

**Board of Education
Meridian Public Schools
District – 48-0303
Daykin, Nebraska, 68338
Monday, January 15, 2024**

Regular January 15, 2024 Meeting

Meridian Public School Board of Education met on January 15, 2024, as per notice in the Fairbury Journal-News.

President Bartels called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. The open meeting law information was presented.

Roll call was taken: Barton – present, Niederklein – present, Sobotka – present, Rut – present, Scheer – present, and Bartels – present. Also present was Superintendent Kort. Principal Drees and Principal Hull.

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

Rut nominated and Scheer seconded to elect Bartels as president.

Scheer moved and Barton seconded to cease nominations. Vote taken: Barton – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer – aye, and Bartels – abstain. Motion passed 5-0. Bartels was elected president.

Superintendent Kort turned the meeting over to President Bartels.

Scheer nominated and Rut seconded to elect Sobotka as vice president.

Niederklein moved and Scheer seconded to cease nominations. Vote taken: Barton – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – abstain, Rut – aye, Scheer – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 5-0. Sobotka was elected vice president.

Sobotka nominated and Scheer seconded to elect Niederklein as secretary.

Barton moved and Scheer seconded to cease nominations. Vote taken: Barton – aye, Niederklein – abstain, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 5-0. Niederklein elected as secretary.

Scheer moved and Niederklein seconded to elect Rut as treasurer.

Barton moved and Sobotka seconded to cease nominations. Vote taken: Barton – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – abstain, Scheer – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 5-0. Rut elected as treasurer.

Nothing new was added to the agenda.

No comments were heard from the public.

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

- A. Minutes of the Wednesday, December 13, 2023 Regular Meeting
- B. District Financial Report
- C. Activity Fund Report
- D. Hot Lunch Fund Report
- E. Bills

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

Superintendent Kort presented the Curriculum Report to the Board.

Scheer moved and Barton seconded to retain the current committee assignments. Vote taken: Barton – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 6-0.

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

Sobotka moved and Rut seconded to approve Heartland Bank as the Official District Depository. Vote taken: Barton – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Sobotka moved and Rut seconded to approve the Fairbury Journal-News as the District Newspaper. Vote taken: Barton – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Superintendent Kort provided a copy of the draft of the 2024-2025 calendar for discussion.

Principal Drees and Principal Hull presented the Principals' Reports to the Board.

Superintendent Kort presented the Superintendent's Report to the Board.

The next regular meeting was set for Monday, February 19, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Scheer moved and Barton seconded to adjourn at 6:56 p.m. Vote taken: Barton – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Jamie Niederklein, Secretary Meridian District #48-0303