

**Board of Education
Meridian Public Schools
District – 48-0303
Daykin, Nebraska, 68338
Monday, May 17, 2021**

Regular May 17, 2021 Meeting – 6:30 P.M.

Meridian Public School Board of Education met on May 17, 2021, as per notice in the Fairbury Journal-News.

President Bartels called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. The open meeting law information was presented.

Roll call was taken: Vorderstrasse-Present, Niederklein-present, Sobotka-present, Rut-present, and Bartels-present. Also present were Superintendent Kort and Principal Scott.

Nothing new was added to the agenda.

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

No comments were made by the public.

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

- A: Minutes of Wednesday, April 19, 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, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Curriculum report:

- Teachers are working on updating their curriculum schedules for next school year.
- Mr. Scott is working on the elementary and high school scheduling for the 2021-2022 school year.

Mr. Kort recognized the three state track qualifiers. Kaylee Pribyl (100 meter dash, long jump and pole vault), Corin Paul (triple jump) and Kailyn Paul (triple jump). Kaylee also set a new school record in pole vault with a vault of 10'.

The Board received the Policy 1000's and will review and discuss any questions they may have at the June meeting.

Mr. Lawrence VanderSchaaf would like to be released from his contract for the 2021-2022 school year to take a job at another school district. At this time, the Board will not act as the administration is currently in search of a replacement for Mr. VanderSchaaf. A Special Board Meeting will be held on Monday, May 24, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. to take action.

Sobotka moved and Rut seconded to approve the hiring of Bryan Becker as the 5th grade teacher. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse - aye, Niederklein - aye, Sobotka - aye, Rut - aye, and Bartels - aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Niederklein moved and Vorderstrasse seconded to approve the hiring of Sarah Thomas as a SPED teacher. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse - aye, Niederklein - aye, Sobotka - aye, Rut - aye, and Bartels - aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Principal's Report:

- Student Count as of May 17, 2021: 107 Elementary Students; 94 Junior High and High School Students
- We have had several inquiries regarding option enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year.
- New members of the National Honor Society were inducted on Wednesday, April 21. They are Mackenzie Rau, Kaylee Pribyl, Amber Vinsonhaler, Keagan Sones, Alyssa Haake, Bailey Holtmeier, and Kailyn Paul.
- The Fairbury Elks Lodge recognized students at their honors banquet. Local winners were Lane Barton, Kezia Connealy, Delaney Homolka, Mackenzie Rau, Brynn Holtmeier, Ally Kort, Kim Schropfer, and Erica Schwisow.

Lane Barton was awarded the Most Valuable Student award.

- McKenzie Hofstetter was the individual winner of the 8th grade division of the Thayer Central math contest. The 8th grade team of McKenzie, Taelyn Filipi, and Samuel Thomas won the 8th grade team division.
- Meridian drama presented “Winnie the Pooh” on May 8 & 9.
- 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. Congratulations for qualifying for state track go to Corin Paul (2nd in triple jump), Kailyn Paul (2nd in triple jump), and Kaylee Pribyl (13.14 in 100M, 1st long jump, 1st pole vault – broke her own school record, now 10’).
- Students’ last day is Tuesday, May 18 with a 1:30pm dismissal. Teacher work day and check out is Wednesday, May 19.
- Teachers will be attending various professional development workshops this summer through ESU5.

Superintendent’s Report:

- Update on Summer Projects
 - No Carpet Projects this Summer
 - Painting Ceiling, Bleachers, Gym Wall, and Other Typical Touch Ups
 - Put Up Fence and Preparing for Cattle
- Update on Legislative Issues
- Set a Date for the Board Retreat
- Replacing and Selling Old Computers

Next Regular Meeting was set for Monday, June 21, 2021, at 5:30 p.m.

Sobotka moved and Niederklein seconded to adjourn at 7:11 p.m. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse - aye, Niederklein - aye, Sobotka - aye, Rut - aye, and Bartels - aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Jamie Niederklein, Secretary Meridian District #48-030