

**Board of Education
Meridian Public Schools
District – 48-0303
Daykin, Nebraska, 68338
Monday, September 18, 2023**

Special Budget Hearing – 7:00 P.M.

Meridian Public School Board of Education met on September 18, 2023, as per notice in the Fairbury Journal-News.

President Bartels called the hearing to order at 7:02 p.m. The open meeting law information was presented.

Roll call was taken: Barton – present, Sobotka – present, Rut – present, Scheer – present, and Bartels – present. Also present were Superintendent Kort, Principal Drees, and Principal Hull.

Nothing new was added to the agenda.

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

Superintendent Kort provided information regarding the proposed 2023-2024 Budget. The FY 2024 tax request is \$121,212 lower as compared to the FY 2023 request.

No comments were heard from the public.

President Bartels closed the Special Budget Hearing and adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Special Tax Hearing

Meridian Public School Board of Education met on September 18, 2023, as per notice in the Fairbury Journal-News.

President Bartels called the hearing to order at 7:07 p.m. The open meeting law information was presented.

Roll call was taken: Barton – present, Sobotka – present, Rut – present, Scheer – present, and Bartels – present. Also present were Superintendent Kort, Principal Drees, and Principal Hull.

Nothing new was added to the agenda.

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

Superintendent Kort provided information concerning the proposed 2023-2024 levy and tax request. The FY 2024 levy is 8 ½ cents lower as compared to the FY 2023 request.

No comments were heard from the public.

President Bartels closed the Special Tax Request Hearing and adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Regular September 18, 2023, Meeting

Meridian Public School Board of Education met on September 18, 2023, 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: Barton – present, Sobotka – present, Rut – present, Scheer – present, and Bartels – present. Also present were Superintendent Kort, Principal Drees, and Principal Hull.

Nothing new was added to the agenda.

Bartels moved and Scheer seconded to excuse Niederklein from the meeting. Vote taken: Barton– aye, Sobotka – 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 Sunday, August 20, 2023 Regular Meeting
- B: District Financial Report
- C: Activity Fund Report
- D: Hot Lunch Fund Report
- E: Bills

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

Superintendent Kort presented the curriculum update to the Board.

Sobotka moved and Rut seconded to approve the 7% Base Growth Resolution. Vote taken: Barton– aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Sobotka moved and Barton seconded to approve the 2023-2024 Tax Request Resolution # 230920. Vote taken: Vote taken: Barton– aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Scheer moved and Rut seconded to approve the 2023-2024 Annual Budget. Vote taken: Barton– aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Rut moved and Scheer seconded to use North Star Negotiation Software for the 2024-2025 teacher negotiations. Vote taken: Barton– aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Negotiations with the Meridian Education Association (MEA) are scheduled to begin on Monday, October 16, 2023 and a following meeting on November 20, 2023.

Superintendent Kort gave an update on ESSER/Safe Return.

Principal's Report:

- Current student count – Elementary – 120 and High School – 102 with 47 Girls and 55 Boys.
- Evaluation team has started meetings
- Fall MAP testing completed
- Individual Reading Improvement Plan (IRIP) process
- Parent Teachers Conference September 20th – 21st
- Homecoming week of September 25th
- Continue planning for new Elementary Math Curriculum
- Grade reports home weekly
- Continue the SAT and PBIS process to support students
- Study Hall/Intervention process has gone well
- Discussion and Action of football classification at October and November meetings

Superintendent's Report:

- President Bartels and Superintendent Kort attended the Regional NASB meeting in Kearney
- State NASB meeting in Omaha is November 15th -17th
- REAP money is up \$2,000 from last year at \$27,000

Next Meeting was set for Sunday, October 15, 2023, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Scheer moved and Rut seconded to adjourn at 7:38 p.m. Vote taken: Barton– aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Scott Sobotka, Vice President Meridian District #48-030