

**Keota School District  
Board of Education Meeting  
Keota Elementary School Media Center  
Keota, Iowa 52248  
Thursday April 20, 2023  
6:00 PM**

President Billie Kindred called the meeting to order and read the mission statement.

**Board members present:** Pat Hammen, Andy Conrad, Dan Redlinger, Jim Tinnes, Billie Kindred

**Board members absent:**

**Also present:** Board Secretary Gina Bennett, Elementary Principal Seth Milledge, Business Manager Jeff Dieleman, Washington Board Secretary Amy Greiner, Lisa Brenneman

Pat Hammen moved to accept the agenda as presented. Seconded by Jim Tinnes. Motion carried 5-0.

**Public Hearing for FY 24 Budget:** No one spoke.

**Public Hearing for continued participation in the Instructional Support Program:** No one spoke.

### **Communication and Reports**

**Student Reports/Programs/Celebrations** – Presentation by Kindergarten teachers Colleen Hart and Jennifer Lathrop and Preschool teachers Leah Hayes and Lisa Horning. The group spoke about implementing a transitional kindergarten (TK) and the benefits the program would have on students. Jane Edwards spoke to the board about the recent EagleRock! trip to Wisconsin.

Community and/or Public Participation – No one spoke.

### **Approval of Consent Items**

**Approval of Board Meeting Minutes** –Approval of the minutes from the previous monthly meetings.

**Financial Report** – Approve the current financial report of the district submitted by Business Manager Jeff Dieleman.

**Approval of Summary of List of Bills** – Approve the bills as listed and prepaid bills.

**Approval of Open Enrollment Requests** – Approve all open enrollment requests.

**Approval of Fund Raising Requests** – None at this time.

**Approval of Resignations** –Robin Cottrell – elementary associate, Alexi Evans – HS associate, Donna Stevens, special education teacher, Michael Yoder – 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> teacher.

**Approval of New Hires** – Austin Waterhouse – assistant HS baseball coach, Liz Overturf – summer concession stand.

Jim Tinnes moved to accept the consent items as presented. Seconded by Pat Hammen. Motion carried 5-0.

## Non-Action Items

## Action Items

**Approval of Door Replacement Quote** - Andy Conrad moved to approve the quote for replacing the doors outside of the as presented. Seconded by Dan Redlinger. Motion carried 5-0.

**Approval of Ahlers and Cooney as school legal counsel**– Pat Hammen moved to approve the firm of Ahlers and Conney as legal counsel for the upcoming school year to reflect the move of Brett Nitschke. Seconded by Andy Conrad. Motion carried 5-0.

**Approval of LL Pelling quote for parking lot repairs** – Dan Redlinger moved to accept the LL Pelling quote as presented. Seconded by Pat Hammen. Motion carried 5-0.

**Approval of FY 24 Budget** - Pat Hammen moved to adopt the budget as presented for the FY 24. Seconded by Dan Redlinger. Motion carried 5-0.

**Approval of Resolution to continue participation in the Instructional Support Program** – Pat Hammen moved approve the district continue to participate in the Instructional Support Levy program. Seconded by Dan Redlinger. Motion carried 5-0.

**Approval of hiring of Art teacher** – Jim Tinnes moved to approval Stephanie Vest as Art teacher. Seconded by Andy Conrad. Motion carried 5-0.

## Administrative Reports

**Superintendent and 9-12 Principal Report** – Superintendent Henrich reported that Colleen Donald, HS student council advisor is making some changes to how the student council president is selected. This will include a minimum GPA requirement of 3.5 and being on student council for a least one year. There is a change order on the chiller project due to a change in the amount of piping needed and excavation work needed to install the additional piping. The project is still on track to be completed by June. ISASP testing has begun in both buildings and students have been very good about giving their best effort on the assessment. Keota Community School has been designated a Project Adam school by the University of Iowa. Keota is 1 of only 11 in the state with that distinction.

**Pre-8 Principal/Curriculum Report** – Elementary Principal Seth Milledge reported that 1079 books were passed out from the Books Are Fun Book Blast! Every student took home at least 3 books. There have been some donations coming in for the elementary playground project. ISASP testing has been taking place. Milledge provided an update on staffing for next year: Preschool and Kindergarten teachers will stay the same, 1<sup>st</sup> grade will be Ms. Briggs and Mrs. Beinhart, Mrs. Moeller will remain in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Mrs. Vogel will be 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Mrs. Peterson will be 4<sup>th</sup> grade, Mrs. Van Antwerp will be moving into 5<sup>th</sup> grade and Mr. Overturf will move into 6<sup>th</sup> grade. An additional 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher and 2 special ed teachers are still needed.

**Activities Director Report** – The soccer and golf teams have been having some success with the soccer team being ranked in the state at one point. Baseball and softball is getting ready to start. Aqua Pro has fixed the sprinkler heads on the field and work on the softball field lights will be done. The fencing will be torn out following the season for replacement.

**Business Manager Report** –Bank statements were balanced and April payroll was completed. AP invoices were paid and board packets assembled. Board financials were prepared.

**Board Training/Board In Service**

**Item/topics for next board meeting**

The next Keota School board meeting will be May 11, 2023 in the elementary media library at 6:00 PM.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 P.M.

Board President \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Board Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_