

**Board of Education
Meridian Public Schools
District – 48-0303
Daykin, Nebraska, 68338
Monday, January 17, 2022**

Regular January 17, 2022 Meeting

Meridian Public School Board of Education met on January 17, 2022, as per notice in the Fairbury Journal-News.

President Bartels called the hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. The open meeting law information was presented.

Roll call was taken: Vorderstrasse – present, Niederklein – present, Rut – present, Scheer – present, and Bartels – present. Also present was Superintendent Kort and Principal Scott.

Superintendent Kort was appointed to preside over the process to elect a president.

Scheer nominated and Vorderstrasse seconded to elect Bartels as Board President.

Scheer moved and Vorderstrasse seconded to cease nominations. Vote taken: Niederklein – aye, Vorderstrasse – aye, Bartels – abstain, Scheer – aye, and Rut – aye. Motion passed 4-0. Bartels was elected President.

Superintendent Kort turned the meeting over to President Bartels.

Scheer nominated and Rut seconded to elect Sobotka as Board Vice President.

Niederklein moved and Vorderstrasse seconded to cease nominations. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse – aye, Niederklein – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 5-0. Sobotka was elected Board Vice President.

Scheer nominated and Rut seconded to elect Niederklein as Board Secretary.

Vorderstrasse moved and Scheer seconded to cease nominations. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse – aye, Niederklein – abstain, Rut – aye, Scheer – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 4-0. Niederklein was elected Board Secretary.

Scheer nominated and Niederklein seconded to elect Vorderstrasse Board Treasurer.

Scheer moved and Niederklein seconded to cease nominations. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse – abstain, Niederklein – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 4-0. Vorderstrasse was elected Board Treasurer.

Nothing new was added to the agenda.

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

No comments were heard from the public.

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

- A. Minutes of the Monday, December 20, 2021 Regular Meeting
- B. District Financial Report
- C. Activity Fund Report
- D. Hot Lunch Fund Report
- E. Bills

Vote taken: Vorderstrasse – aye, Niederklein – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Curriculum report:

- Principal Scott and staff are attending an English/Language Arts workshop to review new standards for the 2022/2023 school year.
- Principal Scott and staff are going to Geneva to visit the Success Program.

Scheer moved and Vorderstrasse seconded to retain the current committee assignments.

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

Vote taken: Vorderstrasse – aye, Niederklein – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Niederklein moved and Rut seconded to approve Heartland Bank as the Official District Depository. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse – aye, Niederklein – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Vorderstrasse moved and Niederklein seconded to approve the Fairbury Journal-News as the District Newspaper. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse – aye, Niederklein – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Discussion was held on the proposed calendar for the 2022-2023 school year.

Rut moved and Scheer seconded to approve 3% wage increases for the non-certified staff. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse – aye, Niederklein – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Principal's Report:

- We welcome a new exchange student for second semester. She will be with the sophomores for most classes, but will participate in senior activities, including recognition of attendance at graduation.
- Thank you to MPIE for sponsoring the movie for the elementary the last day of first semester.
- MPIE will host their annual soup supper during the E-M basketball games on Tuesday, January 18 from 5-8pm.
- Winter sports are underway. CRC basketball tournament starts January 22. Girls sub districts start February 14; boys sub districts start February 21. District wrestling is February 11 & 12. State wrestling is February 17-19.
- Speech season began on Saturday, January 15 (weather permitting).
- CRC JH Honor Choir is scheduled for Monday, January 31.
- Updates for lights and sound for the stage area is getting started with first round of materials scheduled to arrive in 2-3 weeks.
- Winter MAP testing in math and reading is being done throughout the month of January.
- Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Monday and Wednesday, February 14 & 16 from 4-8pm.
- State cheer/dance competition is February 18 & 19.
- We want to welcome Deputy Sheriff Nate Van Anne to Meridian. He will become our new School Resource Officer.

Superintendent's Report

- Legislative Update
- CRC/NSAA Discussions Update
- File for School Board at Jefferson County

Next Meeting was set for Sunday, February 20, 2022, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Vorderstrasse moved and Rut seconded to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse – aye, Niederklein – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Jamie Niederklein, Secretary Meridian District #48-030