

**Board of Education
Meridian Public Schools
District – 48-0303
Daykin, Nebraska, 68338
Sunday, September 12, 2021**

Special Budget Hearing – 6:00 P.M.

Meridian Public School Board of Education met on September 12, 2021, as per notice in the Fairbury Journal-News.

President Bartels called the hearing to order at 6:00 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, Kimberly Schropfer, and JD Adam.

Nothing new was added to the agenda.

Superintendent Kort provided information regarding the proposed 2021-2022 Budget.

No comments were heard from the public.

Vorderstrasse moved and Niederklein seconded to close the Special Budget Hearing at 6:05 p.m. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Special Tax Hearing

Meridian Public School Board of Education met on September 12, 2021, as per notice in the Fairbury Journal-News.

President Bartels called the hearing to order at 6:06 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, Kimberly Schropfer, and JD Adam.

Nothing new was added to the agenda.

Superintendent Kort provided information concerning the proposed 2021-2022 Tax request which will be .690963. The levy is going up .006524 cents.

No comments were heard from the public.

Vorderstrasse moved and Rut seconded to close the Special Tax Hearing at 6:09 p.m. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Regular September 12, 2021 Meeting

Meridian Public School Board of Education met on September 12, 2021, as per notice in the Fairbury Journal-News.

President Bartels called the hearing to order at 6:10 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, Kimberly Schropfer, and JD Adam.

Nothing new was added to the agenda.

No comments were heard from the public.

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

- A: Minutes of Wednesday, August 16, 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:

- Update the student handbook to allow juniors to participate in the work release program currently only offered to seniors.

Sobotka moved and Rut seconded to approve the 2021-2022 Tax Request Resolution. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Scheer moved and Vorderstrasse seconded to approve the 2021-2022 Annual Budget. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Negotiations with the Meridian Education Association (MEA) will begin on Wednesday, October 13, 2021.

Niederklein moved and Rut seconded to use North Star Negotiation Software for the 2022-2023 teacher negotiations.

Superintendent Kort gave an update on ESSER/Safe Return. Different options are being discussed which include updates to the family & consumer science room, updates to the shop, new vacuums and new musical instruments for the band department.

Principal's Report:

- Current student count – Elementary – 110 and High School – 97, including 2 exchange students.
- Homecoming week was held September 7-11, 2021. Activities included a homecoming parade in downtown Daykin on Wednesday, volleyball triangular with McCool Junction and Exeter-Milligan on Thursday, the homecoming football game vs. Wilcox-Hildreth on Friday, and the homecoming coronation and dance on Saturday.
- MUDECAS volleyball tournament to start on Monday, September 13.
- The next varsity football game is at St. Edward Friday, September 17, with a 2:30 pm kickoff.
- Norris Public Power District will be at Meridian for a safety presentation on Tuesday, September 21.
- Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, September 22 from 4-8 pm, and Thursday, September 23 from 2-6 pm. There is a home varsity football game that Thursday vs Pawnee City starting at 7 pm and volleyball at BDS.
- There is no school on Friday, September 24.
- School picture retakes are scheduled for Wednesday, September 29. There is also a 1:30 pm dismissal that day for teacher in-service training.
- October 2 is the Harvest of Harmony parade in Grand Island.

Superintendent's Report:

- NASB Meetings
 - Regional Meeting in York on September 15
 - State Meeting in Omaha on November 17 – 19

Next Meeting was set for Wednesday, October 13, 2021 beginning at 7:00 p.m. with a Negotiations Committee meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Vorderstrasse moved and Rut seconded to adjourn at 6:50 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