

**Board of Education
Meridian Public Schools
District – 48-0303
Daykin, Nebraska, 68338
Monday, March 21, 2022**

Regular March 21, 2022 Meeting – 7:00 P.M.

Meridian Public School Board of Education met on March 21, 2022, as per notice in the Fairbury Journal-News.

President Bartels called the meeting to order at 7:00 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, Chris Placek, Ed Haverluck, Joey Haverluck and Edward Haverluck.

Nothing new was added to the agenda.

No comments were made by the public.

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

- A. Minutes of Sunday, February 20, 2022, Regular Meeting
- B. Minutes of Monday, February 28, 2022, Special Board Meeting
- C. District Financial Report
- D. Activity Fund Report
- E. Hot Lunch Fund Report
- F. Bills

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

Curriculum report:

- With some new teachers coming in to the District, we are looking at adding some new classes also.

Edward Haverluck requested to be approved for early graduation next school year. Edward explained to the Board why he wanted to be approved for early graduation. Edward and his parents answered questions the Board asked. The Board reviewed the school policy on an Early Completion Plan. Edward has satisfied all of the criteria. Sobotka moved and Scheer seconded to approve the request for early graduation made by Edward Haverluck. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer, - aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Niederklein moved and Rut seconded to approve the calendar for the 2022-2023 school year. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer, - aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Vorderstrasse moved and Scheer seconded to approve the AFR Amendment. The coding for a para’s wage needed to be changed from Code 1100 – Standard Para – to Code 6411 – Para for at risk students. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer, - aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Sobotka moved and Niederklein seconded to approve the hiring of Maureen (Beck) Halama as the vocal teacher. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer, - aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Kort shared the NASB yearly calendar and information with the Board. He also presented the ALICAP Report. Currently ALICAP is used by 178 school districts and ESUs across the state.

The Ag classes and FFA have enough mature produce from the greenhouse and they have begun selling it. An account needs to be established to track the incomes and expenditures associated with this. Rut moved and Niederklein seconded to approve

a “Greenhouse” Account in the Activity Fund. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer, - aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Principal’s Report:

- The 4th quarter began on Monday, March 14.
- Brynn Holtmeier qualified for State Speech in Persuasive. She competed on Friday, March 18.
- The first HS track meet of the year was held at Concordia on Friday, March 18.
- CRC High School Honor band and choir is being held this evening at Nebraska Lutheran at Waco.
- Juniors will be taking the ACT for state testing on Tuesday, March 22 at ESU5 in Beatrice.
- MUDECAS music contest will be held on Thursday, March 24 at Tri County.
- Jr/Sr prom will be held Saturday, March 26 near Beatrice.
- The first JH track meet will be held on Wednesday, March 30, at McCool Junction.
- The fourth-grade class will present its annual Nebraska Wax Museum on Thursday, March 31 from 2:40-3:40pm.
- Meridian will host the JH Honor Clinic on Friday, April 1. There will be no school.
- State FFA will be held April 6-8.
- The elementary spring concert will be held on Thursday, April 7 at 7pm.
- FBLA State Leadership will be held April 11-13.
- PreK parent meeting will be held Monday, April 11 at 6pm and Kindergarten parent meeting will be at 7pm.
- Easter Break will be from Friday, April 15 through Monday, April 18.

Superintendent’s Report:

- Arrangements will be made with the Gage County Sheriff’s Department to have a breathalyzer at prom.
- Juniors will take the ACT in Beatrice.
- Meridian Track Meet – Monday, April 4, 2022. Next year it will be held Monday, April 3, 2023.
- Mr. Kort gave an update of legislative issues.
- There are 30 students participating in track.
- Meridian plans to continue with the SRO through Jefferson County next school year.
- Mr. Kort informed the Board that Exeter-Milligan and Friend are looking at cooping for activities and athletics.

Scheer moved and Sobotka seconded to go in to executive session to discuss administrator contracts at 7:44 p.m. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer, - aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 6-0.

The Board came out of executive session at 7:51 p.m.

Vorderstrasse moved and Sobotka seconded to approve the 2022-2023 contract for Principal Scott with a 3.25% increase. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Rut moved and Scheer seconded to approve the 2022-2023 contract for Superintendent Kort with a 3.25% increase. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 6-0.

The Americanism Committee will meet at 6:15 p.m. on Monday, April 18, 2022. The Next Regular Meeting was set for Monday, April 18, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

Niederklein moved and Scheer seconded to adjourn at 7:56 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