

**Board of Education  
Meridian Public Schools  
District – 48-0303  
Daykin, Nebraska, 68338  
Tuesday, March 10, 2020**

**Regular March 10, 2020 Meeting – 7:00 p.m.**

Meridian Public School Board of Education met on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, as per notice in the Fairbury Journal-News.

President Bartels called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The open meeting law information was presented. Members present were Scheer, VanWesten, Vorderstrasse, Niederklein, Sobotka and Bartels. Also present were Superintendent Kort, Principal Scott, Delaney Homolka, and Ashley Hummer.

Nothing new was added to the agenda.

Roll call was taken: Scheer - present, VanWesten - present, Vorderstrasse - present, Niederklein - present, Sobotka - present, and Bartels - present.

No comments were heard from the public.

VanWesten moved and Niederklein seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

1. Minutes of the Wednesday, February 12, 2020 Regular Meeting
2. District Financial Report
3. Activity Fund Report
4. Hot Lunch Report
5. Bills

Vote taken: Scheer - aye, VanWesten - aye, Vorderstrasse - aye, Niederklein - aye, Sobotka - aye, and Bartels - aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent Kort presented the Curriculum Report. Four of the newer teachers attended APL Training. The remaining three will be attending APL Training this summer.

Superintendent Kort presented bids on a new mower. After discussion, Scheer moved and Sobotka seconded to approve the purchase of a John Deere Z930 mower from Landmark Implement. Vote taken: Scheer - aye, VanWesten - aye, Vorderstrasse - aye, Niederklein - aye, Sobotka - aye, and Bartels - aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Sobotka moved and VanWesten seconded to approve the calendar for the 2020-2021 School Year. Vote taken: Scheer - aye, VanWesten - aye, Vorderstrasse - aye, Niederklein - aye, Sobotka - aye, and Bartels - aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Vorderstrasse moved and Scheer seconded to approve the installation of new carpet for the English, Spanish, Math, and Social Studies rooms. Vote taken: Scheer - aye, VanWesten - aye, Vorderstrasse - aye, Niederklein - aye, Sobotka - aye, and Bartels - aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Principal Scott gave the Principal's Report:

- Student numbers are 221 Total with 122 in elementary and 99 in 7-12.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter ends on Wednesday, March 11, 2020.
- Parent Teacher Conferences were held on February 17 & 19. Elementary had 96% attendance and secondary had 66% attendance, based on students. This is one of the highest 2<sup>nd</sup> semester attendances for JH/HS.

- National Honor Society hosted a blood drive on Tuesday, March 3. They just missed their personal goal but did meet the goal to receive a scholarship.
- JH Quiz Bowl finished 4<sup>th</sup> out of 16 teams at the CRC Meet.
- Congratulations to the wrestling team and coaches for sending 4 to State! Congratulations to Wyatt Haverluck for earning 3<sup>rd</sup> Place at State.
- Congratulations to the Meridian Cheer and Hip-Hop teams for placing 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> at State!
- Brynn Holtmeier earned 4<sup>th</sup> place in Persuasive Speaking at the CRC speech meet.
- Actions Day is Wednesday, March 11. Harvard Show Choir Invite is also Wednesday, March 11.
- District speech will be Monday, March 16 at Deshler.
- High school track had 30 out for the first day of practice: 15 boys and 15 girls. The first track meet is Friday, March 20, at Concordia.

Superintendent Kort reported:

- Prom will be held April 4, 2020 at the VFW in Fairbury. He will be visiting with the Jefferson County Sheriff about breath tests.
- Update on Legislative Issues.
- Coronavirus Discussion – Mr. Kort has been listening to webinars related to the coronavirus and a letter will be going home to parents about what the school is doing to prepare.
- Benefits of the NASB were reviewed.
- Certified teacher and non-certified contracts will be approved in April.

VanWesten moved and Sobotka seconded to approve the 2020-2021 Contract for Principal Scott with a 3% salary increase. Vote taken: Scheer - aye, VanWesten - aye, Vorderstrasse - aye, Niederklein - aye, Sobotka - aye, and Bartels - aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Vorderstrasse moved and Niederklein seconded to approve the 2020-2021 Contract for Superintendent Kort with a 3.2% increase. Vote taken: Scheer - aye, VanWesten - aye, Vorderstrasse - aye, Niederklein - aye, Sobotka - aye, and Bartels - aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Next Regular Meeting was set for Monday, April 20, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

VanWesten moved and Scheer seconded to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Vote taken: Scheer - aye, VanWesten - aye, Vorderstrasse - aye, Niederklein - aye, Sobotka - aye, and Bartels - aye. Motion carried 6-0.

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