

**Board of Education
Meridian Public Schools
District – 48-0303
Daykin, Nebraska, 68338
Monday, January 19, 2023**

Regular January 19, 2023 Meeting

Meridian Public School Board of Education met on January 19, 2023, as per notice in the Fairbury Journal-News.

President Bartels called the hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. The open meeting law information was presented.

Roll call was taken: Niederklein – present, Sobotka – present, Rut – present, and Bartels – present. Also present were Superintendent Kort and Ms. Drees.

Newly elected board member, Barton, took the oath of office.

Superintendent Kort was appointed to preside over the process to elect a president.

Sobotka nominated and Barton seconded to elect Bartels as Board President.

Niederklein moved and Rut seconded to cease nominations. Vote taken: Barton – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, and Bartels – abstain. Motion passed 4-0. Bartels was elected President.

Superintendent Kort turned the meeting over to President Bartels.

Rut nominated and Niederklein seconded to elect Sobotka as Board Vice President.

Niederklein moved and Rut seconded to cease nominations. Vote taken: Barton – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – abstain, Rut – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 4-0. Sobotka was elected Board Vice President.

Sobotka nominated and Barton seconded to elect Niederklein as Board Secretary.

Sobotka moved and Rut seconded to cease nominations. Vote taken: Barton – aye, Niederklein – abstain, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 4-0. Niederklein was elected Board Secretary.

Sobotka nominated and Barton seconded to elect Rut Board Treasurer.

Niederklein moved and Sobotka seconded to cease nominations. Vote taken: Barton – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – abstain, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 4-0. Rut was elected Board Treasurer.

Nothing new was added to the agenda.

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

Comments were heard from the public.

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

- A. Minutes of the Monday, December 19, 2022 Regular Meeting
- B. District Financial Report
- C. Activity Fund Report
- D. Hot Lunch Fund Report
- E. Bills

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

Superintendent Kort presented the Curriculum Report to the Board.

Rut moved and Niederklein seconded to retain the current committee assignments with Barton replacing Vorderstrasse.

- Americanism: Bartels, Rut, Scheer
- Building & Grounds: Niederklein, Sobotka, Barton
- Transportation: Niederklein, Scheer, Barton
- Curriculum & Instruction: Bartels, Rut, Barton
- Negotiations: Bartels, Niederklein, Sobotka

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

Sobotka moved and Barton seconded to approve Heartland Bank as the Official District Depository. Vote taken: Barton – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Sobotka moved and Rut seconded to approve the Fairbury Journal-News as the District Newspaper. Vote taken: Barton – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Discussion was held on the proposed calendar for the 2023-2024 school year.

Niederklein moved and Barton seconded to approve the correction to the October 2022 Board Meeting Minutes recognizing the negotiation team for the 2024-2025 school year. Vote taken: Barton – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Rut moved and Barton seconded to accept, with regrets, the resignation of Shana Rickstrew. Vote taken: Barton – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Sobotka moved and Niederklein seconded to accept, with regrets, the resignation of Jane Zabokrtsky. Vote taken: Barton – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Ms. Drees presented the Principal's Report to the Board.

Superintendent Kort presented the Superintendent's Report to the Board.

Next Meeting was set for Sunday, February 19, 2023, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Rut moved and Niederklein seconded to adjourn at 6:42 p.m. Vote taken: Barton – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Jamie Niederklein, Secretary Meridian District #48-030