

**Keota School District
Board of Education Meeting
Keota Elementary School Media Center
Keota, Iowa 52248
Thursday December 14, 2023
6:00 PM**

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

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

Board members absent:

Also present: Superintendent/Secondary Principal Lisa Breneman, Board Secretary Gina Bennett, Elementary Principal Seth Milledge, Business Manager Amy Greiner

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

Communication and Reports

Student Reports/Programs/Celebrations- None at this time.

Community and/or Public Participation – None at this time.

Approval of Consent Items

Pat Hammen moved to approve the following consent items. Seconded by Andy Conrad. Motion carried 5-0

Approval of Board 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.

Adjournment of the 2022-23 school board

Jim Tinnes moved to adjourn the meeting of the 2022-23 school board at 6:05 PM. Seconded by Pat Hammen. Motion carried 5-0.

**KEOTA COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
Following Annual Meeting**

Board Secretary Gina Bennett called the meeting to order and acknowledged a quorum.

Andy Conrad moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Pat Hammen. Motion carried 5-0

Swearing in of new board members – Board Secretary Gina Bennett swore in the newly elected board members Jim Tinnes, Andy Conrad and Bill Kindred for the 2023-24 year.

Election of Officers

President

Board Secretary Gina Bennett opened the meeting up to nominations for Board President. Jim Tinnes nominated Billie Kindred for Board President for 2023-24 and moved that nominations cease. Andy Conrad seconded.

Roll call vote: Redlinger – aye Hammen – aye Conrad – aye Tinnes - aye

Vice President

Board Secretary Gina Bennett opened the meeting up to nominations for Board Vice President. Dan Redlinger nominated Pat Hammen for Board Vice President for 2023-24 and moved that nominations cease. Seconded by Andy Conrad.

Roll call vote: Redlinger – aye Conrad – aye Kindred – aye Tinnes - aye

Board Secretary Gina Bennett administered the Oath of Office to Billie Kindred as Board President and Pat Hammen as Board Vice President for the 2023-24 year.

Board President Billie Kindred took over the board meeting.

Appointment of Board Secretary

Pat Hammen moved to appoint Gina Bennett as the Board Secretary for the 2023-24 school year. Seconded by Jim Tinnes. Motion carried 5-0.

Board President Billie Kindred administered the Oath of Office to Gina Bennett as Board Secretary.

Establishing Meeting Date, Time and Location

Dan Redlinger moved to establish the start time as 6:00 PM for the board meetings for the 2023--2024 school year to be held at Keota Community School, 505 North Ellis, Keota, Iowa in the elementary media center. Regular board meeting will be held on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Seconded by Pat Hammen. Motion carried 5-0.

Designation of Legal Council

Dan Redlinger moved to appoint Ahlers and Cooney/Brett Nitschke as the district's legal counsel for the 2023-24 school year. Seconded by Jim Tinnes. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Bank Depository

Jim Tinnes moved to approve the following resolution:

Keota Community School District
RESOLUTION NAMING DEPOSITORIES
Resolution No. 081116

RESOLVED, that the Keota Community School District of Keota, Iowa in Keokuk County, Iowa approves the following list of financial institutions to be depositories of the Keota Community School District, all funds in conformance with all applicable provisions of Iowa Code Chapter 452 and 453 (1983) as amended by 1984 Iowa Acts. S.F. 2220. The Business Manager and/or Board Secretary are hereby authorized to deposit the Keota School District funds in amounts not exceed the maximum approved for each respective financial institution as set out, Libertyville Savings Bank and Iowa Schools Joint investment Trust (ISJIT) - \$5,000,000.

Andy Conrad seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Appointment of Board member to Washington County- Pat Hammen moved to appoint Andy Conrad as the representative to the Washington County Conference Board for 2023-24. Seconded by Jim Tinnes. Motion carried 5-0

Appointment of Board member to Keokuk County – Andy Conrad moved to appoint Dan Redlinger as the representative to the Keokuk County Conference Board for 2023-24. Seconded by Jim Tinnes. Motion carried 5-0.

Name of Official Publication

Jim Tinnes moved to approve the News-Review as the official newspaper for the district for the 2023-24 school year. Seconded by Pat Hammen. Motion carried 5-0

Consent Items

Approval of Open Enrollment Request – None at this time

Approval of Fundraising Requests – None at this time.

Approval of Resignations – None at this time.

Approval of New Hires – None at this time

Dan Redlinger moved to accept the consent items. Seconded by Andy Conrad. Motion carried 5-0

Non-Action Items

Action Items

Approval of IASB policy 500 series (second reading) - Pat Hammen moved to approve the second reading of the new discipline policy 503.02 and 503.08 and waive the third reading of the policy. Seconded by Andy Conrad. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of SBRC application for allowable growth – Dan Redlinger moved to authorize the district’s administration to submit a request to the School Budget Review Committee for a modified supplemental amount of \$75,376.76 for open enrolled out students who were not included in the district’s previous year certified enrollment count. Seconded by Pat Hammen. Motion carried 5-0

Approval of handicap accessibility to the JH gym from parking lot – Dan Redlinger moved to approve moving forward on handicapped accessibility to the JH gym from the adjacent parking lot. Seconded by Jim Tinnes. Motion carried 5-0.

Application for early graduation – Dan Redlinger moved to approve the application for early graduation as presented. Pat Hammen seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of the 800 series board policy (1st reading)- Jim Tinnes moved to approve the first reading of the 800 series as presented. Pat Hammen seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Administrative Reports

Superintendent and 9-12 Principal Report – Cathy Thalken, school nurse recently organized an assembly on dangers facing kids today including vaping and smoking, alcohol and binge drinking, opioids and other drugs, problem gambling, and emotional illness and anxiety. Mrs. Brenneman, Nurse Cathy Thalken and Seth Milledge attended the Riverboat Award Ceremony for the AED's and playground. We will be changing companies for an upgrade on our website. It could be ready by June. KCII has been doing interviews with Mrs. Brenneman and interviewed students who were preparing for their Winter concerts. The students did a great job and seemed excited about performing. Mrs. Brenneman spoke about remediation for non-proficient students. She is wanting to work on articles for the newspaper and letters home to parents to provide transparency. The concept of a 4 day week was discussed as well as the next steps towards a day care. A community survey will be coming soon.

Pre-6 Principal/Curriculum Report – Thanks to Jane Edwards and Julie Hill for the tremendous Winter music programs. 500 items were donated to the local food pantry. Mr. Hill has started whole class small group intervention for 3rd through 6th grade classes. Each class is working with the GPAEA on math facts and skills to help increase math achievement levels. The initial MTSS training with Amber Rood of GPAEA has been completed. The district will be starting pretraining online modules for the crisis prevention and de-escalation training in January. The 5th and 6th grade BRAG trip for 2nd quarter will be to State theater in Washington to see The Trolls 3 movie. Staff have started looking at different English Language Arts curriculum for K-6. Teachers will have the opportunity to review Amplifies CKLA curriculum. A committee to further investigate and review all of the options of EIA Curriculum will be formed moving forward. Milledge is continuing to work with Tammy Wetjen-Kesterson on the child care perspective and has been asked to serve on the Keokuk County Child Care board. The board is currently working to broker a deal with First Children's Finance to assist budgeting, planning and next steps for the area's child care projects.

Activities Director Report – Activities Director Dan Stout reported that the baseball fencing project is 90% completed. D and N fencing is done with the project. Further work scheduled to be done will be done by volunteers. The field looks sharp. Washington AD has asked if there is any interest in sharing a swimming program. Athletic fund has taken a hit with the cost of hosting a game. This is the same with other small area schools.

Business Manager Report – Business manager Amy Greiner reported that November bank statements were reconciled. December payroll was completed and I have started to work on preparing W-2's. Gina got all AP invoices entered and ready for payment. 1st quarter Title and ESSER claims were completed.

Board Training/Board In Service

Item/topics for next board meeting

The next Keota School board meeting will be January 11, 2024 in the elementary media library at 6:00 PM.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 PM.

Board President _____

Date _____

Board Secretary _____

Date _____