

**Board of Education  
Meridian Public Schools  
District – 48-0303  
Daykin, Nebraska, 68338  
Sunday, October 15, 2023**

**Regular October 15, 2023 Meeting**

Meridian Public School Board of Education met on October 15, 2023, as per notice in the Fairbury Journal-News.

Vice President Sobotka called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The open meeting law information was presented.

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

Niederklein moved and Barton seconded to excuse Bartels from the meeting. Vote taken: Barton – aye, Niederklein – aye, Rut – aye, and Sobotka – aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Nothing new was added to the agenda.

Comments were heard from the public regarding the upcoming NSAA football classification for the next two school years.

Scheer joined the meeting at 5:12 p.m.

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

- A. Minutes of the Monday, September 18, 2023 Special Budget Hearing
- B. Minutes of the Monday, September 18, 2023 Special Tax Hearing
- C. Minutes of the Monday, September 18, 2023 Regular Meeting
- D. District Financial Report
- E. Activity Fund Report
- F. Hot Lunch Fund Report
- G. Bills

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

Superintendent Kort presented the Curriculum Report to the Board.

Principal Hull presented enrollment numbers and anticipated participation numbers for football at Meridian in 2024. Mr. Hull has had and will continue to visit with all boys in the 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> grade to learn why the participation numbers are low. A decision needs to be made by November 30, 2023 as to whether Meridian will play six-man or eight- man football for the 2024/2025 football seasons

Rut moved and Barton seconded to approve Alex Hull as an authorized individual for financial and ordering needs for Meridian Public Schools. As such he is approved as signature at Heartland Bank, Daykin, Nebraska, for the Activity Fund (account #100-192). Vote taken: Barton – aye, Niederklein – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer – aye and Sobotka – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Niederklein moved and Scheer seconded to approve Leslie Drees as an authorized individual for financial and ordering needs for Meridian Public Schools. As such she is approved as signature at Heartland Bank, Daykin, Nebraska, for the Activity Fund (account #100-192). Vote taken: Barton – aye, Niederklein – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer – aye and Sobotka – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Superintendent Kort gave an update on the technology needs and how the ESSER funds have been spent. Recent purchases include smartboards, band instruments, a welder and plasma cutters.

Superintendent Kort updated the Board on the verbal audit report received from Dana Cole. The final audit books will be available in November.

Rut moved and Scheer seconded to approve the Meridian Education Association (MEA) as negotiators for the 2025-2026 school year. Vote taken: Barton – aye, Niederklein – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer – aye and Sobotka – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

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, November 20, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Niederklein moved and Scheer seconded to adjourn at 5:48 p.m. Vote taken: Barton – aye, Niederklein – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer – aye and Sobotka – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

*Jamie Niederklein*, Secretary Meridian District #48-0303