

**Board of Education  
Meridian Public Schools  
District – 48-0303  
Daykin, Nebraska, 68338  
Monday, January 20, 2020**

**Regular January 20, 2020 Meeting – 7:00 p.m.**

Meridian Public School Board of Education met on Sunday, January 20, 2020, as per notice in the Fairbury Journal-News.

President VanWesten called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The open meeting law information was presented. Members present were Vorderstrasse, Niederklein, Sobotka, Bartels, Scheer, and VanWesten. Also present were Superintendent Kort, Principal Scott, Allyson Kort, and Erika Schwisow.

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

VanWesten moved and Vorderstrasse seconded to nominate Bartels as Board President.

Sobotka moved and Scheer seconded to cease nominations. Vote taken: Niederklein - aye, Vorderstrasse - aye, VanWesten - aye, Scheer - aye, Bartels - aye, and Sobotka - aye. Motion carried 6-0. Bartels was elected President.

Superintendent Kort turned the meeting over to newly elected President Bartels.

Vorderstrasse moved and VanWesten seconded to nominate Sobotka as Board Vice-President.

Scheer moved and Niederklein seconded to cease nominations. Vote taken: Scheer - aye, VanWesten - aye, Vorderstrasse - aye, Niederklein - aye, Sobotka - abstain, and Bartels - aye. Motion carried 5-0. Sobotka was elected Vice-President.

Sobotka moved and Scheer seconded to nominate Niederklein as Board Secretary.

VanWesten moved and Scheer seconded to cease nominations. Vote taken: Scheer - aye, VanWesten - aye, Vorderstrasse - aye, Niederklein - abstain, Sobotka - aye, and Bartels - aye. Motion carried 5-0. Niederklein was elected as Board Secretary.

VanWesten moved and Sobotka seconded to nominate Scheer as Board Treasurer.

VanWesten moved and Vorderstrasse seconded to cease nominations. Vote taken: Scheer - abstain, VanWesten - aye, Vorderstrasse - aye, Niederklein - aye, Sobotka - aye, and Bartels - aye. Motion carried 5-0. Scheer was elected as Board Treasurer.

Nothing new was added to the agenda.

Roll call was taken: Scheer - present, VanWesten - present, Vorderstrasse - present, Niederklein - present, Sobotka - present, and Bartels - present.

No comments were made by the public.

VanWesten moved and Vorderstrasse seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- Minutes of the Sunday, December 16, 2019 Regular Meeting
- District Financial Report
- Activity Fund Report
- Hot Lunch Report
- Bills

Vote taken: Scheer - aye, VanWesten - aye, Vorderstrasse - aye, Niederklein - aye, Sobotka - aye, and Bartels - aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent Kort presented the Curriculum Report. The school will continue to work with Mary Ruiz and plans to have her back for the 2020-2021 school year.

Discussion was held on the 2020-2021 Calendar which is still being finalized.

After discussion, Scheer moved and VanWesten seconded to approve standing committees as follows:

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

Vote taken: Scheer - aye, VanWesten - aye, Vorderstrasse - aye, Niederklein - aye, Sobotka - aye, and Bartels - aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Vorderstrasse moved and VanWesten seconded to approve Heartland Bank, formally the Jefferson County Bank, as the Official District Depository. Vote taken: Scheer - aye, VanWesten - aye, Vorderstrasse - aye, Niederklein - aye, Sobotka - aye, and Bartels - aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Sobotka moved and Scheer seconded to approve The Fairbury Journal-News as the District Newspaper. Vote taken: Scheer - aye, VanWesten - aye, Vorderstrasse - aye, Niederklein - aye, Sobotka - aye, and Bartels - aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion was held on the location of the greenhouse and the prospective location.

Principal Scott reported:

1. Student numbers are 226 Total: 123 in elementary and 103 in 7-12
2. Speech season was scheduled to begin, but due to multiple conflicts, the first speech meet will be at Thayer Central on Saturday, January 26, followed by MUDECAS on February 1.
3. CRC Tournament begins on January 25, with the boys playing at 4:00 p.m. The girls received a bye the first round and will play on January 28 at 6:00 p.m.

4. The next wrestling meet is scheduled at Thayer Central on Friday, January 24.
5. Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Monday, February 17, and Wednesday, February 19, from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. both days.

Superintendent Kort reported:

1. Legislative Update, including the pros and cons of LB974.
2. CRC/NSAA discussions update
3. Foundation / Projects

Next Regular Meeting was set for Wednesday, February 12, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

VanWesten moved and Vorderstrasse seconded to adjourn at 8:04 p.m. Vote taken: Scheer - aye, VanWesten - aye, Vorderstrasse - aye, Niederklein - aye, Sobotka - aye, and Bartels - aye. Motion carried 6-0.

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