

**Board of Education
Meridian Public Schools
District – 48-0303
Daykin, Nebraska, 68338
Monday, March 15, 2021**

Regular March 15, 2021 Meeting – 6:00 P.M.

Meridian Public School Board of Education met on March 15, 2021, as per notice in the Fairbury Journal-News.

President Bartels called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The open meeting law information was presented.

Roll call was taken: Vorderstrasse-Present, Niederklein-present, Sobotka-present, Rut-present, Scheer-present, and Bartels-present. Also present were Superintendent Kort, Principal Scott, and Brynn Holtmeier.

Nothing new was added to the agenda.

No comments from the public.

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

- A: Minutes of Wednesday, February 10, 2021 Regular Meeting
- B: District Financial Report
- C: Activity Fund Report
- D: Hot Lunch Fund Report
- G: Bills

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

Curriculum report:

- If Mary is unable to return to the States in time for 2021/2022 school year, we will look at possibly doing an online Spanish program.
- The teachers and administration will have a meeting in April to discuss the curriculum and determine where updates are needed.

Sobotka moved and Vorderstrasse seconded to approve the calendar for the 2021/2022 school year. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse - aye, Niederklein - aye, Sobotka - aye, Rut - aye, Scheer - aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Scheer moved and Rut seconded to approve the 2021-2022 contract for Principal Scott with a 3% increase. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse - aye, Niederklein - aye, Sobotka - aye, Rut - aye, Scheer - aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Sobotka moved and Vorderstrasse seconded to approve a 3-year contract for Superintendent Kort with a 3.75% increase following the completion of the current 1-year contract. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse - aye, Niederklein - aye, Sobotka - aye, Rut - aye, Scheer - aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Principal's Report:

- Student Count as of March 11, 2021: 107 Elementary Students; 94 Junior High and High School Students
- Congratulations to the boys' basketball team for winning the first round of sub-districts!
- Congratulations to the girls' basketball team for finishing the season as district runner-up!
- Congratulations to Lane Barton for having 100+ career wins and for qualifying for State Wrestling!
- Congratulations to the dance team for earning the runner-up trophy in hip-hop dance at State!
- Congratulations to the JH quiz bowl team for winning Thayer Central Invite!

- Congratulations to the speech team for all entries medaling at Crossroads Conference! Brynn Holtmeier – 1st persuasive, 4th Girl’s OID, 5th Boy’s OID, 6th Girl’s Duet
- Congratulations to Brynn Holtmeier for placing 3rd in persuasive at districts and advancing to the state competition in Kearney on Friday, March 19. All Meridian students earned at least one superior rating! Thanks to Rene’ Scheer for driving the team and for your help working with students. You are appreciated!
- March is Music in our Schools Month. Students attended the Freshmore Music Clinic on Tuesday, March 9. Congratulations to Meridian Show Choir for bringing home a gold trophy from the Harvard Show Choir Contest! CRC music will be held at Nebraska Lutheran on Monday, March 22. MUDECAS music will be at Freeman on Thursday, March 25.
- Pennies for Patients / Hero Squad fundraiser for Lymphoma / Leukemia foundation exceeded their goal of \$1500 by raising \$1536.27.
- The blood drive held Tuesday, March 9, had 29 units donated at 96% of the goal, with 21 new donors for the Nebraska Blood Bank. All blood donated stays in Nebraska! This was held outside the school building this year, instead of in the gym, due to COVID guidelines.
- Track competition begins Friday, March 19 for high school. Both JH and HS track will be on Tuesday, March 30.
- Plant sales continue through March 26.
- Freshmen will be traveling to Peru State College for a visit on Wednesday, March 24. This was rescheduled from February.
- Juniors will be taking the ACT for the state on Tuesday, March 23 at the ESU5 in Beatrice.
- March is severe weather awareness month. We will be running a tornado drill later this month.
- Easter break will be April 2-5.
- The Bunny Run – “postponed Reindeer run” – will be held Saturday, April 3.
- State FFA will be April 7-9 (virtually).
- Teacher in-service will be held on Friday, April 9, with focus on curriculum.
- Pre K and Kindergarten round up will be held on Monday, April 12.
- FBLA – SLC is scheduled for Kearney April 12-14 (virtually).

Superintendent’s Report:

- We plan on having the drug dog/breathalyzer at prom and/or post prom. Prom will be held on March 27, 2021 at the VFW in Fairbury and post prom will be held at Meridian.
- New school board picture.
- Juniors ACT testing will take place in Beatrice.
- Next year the Mustang Invite will be held Monday, April 4, 2022.
- Update of legislative issues.
- Coronavirus/Cares Act Funds – plan to be used on para support, technology and curriculum.
- Certified and non-certified teacher contracts will be approved in April.
- 30 track students this year.
- Weight room updates and further discussion.
- Continue with Jefferson County and the school resource officer.
- Americanism Committee will meet on April 19th following the Regular Board Meeting.
- Discuss possible dates for Board Retreat.

Next Regular Meeting was set for Monday, April 19, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

Rut moved and Sobotka seconded to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse - aye, Niederklein - aye, Sobotka - aye, Rut - aye, Scheer - aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Jamie Niederklein, Secretary Meridian District #48-030