

**Board of Education
Meridian Public Schools
District – 48-0303
Daykin, Nebraska, 68338
Sunday, February 20, 2022**

Regular February 20, 2022 Meeting – 5:00 P.M.

Meridian Public School Board of Education met on February 20, 2022, as per notice in the Fairbury Journal-News.

President Bartels called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. The open meeting law information was presented.

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

Nothing new was added to the agenda.

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

No comments were made by the public.

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

- A: Minutes of Monday January 17, 2022, Regular Meeting
- B: District Financial Report
- C: Activity Fund Report
- D: Hot Lunch Fund Report
- E: Bills

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

Curriculum report:

- English/Language Arts standards will be updated for the 2022-2023 school year.
- Math classes are spending additional time each day on number sense.

Sobotka moved and Vorderstrasse seconded to approve the retirement of Mrs. Renee Henry, with regrets. The Board would like to thank Mrs. Henry for her years of service to the Meridian Public School District. Vote Taken: Vorderstrasse – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Rut moved and Niederklein seconded to approve the resignation of Mrs. Sarah Hebda, with regrets. Vote Taken: Vorderstrasse – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Principal's Report:

- Student Count as of February 20, 2022: 111 Elementary Students; 96 Junior High and High School Students, including 3 exchange students.
- Updates for lights and sound for the stage area is getting started with first round of materials to arrive this past week.
- Winter MAP testing in math and reading is completed.
- Parent-Teacher Conferences were held Monday and Wednesday, February 14 and 16.
- Parent Teacher Conference attendance numbers (based on student count): Secondary 58/96 = 60%; Elementary 105/110 = 95%.
- State cheer/dance competition was held this weekend in Kearney.
- Meridian participated in Valentines for Veterans again this year. We received thank you letters from the US Department of Veterans Affairs and Margaret Miller, local coordinator.

- Mustang speech invite was held Saturday, February 12. All participants earned medals.
- Meridian will host the CRC speech contest on Wednesday, February 23. Fourteen schools with 150 students will be competing. Districts will be held on Friday, March 4 at FCSH. State speech is Friday, March 18 in Kearney.
- Meridian competed in the CRC quiz bowl on Wednesday, February 16. JH finished 5th out of 13 schools, and SH finished 4th out of 14 schools.
- Congratulations to the Meridian wrestlers for a great showing at districts. JD Adam and Wyatt Scheets just missed qualifying for state. Jackson Huls finished 3rd and will represent Meridian at the state wrestling tournament.
- Spring sports practice starts Monday, February 28.
- March 9 is the end of the 3rd quarter.

Superintendent's Report:

- Mr. Kort reported on the potential coaching plans for 2022-2023.
- The transmission went out on the new bus. There is a 4 – 6 week wait for a new transmission.
- Winter sports are wrapping up and spring sports practices start Monday.
- The water system inspection will be coming up in the spring.
- Mr. Kort and Mr. Scott are still reviewing the calendar for the 2022-2023 school year. They are looking at adding three early out days to add extra time for education for teachers.
- Charlotte Endorf will be doing a presentation at Meridian on March 9, 2022 on WWII and the Holocaust.

Superintendent Kort reported that we do not have the numbers other schools across the conference so we will plan to discuss the administrators' contracts at the March 2022 meeting.

A Special Meeting was set for Monday, February 28, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the hiring of staff for 2022-2023 school year.

Next Regular Meeting was set for Monday, March 21, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Sobotka moved and Vorderstrasse seconded to adjourn at 5:46 p.m. Vote Taken: Vorderstrasse – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Jamie Niederklein, Secretary Meridian District #48-030