

**Board of Education  
Meridian Public Schools  
District – 48-0303  
Daykin, Nebraska, 68338  
Wednesday, October 13, 2021**

**Regular October 13, 2021 Meeting**

Meridian Public School Board of Education met on October 13, 2021, as per notice in the Fairbury Journal-News.

President Bartels called the hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. The open meeting law information was presented.

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

Nothing new was added to the agenda.

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

Brynn Holtmeier notified the Board that for her civic engagement project, she has applied and been approved as a student FCA leader. Miss Drees and Mr. Nore will sponsor FCA at Meridian. Brynn has already begun holding meetings and will continue to do so.

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

- A. Minutes of the Special Budget Hearing, Wednesday, September 12, 2021
- B. Minutes of the Special Tax Hearing, Wednesday, September 12, 2021
- C. Minutes of the Wednesday, September 12, 2021 Regular Meeting
- D. District Financial Report
- E. Activity Fund Report
- F. Hot Lunch Fund Report
- G. Bills

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

Curriculum report:

- The teachers continue to have in-service days with the ESU. Two of three sessions have been completed.
- Mary Ruiz is continuing to work on getting her visa. She also continues working with the junior high Spanish classes at Meridian. She is hopeful to be back in the United States by early 2022.

Brynn Holtmeier reported that Student Council did seatbelt checks recently for students and staff. They also have Halloween activities planned for the elementary students later this month.

Superintendent Kort presented information on what it will take to get the gym floor sanded and the logo repainted. He asked for approval to move forward with this project. Sobotka moved and Rut seconded to approve the refinishing of the gym floor. Vote taken: Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Superintendent Kort reported that the annual update with ALICAP has not been completed. A report will be provided at the next meeting.

Superintendent Kort reports that technology equipment continues to be purchased using ESSER funds. This includes laptops, desktop computers, smart boards, printers, etc.

Superintendent Kort updated the Board on the verbal audit report received from Dana Cole. Official audit reports will arrive in two weeks.

Sobotka moved and Scheer seconded to approve MEA (Meridian Education Association) as negotiators for the 2022-2023 school year. Negotiations Committee meeting dates and times were set for November and December.

Principal's Report:

- Current student count – Elementary – 111 and High School – 97, including 2 exchange students.
- GreatSchools.org announced the winners of their fourth-annual College Success Award, which recognizes and celebrates public high schools that excel at preparing students to enroll and succeed in college. Meridian High School has been selected as a winner!
- Congratulations to Kylee VanWesten for earning 2nd place in the 5th/6th grade division of the Jefferson County Spelling Bee! She qualifies for the district contest.
- Brynn Holtmeier and Ally Kort were recognized as Elks teenagers of the month.
- This week is National Hot Lunch Week. We appreciate all that Elaine, Kim, Shari, and others do daily to provide delicious meals to students and staff.
- Parent Teacher Conferences were held on September 22 & 23. Secondary reported 57% of families in attendance, while elementary had 94%.
- Friday, October 15 is the end of the first quarter.
- CRC volleyball tournament begins on Saturday, October 16. Meridian will face Dorchester in the first round at 3pm at York High School (Main Gym).
- October 18-22 is School Bus Safety Week. Our bus and van drivers make every week safety week. Thanks to Charles, Janelle, Tonya, Wendy, Elizabeth, Lisa, Mike, Shawn, Stephanie and all other drivers for keeping our students safe on the roads.
- There will be no school on Friday, October 22 for fall break.
- Sunday, October 24, the cheerleaders will host the MHS Little Monster Bash from 5-7pm.
- October 25-29 is Red Ribbon Week. It is also the start of subdistrict volleyball.
- There will be no school on Friday, October 29 for the ESU5 in-service for teachers. (This is a change from the red book calendar). There will be school on Friday, November 5.
- Flu shot clinic will be held on Wednesday, October 27. First round of Covid vaccines will also be available.
- National FFA will be held October 27-30.
- JH/HS concert will be Monday, November 1.
- There will be a 1:30 dismissal on Wednesday, November 10 for teacher in-service. This is the third part of the close reading presentation from ESU, as part of our school improvement.
- November 11 is Veteran's Day. More information will be provided as the date gets closer.

Superintendent's Report:

- NASB Meetings
  - State Meeting in Omaha on November 17 – 19
- Submitting Application for a New Bus
- NSAA Numbers – Meridian will remain 6-man football for two more years
- Greenhouse Update – waiting for trenching to get water to the greenhouse

Next Meeting was set for Monday, November 15, 2021 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Niederklein moved and Scheer seconded to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Vote taken: Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

*Jamie Niederklein*, Secretary Meridian District #48-030