

**Board of Education
Meridian Public Schools
District – 48-0303
Daykin, Nebraska, 68338
Monday, September 19, 2022**

Special Budget Hearing – 7:00 P.M.

Meridian Public School Board of Education met on September 19, 2022, 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 were Superintendent Kort and Principal Scott.

Nothing new was added to the agenda.

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

Superintendent Kort provided information regarding the proposed 2022-2023 Budget.

No comments were heard from the public.

Vorderstrasse moved and Rut seconded to close the Special Budget Hearing. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse – aye, Niederklein – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Special Tax Hearing

Meridian Public School Board of Education met on September 19, 2022, as per notice in the Fairbury Journal-News.

President Bartels called the hearing to order at 7:05 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 were Superintendent Kort and Principal Scott.

Nothing new was added to the agenda.

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

Superintendent Kort provided information concerning the proposed 2022-2023 Tax request which will be .694312. The levy is going up .003349 cents.

No comments were heard from the public.

Vorderstrasse moved and Rut seconded to close the Special Tax Hearing at 6:09 p.m. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse – aye, Niederklein – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Regular September 19, 2022 Meeting

Meridian Public School Board of Education met on September 19, 2022, as per notice in the Fairbury Journal-News.

President Bartels called the hearing to order at 7:10 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 were Superintendent Kort and Principal Scott.

Nothing new was added to the agenda.

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

No comments were heard from the public.

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

- A: Minutes of Wednesday, August 15, 2022 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 6-0.

Superintendent Kort presented the curriculum update to the board.

Rut moved and Vorderstrasse seconded to approve the 2022-2023 Tax Request Resolution. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse – aye, Niederklein – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Scheer moved and Vorderstrasse seconded to approve the 2022-2023 Annual Budget. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse – aye, Niederklein – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Negotiations with the Meridian Education Association (MEA) will begin on Sunday, October 16, 2022.

Niederklein moved and Rut seconded to use North Star Negotiation Software for the 2022-2023 teacher negotiations.

Superintendent Kort gave an update on ESSER/Safe Return.

Principal's Report:

- Current student count – Elementary – 121 and High School – 102, including 1 exchange students.
- 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!
- Additional early releases have been added to Friday, September 16 @ 12:45p, Friday, September 30 @ 1:45p, and Friday, October 7 @ 1:45p.
- Student handbooks have included the PBiS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) matrices for the elementary and secondary. We are adding “Positive tickets” and “Think Sheets” Positive tickets are given to students who are caught doing things “The Mustang Way”. Their names are put in a weekly drawing for prizes like “first in line at lunch” and “sit in special chair”. Think sheets are for additional practice for appropriate behavior.

Superintendent's Report:

- NASB Meetings
 - Regional Meeting in LaVista
 - State Meeting in Omaha on November 16 – 18

Next Meeting was set for Sunday, October 16, 2022, beginning at 3:00 p.m. with a Negotiations Committee meeting at 2:45 p.m.

Scheer moved and Rut seconded to adjourn at 7:38 p.m. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse – aye, Niederklein – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Jamie Niederklein, Secretary Meridian District #48-030