

**Board of Education
Meridian Public Schools
District – 48-0303
Daykin, Nebraska, 68338
Monday, May 18, 2020**

Regular May 18, 2020 Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Meridian Public School Board of Education met on Monday, May 18, 2020, as per notice in the Fairbury Journal-News.

President Bartels called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. The open meeting law information was presented. Members present were VanWesten, Niederklein, Scheer, Vorderstrasse, and Bartels. Also present were Superintendent Kort and Principal Scott.

Nothing new was added to the agenda.

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

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

No comments were made by the public.

Scheer moved and Sobotka seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- Minutes of the Monday, April 20, 2020 Regular Meeting
- District Financial Report
- Activity Fund Report
- Hot Lunch Report
- Bills

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

Principal Scott presented the Curriculum Report.

Mr. Kort gave an update on ideas for graduation. Following guidance from the Governor and Public Health Solutions, Meridian is planning to move forward with having a graduation ceremony. A survey will be conducted with the senior class to determine a date in June to have the graduation ceremony.

Mr. Kort reported that the Junior class is hosting a Prom Cruise Night since a traditional prom cannot be held this year. This will take place on May 30, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

The Meridian Foundation approved to cover the cost of a greenhouse for the school. Items have been ordered and construction will begin soon.

Mr. Kort reported that on June 1, students can begin using the weight room and gym but will have to follow the guidelines set forth by the State.

Principal Scott gave the Principal's Report:

- The second semester is almost complete. Grades are being finalized and all seniors have completed the requirements for graduation.
- Students are in the process of checking out, turning in laptops, books, etc. This is being done in small groups by class.
- Teachers have been supporting and encouraging our students. Group posters, the Coffee House Concert and contacting them to complete assignments to earn needed credits are just a few examples of the work our teachers have done.
- Mr. Scott would like to congratulate Mr. Kort for his leadership during this time. Special recognition to the teachers for their hard work and flexibility. Thank you to the staff members including administrative assistants, kitchen staff, maintenance and paras for everything they did to keep the process moving forward. Thank you to our School Board members for their continued support throughout this time and continuing through the summer.

Superintendent Kort reported:

- Work has begun to clean out rooms and start the carpeting project.
- Student workers began on May 18, 2020.
- Summer School is still being discussed and we are waiting on additional guidance.

The Americanism Committee will meet on Monday, June 15, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting was set for Monday, June 15, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

Scheer moved and VanWesten seconded to adjourn at 7:41 p.m. Vote taken: VanWesten – aye, Niederklein – aye, Scheer – aye, Vorderstrasse – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Jamie Niederklein,
Secretary Meridian District #48-0303