

**Board of Education
Meridian Public Schools
District – 48-0303
Daykin, Nebraska, 68338
Monday, August 15, 2022**

Regular August 15, 2022 Meeting – 7:15 P.M.

Meridian Public School Board of Education met on August 15, 2022, as per notice in the Fairbury Journal-News.

President Bartels called the meeting to order at 7:15 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 was Superintendent Kort and Principal Scott.

Nothing new was added to the agenda.

No comments were heard from the public.

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

- A: Minutes of Monday, July 14, 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, Scheer – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Principal Scott presented the Curriculum Report to the Board.

Scheer moved and Vorderstrasse seconded to approve ALICAP as the insurer 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.

The District Area Workshop for school boards will be held on September 7, 2022 in York. The State School Board Convention will be held November 16 – 18, 2022 in Omaha.

Sobotka moved and Rut seconded to approve the transfer of the 2021 – 2022 budget funds into the Activity Account. 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 transfer 2021 – 2022 budget funds into the Depreciation Account. 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 2022 – 2023 Student Handbook. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Rut moved and Niederklein seconded to approve the substitute teacher pay rates 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.

Principal's Report:

- Current student count – Elementary – 121, High School – 96, and Exchange Students – 1.
- A reminder that on Fridays we dismiss at 3:12pm. (30 minutes early) We ask that parents be aware that students will be dropped off 30 minutes earlier on Fridays!

- We would like to welcome our new staff members:
 - Maureen Halama – Vocal Music
 - Emilye Yowell – Agriculture/Industrial Ed
 - Jen Wolfe – SPED Para & Assistant Volleyball Coach
 - Brooke Wolfe – HS Volleyball Coach
 - Rene’ Scheer – One Act Play Production Coach
- Student handbooks have been prepared with some minor updates. We will be including the PBiS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) matrices for the elementary and secondary. This will be the second year of implementation.
- In-service meetings began on Friday, August 12, continuing on August 15, 16 & 17. Trainings include MANDT, QPR, close reading, fidelity documentation, van driving, committees, blood borne pathogens, Seizure/First Aid, technology, review of policies covering dating violence, and being mandatory reporters.
- M-PIE open house will be Monday, August 15 from 5:00-7:00pm. A hot dog meal is planned to be served.
- Students’ first day of school is Wednesday, August 17 with a 1:30 dismissal.
- The back-to-school bash is planned for Friday, August 19 at 6:30pm.
- School pictures are scheduled for Wednesday, August 24.
- Volleyball Jamboree game will be at Thayer Central in Hebron on Tuesday, August 23 vs Thayer & Deshler. JV & Varsity volleyball play at Blue Hill on Thursday, August 25 starting at 6pm.
- The first football game will be Friday, September 2 at Red Cloud at 7pm.
- The marching band is scheduled to perform at the Sandy Creek Festival in Alexandria on Saturday, Aug 27, and the State Fair the following week.

Superintendent’s Report:

- Update on Summer Projects
 - Stove and stainless-steel cabinets installed
- Students Involved in Fall Sports
 - 13 of 31 Boys Involved (42%)
 - 21 of 37 Girls Involved (57%)
- Projection of 2022-2023 Budget
 - Current Valuation has not been Received
 - Option Money Increase
 - Plan to Increase Special Building from ½ – 1 ½ Cent
 - Increase to General Fund will be Minimal

Next Meeting was set for Monday, September 19, 2022. Budget Hearing will begin at 7:00 p.m., immediately followed by the Tax Request Hearing, immediately followed by the Regular Board Meeting.

Sobotka moved and Scheer seconded to adjourn at 8:16 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