

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MERIDIAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
DISTRICT 48-0303  
DAYKIN, NEBRASKA 68338  
MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2020**

**REGULAR AUGUST MEETING – 7:00 P.M.:**

Meridian Public School Board of Education met on Monday, August 17, 2020, as per notice in the Fairbury Journal-News.

President Bartels called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. The open meetings law was presented.

Nothing new was added to the agenda.

Roll call was taken: Vorderstrasse-present, Sobotka-present, VanWesten-present, Scheer-present, and Bartels-present. Also present were Superintendent Kort and Principal Scott.

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

No comments were heard from the public.

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

- Minutes of the Monday, July 20, 2020 Regular Meeting
- Minutes of the Wednesday, August 12, 2020 Special Meeting
- District Financial Report
- Activity Fund Report
- Hot Lunch Fund Report
- Bills

It was suggested that a committee be formed to meet with the class of 2020 to discuss how funds remaining in their account due to the pandemic could be utilized. The class initiated discussion with the class sponsor several months ago but due to the pandemic no discussion with the class of 2020 has occurred. It was further recommended that the administration meet with the class sponsor and class representatives and report back to the Board in the next few months. Vote taken: Sobotka-aye, Vorderstrasse-aye, Scheer-aye, VanWesten-aye, Bartels-aye. Motion passed 5-0.

There was no Curriculum Report.

Scheer moved and VanWesten seconded to approve ALICAP as insurer for the 2020-2021 school year. Vote taken: Sobotka-aye, Vorderstrasse-aye, Scheer-aye, VanWesten-aye, Bartels-aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Discussion was held on dates for area workshops and state meetings and if they would be virtual or in person meetings.

Sobotka moved and VanWesten seconded to approve the transfer of 2019-2020 budget funds into the Activity Account. Vote taken: Sobotka-aye, Vorderstrasse-aye, Scheer-aye, VanWesten-aye, Bartels-aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Sobotka moved and VanWesten seconded to approve the transfer of 2019-2020 budget funds into the Depreciation Account. Vote taken: Sobotka-aye, Vorderstrasse-aye, Scheer-aye, VanWesten-aye, Bartels-aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Discussion on if admission should be charged and if rosters should be printed at school activities was held. The board felt that admission could be collected and rosters distributed in a safe manner. The roster will also be made available electronically.

Principal Scott gave the Principal's Report.

- Student count for 2020-2021 (as of 8/13/20): Elementary = 118; Secondary = 99; Total = 217
- No Foreign Exchange Program Due to COVID-19
- NSAA Count - 9 - 11th Grades is 49
- Reminder: Friday Dismissal is at 3:12 p.m.
- Welcome New Faculty
  - Holly Adam - First Grade
  - John Adam - Business
  - Matthew Asche - High School English
  - Jane Zabokrtsky - Third Grade
- In-Service Meetings on Friday, August 14, 17, and 18
- Students' First Day – Wednesday, August 19; 1:30 p.m. dismissal
  - Masks Highly Recommended
- Start of Volleyball Season:
  - Jamboree Game at Thayer Central, August 25, at 5:00 p.m.
  - JV and Varsity at Blue Hill, August 27, Start at 6:00 p.m.
- First 6-Man Football Game - Friday, August 28, vs Dorchester at 7:00 p.m.

Superintendent Kort gave the Superintendent's Report.

- Update on summer projects
  - Green house coming together
  - Concrete will be next step
- Students involved in fall sports
  - 13 of the 21 boys involved (62%)
  - 18 of the 40 girls involved (45%)
- Losing just over \$100,000 in state aid, which is equivalent to 3 cents on the levy
- Valuations are decreasing approximately 4%
- Did not receive grant for bus replacement

Next Regular Meeting was set for Wednesday, September 16, 2020. Budget Hearing at 6:30 p.m., Tax Hearing at 6:45 p.m., with Regular Meeting to follow.

Vorderstrasse moved and Scheer seconded to adjourn at 8:04 p.m. Vote taken: Sobotka-aye, Vorderstrasse-aye, Scheer-aye, VanWesten-aye, Bartels-aye. Motion passed 5-0.

*J. Scott Sobotka,*

**Vice-President Meridian District #48-0303**