

**Keota School District
Board of Education Meeting
Keota Elementary School Media Center
Keota, Iowa 52248
Thursday November 9, 2023
6:00 PM**

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

Board members present: Dan Redlinger, Andy Conrad, Pat Hammen

Board members absent: Jim Tinnes

Also present: Superintendent Lisa Brenneman, Board Secretary Gina Bennett, and Business Manager Amy Greiner, Elementary Principal Seth Milledge

Andy Conrad moved to accept the agenda as presented. Seconded by Dan Redlinger. Motion carried 4-0.

Communication and Reports

Student Reports/Programs/Celebrations – Keota FFA members Gavin Sieren and Reece Conrad, along with their advisor Zach Jamison gave a presentation of the recent FFA member trip to National FFA Convention in Indianapolis.

Community Public Participation – Shawn Haifley commented that he would like to see a handicap entrance into the Junior High gym from the parking lot. There is a large curb to step over currently.

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 Amy Greiner.

Approval of Summary of List of Bills – Approve the bills as listed and prepaid bills as presented by Gina Bennett.

Approval of Open Enrollment Requests – Noah Anderson, son of Nathan and Amanda, grade 8, from Keota to Sigourney
Nolan Anderson, son of Nathan and Amanda, grade 7, from Keota to Sigourney

Approval of Fund-Raising Requests – Cheerleading requested permission to hold a mini cheer camp Dec. 1 through Jan 21st, as well as the “Chuck-A-Duck” fundraiser. Monies raised will be used for program elevation and support, uniforms and supplies

Approval of Resignations – Deb Swantz – head volleyball coach
Elisabeth Overturf – assistant volleyball coach

Pat Hammen moved to approve the consent items as presented. Seconded by Andy Conrad. Motion carried 4-0.

Non-Action Items

Action Items

Approval of sharing Girls Wrestling with Sigourney - Dan Redlinger moved the approve sharing of the girls wrestling program with Sigourney, pending the approval of girls wrestling by Sigourney. Seconded by Pat Hammen. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Electrical Engineering quote – Andy Conrad moved to accept the proposal from Electronic Engineering for the high school bell and intercom system in the amount of \$29,320.25. Seconded by Dan Redlinger. Motion carried 4-0. This will be paid for through Esser funding.

Approval of Kalona Cooperative Telephone Company quote – Pat Hammen moved to accept the proposal from Kalona Telephone Company for the purchase and installation of 30 phones for classrooms. This will be paid for through Esser funding in the amount of \$9082.39. Seconded by Dan Redlinger. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of GPAEA board member - Andy Conrad moved to vote for Dr. Joy Prothero as director of District number 3 for the Great Prairie Area Education Agency Board of Directors. Seconded by Dan Redlinger. Motion carried 4-0.

Administrative Reports

Superintendent and 9-12 Principal Report – Secondary Principal Lisa Brenneman reported that report cards are sent out to parents/guardians. Behavior seems to be a large focus. Mrs. Brenneman plans more follow through with behavior and consequences. A Principals Student Advisory Council is being formed with student leaders to help review the needs of the building and provide student leadership a feeling of being included in decision making. Brenneman cited her goals for the upcoming year including Success plans, Grown Your Own where students could be pleased in areas of interest such as maintenance, secretarial, and associate along with others. Surveys will be used to gather input from all stakeholders in the community. Teacher retention including a district strategic plan and leadership committee to help build the plan and quality professional development to reach district and building goals. Implementation of a day care is seriously needed and a couple of plans are being looked at. Cathy Thalken, school nurse also provided Mrs. Brenneman an overview of what she has been working on in the first quarter, including immunizations, vision and dental audits, puberty and hygiene and CPR class. The AED was put up by the concession stand. Nurse Cathy is currently working on an assembly for 6-12th grades with speakers coming to talk on vaping, smoking, drugs and alcohol, and emotional illness and opioids.

Jim Tinnes arrived at 6:44.

Activities Director Report – Dan Stout reported that the back net has not been installed on the baseball field as of yet. Sod has been installed to the infield. Hopefully Steve Shetler will be able to live stream our basketball games with 2 guest color play by play announcers. We are will looking for volleyball coaches and a high school baseball coach.

Elementary Principal report – Elementary principal Seth Milledge reported that the new school dismissal plan has gone very well, reporting that dismissal has been both quicker and safer with all students being picked up in front of the flagpole. The elementary had a Halloween parade on Wednesday. Classrooms are participating in a local pantry drive in the months of November. Caring School Community program has introduced Cross Age Buddies that pairs upper and lower grad levels together for community building activities at school. Milledge has been working with the GPAEA to set up Multi-tiered systems of support training for the district during the next two early dismissal days. It will help support all students, but specifically at-risk students. A Veteran Day ceremony is planed for Friday November 10th at 9AM.

Business Manager Report –Business manager Amy Greiner reported the FY2023 audit began this week. Financial reports were prepared for the board after the October bank accounts were reconciled. Missy Sellers completed the Fall BEDS report. Greiner is currently working on submitting the first quarter Title and ESSER claims. November payroll was complete.

Pat Hammen moved to move into closed session according to Iowa Code 21.5(1)(e) for the purpose an expulsion hearing. Seconded by Andy Conrad.

Roll Call vote: Jim Tinnes_aye___, Pat Hammen_aye____, Dan Redlinger __aye___, Andy Conrad_aye____, Billie Kindred_aye_____

The motion carried 5-0.

The board moved out of closed session. Time was 8:14 PM.

Dan Redlinger moved the Keota Community School board uphold Superintendent Lisa Brenneman’s recommended expulsion and terms for expulsion for the student discussed in closed session. Seconded by Pat Hammen. Motion carried 5-0.

Board Training/Board In Service

Items/Topics for next board meeting

The next Keota School board meeting will be December 14, 2023 in the elementary media library at 6:00 PM.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at _____ P.M.

Board President _____

Date _____

Board Secretary _____

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