

**Board of Education
Meridian Public Schools
District – 48-0303
Daykin, Nebraska, 68338
Wednesday, February 10, 2021**

Regular February 10, 2021 Meeting – 6:00 P.M.

Meridian Public School Board of Education met on February 10, 2021, 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: Vorderstrasse-Present, Niederklein-present, Sobotka-present, Rut-present, Scheer-present, and Bartels-present. Also present were Superintendent Kort, Principal Scott-virtually, Kaylee Pribyl and Bailey Holtmeier.

Nothing new was added to the agenda.

No comments were made by the public.

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

- A: Minutes of Monday, January 18, 2021 Regular Meeting
- B: District Financial Report
- C: Activity Fund Report
- D: Hot Lunch Fund Report
- E: Bills

Vote taken: Vorderstrasse - aye, Niederklein - aye, Sobotka - aye, Rut - aye, Scheer - aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Curriculum report:

- CPR Classes for seniors will be held in March or April.
- Greenhouse work continues and related curriculum is being established.
- Discussion was held on finding a location for fine arts to practice and store equipment.

Three drafts of the 2021-2022 school calendar were reviewed. The final draft will be approved in March.

After discussion, Scheer moved and Sobotka seconded to approve committee assignments as follows.

- Americanism: Scheer, Bartels, Rut
- Building & Grounds: Niederklein, Vorderstrasse, Sobotka
- Transportation: Niederklein, Vorderstrasse, Scheer
- Curriculum & Instruction: Bartels, Rut, Vorderstrasse
- Negotiations: Niederklein, Bartels, Sobotka

Vote taken: Vorderstrasse - aye, Niederklein - aye, Sobotka - aye, Rut - aye, Scheer - aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Principal's Report:

- Student Count as of February 3, 2021: 107 Elementary Students; 96 Junior High and High School Students
- Girls basketball repeated as conference runner-up at the CRC basketball tournament. Congratulations team and coaches!
- Congratulations to Ally Kort for setting several 3-point records at the CRC tournament.
- JH girls' basketball was conference runner-up at the CRC tournament. Congratulations team and Coach Sobotka!

- Sub-district wrestling was at Pleasanton on Saturday, February 6. District wrestling will be February 12 & 13. State wrestling will be Wednesday through Saturday, February 17 – 20. Good luck wrestlers!
- Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Monday, February 15, from 4-8 pm and Wednesday, February 17 from 2-6 pm. Time change on Wednesday is to allow families and staff to attend Ash Wednesday services.
- There will be no school on Friday, February 19.
- Girls sub-district basketball begins Tuesday, February 16.
- Boys sub-district basketball begins Monday, February 22.
- Congratulations to Brynn Holtmeier for earning runner-up in persuasive at the Mudecas speech meet.
- Meridian will not be hosting the CRC speech contest this year due to the number of schools that would be in attendance. This year only, CRC speech will be split for north (Hampton) and south (McCool Junction) divisions. This will allow for in-person competition, helping prepare for district and state meets which will be in person.
- Freshmen will be traveling to Peru State College for a visit on Tuesday, February 16. This is the first in person visit this year.
- Quiz bowl begins competition on Wednesday, February 17.
- State dance and cheer competition will be February 17 – 20.
- Teachers will be working on curriculum updates this semester. We are focusing on math and reading but will also be looking at curriculum alignment in all areas.

Superintendent's Report:

- Heartland Communications will be used for the fobs used for entrance into district facilities.
- Discussion was held about whether there is a need for a SPED vehicle.
- Discussion was held about the possibility of a replacement van or suburban.
- Mr. Kort will meet with Diode concerning the installation of vape alarms.
- Mr. Kort will visit with Deputy Schoenrock about having the drug dog/breathalyzer at prom and post prom. Prom will be held at the VFW in Fairbury and post prom will be held at Meridian.
- Even though Meridian isn't hosting the CRC speech meet on February 24, teachers will have in-service work. This will be our Mask day.

Sobotka moved and Rut seconded to go into executive session to discuss the administrators' contracts.

Bartels stated that it was moved and seconded to go into executive session at 6:41 p.m. to discuss the administrators' contracts. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse - aye, Niederklein - aye, Sobotka - aye, Rut - aye, Scheer - aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 6-0.

The Board came out of executive session at 6:57 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting was set for Monday, March 15, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

Vorderstrasse moved and Sobotka seconded to adjourn at 7:04 p.m. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse - aye, Niederklein - aye, Sobotka - aye, Rut - aye, Scheer - aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Jamie Niederklein, Secretary Meridian District #48-030