

**Board of Education
Meridian Public Schools
District – 48-0303
Daykin, Nebraska, 68338
Monday, December 20, 2021**

Regular December 20, 2021 Meeting

Meridian Public School Board of Education met on December 20, 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: Vorderstrasse – present, Niederklein – present, Rut – present, Scheer – present, and Bartels – present. Also present was Superintendent Kort and Principal Scott.

Nothing new was added to the agenda.

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

No comments were heard from the public.

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

- A. Minutes of the Monday, November 15, 2021 Regular Meeting
- B. District Financial Report
- C. Activity Fund Report
- D. Hot Lunch Fund Report
- E. Bills

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

Curriculum Report:

- The Language Arts and Math scores from NSCAS for the 2020/2021 school year were reviewed.

Mr. Kort gave an update on the ESSERS funds. The fund will be spend on cleaning supplies/equipment, technology and shop equipment. There has also been discussion on the ESU having a new teacher trainer.

The 6000s policy was sent out and reviewed last month. Rut moved and Vorderstrasse seconded to approve the 6000s policy. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse – aye, Niederklein – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Principal's Report:

- Current student count – Elementary – 110 and High School – 95, including 2 exchange students.
- Congratulations to the JH boys basketball team that won the Lewiston invite.
- Meridian one act “Mmmbeth” placed 4th at CRC South (one judge placed us 3rd), 4th out of 8 at Pawnee City Invite vs class A,B,C & D schools, and 3rd at districts (one judge placed us 2nd). The team had a great season.
- Meridian students in grades 3-8 overall scored above the state average in English/Language Arts in percent proficiency on the NSCAS state test last spring. Math scores overall were slightly below the state average.
- NSAA Moratorium is December 22-26. No practice or competitions.
- Teachers return on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 for a full day of in-service meetings.
- Students return on Wednesday, January 5, 2022.
- Speech season begins with the first meet on Saturday, January 15 at Fairbury. There are currently 12 students signed up to participate, with several other students still considering.
- Mr. Scott & Miss Drees continue to work with Yandas on the new light & sound system. This will potentially be installed the first part of April.

Superintendent's Report:

- 2022-2023 Calendar

- NCSA and Legislative Update
- Update NSAA
- Updates from CRC and Mudecas
- Ms. Ruiz and progress
- Start looking at non-certified wages
- ALICAP refund of \$5,400
- Reindeer Run raised approximately \$4,100
- Scorer's table is expected to arrive this week
- Plymouth Electric will be doing work on the panel on the stage, electric in the ag shop and new LED lighting in the Fitness Center

Evaluation forms for Superintendent Kort were reviewed. The Board felt that Superintendent Kort meets or exceeds expectations in all four performance objectives that include budget, communication, positive school culture, and instructional leadership.

Next Meeting was set for Monday, January 17, 2022, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Vorderstrasse moved and Scheer seconded to adjourn at 7:39 p.m. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse – aye, Niederklein – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Jamie Niederklein, Secretary Meridian District #48-030