein seconded to approve using the North Star Negotiation Software for the 2025-2026 teacher negotiations with MEA. Vote taken: Barton – aye, Niederklein – aye, Rut – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Superintendent Kort gave an update on ESSER/Safe Return. All ESSER funds have been spent.

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, October 14, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Barton moved and Niederklein seconded to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. Vote taken: Barton – aye, Niederklein – aye, Rut – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Jamie Niederklein, Secretary Meridian District #48-0303