

**Board of Education
Meridian Public Schools
District – 48-0303
Daykin, Nebraska, 68338
Wednesday, September 16, 2020**

SPECIAL PUBLIC HEARING 6:30 P.M.

Meridian Public School Board of Education met on September 16, 2020, as per notice in the Fairbury Journal-News.

President Bartels called the hearing to order at 6:32 p.m. The open meeting law was presented. Members present were Sobotka, Vorderstrasse, Scheer, VanWesten, and Bartels. Also present was Superintendent Kort.

Nothing new was added to the agenda.

VanWesten moved and Vorderstrasse seconded to excuse Niederklein from the meeting. Vote taken: Sobotka-aye, VanWesten-aye, Vorderstrasse-aye, Scheer-aye, Bartels-aye. Motion Passed 5-0.

Superintendent Kort provided information concerning the proposed 2020-2021 Budget.

No comments were heard from the public.

Scheer moved and VanWesten seconded to close the Special Budget Hearing at 6:43 p.m. Vote taken: Sobotka-aye, VanWesten-aye, Vorderstrasse-aye, Scheer-aye, Bartels-aye. Motion Passed 5-0.

SPECIAL PUBLIC HEARING 6:45 P.M.

Meridian Public School Board of Education met on September 16, 2020, as per notice in the Fairbury Journal-News.

President Bartels called the hearing to order at 6:45 p.m. The open meeting law was presented. Members present were Sobotka, Vorderstrasse, Scheer, VanWesten, and Bartels. Also present was Superintendent Kort.

Nothing new was added to the agenda.

VanWesten moved and Vorderstrasse seconded to excuse Niederklein from the meeting. Vote taken: Sobotka-aye, VanWesten-aye, Vorderstrasse-aye, Scheer-aye, Bartels-aye. Motion Passed 5-0.

Superintendent Kort provided information concerning the proposed 2020-2021 Tax Request which will be .684439. The levy is up 4.7855 cents. The district valuation decreased by almost 12 million dollars and the school lost \$108,000.00 in state option aid.

No comments were heard from the public.

Scheer moved and VanWesten seconded to close the Special Tax Hearing at 6:51 p.m. Vote taken: Sobotka-aye, VanWesten-aye, Vorderstrasse-aye, Scheer-aye, Bartels-aye. Motion Passed 5-0.

Regular September 16, 2020 Meeting - 7:00 P.M.

Meridian Public School Board of Education met on September 16, 2020, as per notice in the Fairbury Journal-News.

President Bartels called the meeting to order at 6:52 p.m. The open meeting law information was presented.

Roll Call was taken: Vorderstrasse-present, Sobotka-present, Scheer-present, VanWesten-present, and Bartels-present. Also present was Superintendent Kort

Nothing new was added to the agenda.

VanWesten moved and Vorderstrasse seconded to excuse Niederklein from the meeting. Vote taken: Sobotka-aye, VanWesten-aye, Vorderstrasse-aye, Scheer-aye, Bartels-aye. Motion Passed 5-0.

No comments were heard from the public.

Scheer moved and VanWesten seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented.

- A: Minutes of the Monday, August 17, 2020 Regular meeting
- B: District Financial Report
- C: Activity Fund Report
- D: Hot Lunch Fund Report
- E: Bills

Vote taken: Sobotka-aye, VanWesten-aye, Vorderstrasse-aye, Scheer-aye, Bartels-aye. Motion Passed 5-0.

There was no Student Council Report as members were at the homecoming parade.

VanWesten moved and Scheer seconded to approve the 2020-2021 Tax Request Resolution. Vote taken: Sobotka-aye, VanWesten-aye, Vorderstrasse-aye, Scheer-aye, Bartels-aye. Motion Passed 5-0.

VanWesten moved and Scheer seconded to approve 2020-2021 Annual Budget. Vote taken: Sobotka-aye, VanWesten-aye, Vorderstrasse-aye, Scheer-aye, Bartels-aye. Motion Passed 5-0.

Negotiations with MEA (Meridian Education Association) will begin next month.

Sobotka moved and Vorderstrasse seconded to use North Star negotiation software for the 2021-2022 teacher negotiations.

The Board discussed the request for a perpetual easement on the south side of the school property to access farm ground. Current access to the property is through the existing farmstead. The Board would prefer an access easement to the property be maintained through the existing route.

Superintendent Kort gave the Principal's Report.

- Student Numbers: 112 in Pre-K-6th, 97 in 7-12; Total = 209 Students
- Homecoming Football - September 18, versus St. Edward
- MUDECAS Volleyball Began September 14, 2020
- ACT Make Up on September 22, 2020
- PT Conferences: Wednesday, September 23, 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.; Thursday, September 24, 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Picture Retakes September 30, 2020
- Continue Work on PBIS - "The Mustang Way"

Superintendent Kort reported:

1. The Nebraska Association of School Boards (NASB) annual state meeting in Omaha will be limited to 500 participants this year. Jason and Superintendent Kort plan to attend.
2. Meridian will Receive \$23,000 from the Rural Education Achievement Program (REAP)
3. Board Members Can Participate in NASB Virtual Workshop September 30th – October 14th
4. Administration and staff continue to discuss with the class of 2020 how to utilize funds remaining in their account due to cancellation of senior activities. The class would like to establish a scholarship fund.
5. Safety Measures and Use of Masks was Discussed
6. Homecoming Activities Include a Parade in Daykin
7. Parent Teacher Conferences Held Next Week

Next Regular Meeting was set for Monday, October 12, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. with a Negotiations Committee meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Sobotka moved and Scheer seconded to adjourn at 7:12 p.m. Vote taken: Sobotka-aye, VanWesten-aye, Vorderstrasse-aye, Scheer-aye, Bartels-aye. Motion Passed 5-0.

J. Scott Sobotka, Vice President Meridian District #48-0303