

**Board of Education
Meridian Public Schools
District – 48-0303
Daykin, Nebraska, 68338
Monday, April 19, 2021**

Regular April 19, 2021 Meeting – 7:00 P.M.

Meridian Public School Board of Education met on April 19, 2021, 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.

Roll call was taken: Vorderstrasse-present, Niederklein-present, Sobotka-present, Rut-present, Scheer-present, and Bartels-present. Also present were Superintendent Kort, Principal Scott, Kymber Schwisow, Samantha Lee, and Edward Haverluck.

Nothing new was added to the agenda.

No comments were heard from the public.

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

- A: Minutes of Wednesday, March 15, 2021 Regular Meeting
- B: District Financial Report
- C: Activity Fund Report
- D: Hot Lunch Fund Report
- G: Bills

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

Curriculum report:

- On April 9, 2021 for teacher in-service, an ESU 5 representative attended and discussed with the staff current curriculum, making sure any pre-requisites are met and if updates are needed to the curriculum.
- For the 2021-2022 school year, we will be utilizing the Rider Classroom Spanish program.

Samantha Lee updated the School Board on the upcoming senior trip planned for May 14, 2021.

Sobotka moved and Rut seconded to accept the resignation of Trevor Hoins, with regrets. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse - aye, Niederklein - aye, Sobotka - aye, Rut - aye, Scheer - aye, and Bartels - aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Scheer moved and Niederklein seconded to approve the wages for non-certified staff with a 3% increase. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse - aye, Niederklein - aye, Sobotka - aye, Rut - aye, Scheer - aye, and Bartels - aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Kort informed the School Board that all staff members have been offered the COVID-19 vaccinations. Approximately 75% received their second shot on April 8, 2021. Mr. Kort and Mr. Scott will discuss the possibility of making masks optional, but highly recommended, sometime after April 22, 2021.

Principal's Report:

- Student Count as of March 11, 2021: 107 Elementary Students; 94 Junior High and High School Students
- Brynn Holtmeier attended in person state speech on March 19. She earned two superior ratings but just missed going to finals by one ranking point. Great season, Brynn!
- Juniors took the State ACT on Tuesday, March 23. They will receive their scores in 5-8 weeks.
- Jr/Sr Prom was held on Saturday, March 27.
- The Bunny Run was held April 3. About 250 participants raised approximately \$6600.
- The second dose of COVID vaccine was available to staff on April 8.
- The elementary concert was held in person on April 8. It was well attended and well received.

- Teacher in-service was held on Friday, April 9, with focus on curriculum. Joni Runge from ESU5 came to help guide the process.
- Pre-K and Kindergarten round up was held on Monday, April 12. In attendance were 2 Pre-K and 15 Kindergarten. Current projected enrollment for 2021-22: 2 Pre-K and 19 Kindergarten.
- Three Meridian JH students competed in the Eastern Nebraska area speech contest (formerly Modern Woodman) on April 14. While our students did not place in the top 3 to advance to state, they represented our school well. Congratulations to Shaysah Burkhart, Taelyn Filipi, and Samuel Thomas.
- Plant sales delivery is scheduled for Tuesday, April 20. This will take place in Daykin instead of at the school this year.
- The state track meet for Class D has been changed and will be held Wednesday, May 19 and Thursday, May 20. This is to spread out the number of participating students at the track. Classes A & D are Wednesday and Thursday. Classes B & C are Friday and Saturday.

Superintendent's Report:

- Update on Legislative Issues
 - LB 408 – 3% Yearly Revenue Cap
 - LB 135 – SPED – gradually increases refunded amounts which are currently at 40-50%
 - Health Standards
 - Normally approved SNRO – Deaf or Hard of Hearing Agreement – this has not been submitted so will be approved at the May meeting
 - Juniors took ACT on March 23
 - Accepting applications and scheduling interviews for open position. Discussing coaching assignments
 - Board Retreat Dates –Board discussed possible dates

Next Regular Meeting was set for Monday, May 17, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

Vorderstrasse moved and Rut seconded to adjourn at 7:45 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