

**Keota School District
Board of Education Meeting
Keota Elementary School Media Center
Keota, Iowa 52248
Thursday Feb. 8, 2024
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, Jim Tinnés

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

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

Communication and Reports

Student Reports/Programs/Celebrations – N/A

Community Public Participation – N/A

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 – Lindsay Starbuck requested her son Kael open enroll into Keota from Sigourney.

Approval of Fund Raising Requests

Approval of Resignations

Approval of New Hires

Andy Conrad moved to approve the consent items as presented. Seconded by Jim Tinnés. Motion carried 5-0.

Non-Action Items

4 day school week survey results – Secondary Principal Seth Milledge presented the results of the survey. There were 402 responses from students, community, parents, and staff.

Action Items

First reading of Policy 705.01-R1 - Pat Hammen moved to approve policy 705.01-R1. Seconded by Andy Conrad. Motion carried 5-0.

First reading of Policy 705.01-R2 – Jim Tinnés moved to approve policy 705.01-R2. Seconded by Andy Conrad. Motion carried 5-0.

First reading of Policy 705.04-R1 - Andy Conrad moved to approve policy 705.04-R1. Seconded by Pat Hammen. Motion carried 5-0.

First reading of Policy 401.7 – Dan Redlinger moved to approve policy 401.7. Seconded by Andy Conrad. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve daycare proposal – Superintendent Brenneman has met with Amy Schulte of the Washington YMCA to discuss a partnership in a day care in Keota. The YMCA board will be meeting on Feb. 26th. Brenneman suggested that the Keota board let the Y board know that they are interested in negotiating terms. Jim Tinnes moved to submit the proposal for the YMCA board to consider a daycare site in the Keota CSD. Seconded by Dan Redlinger. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve purchase of new bus- Tom Woltering presented numbers on purchasing a new bus for the district. An application for a \$35,000.00 rebate must be filed by April 15th. This does not mean we are purchasing the bus, just that we qualify for the rebate. Andy Conrad moved to approve the application for the \$35,000.00 rebate. Pat Hammen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve Expedition trade – Tom Woltering presented information about the purchase of a new van to replace the Ford Expedition. With trade in and the cost of a hitch added, the total cost of a 12- passenger van would be \$23,277.00. Jim Tinnes moved to approve trading the Expedition for a 12 passenger van. Andy Conrad seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Spring WCRF Grant resolution for softball field- The Athletic Boosters have re-vamped the grant to be repairs on the infield and the dugouts. They are asking for the school to pledge \$10,000.00 towards the project. Dan Redlinger moved to approve a \$10,000.00 pledge to the Athletic Boosters softball field improvement project and the resolution for the Boosters to apply for the WCRF spring grant. Pat Hammen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve FLR Sanders Inc. bid – Pat Hammen moved to approve the FLR Sanders Inc. bid for recoating the HS gym floor and the Junior High gym floor. Seconded by Jim Tinnes. Motion carried 5-0.

Approve Budget resolution – Pat Hammen moved to resolve that the Board of Directors of Keota Community School District, will levy property taxes for fiscal year 2024-25 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under Section 257.14, Code of Iowa. Seconded by Andy Conrad. Motion carried 5-0.

Administrative Reports

Superintendent and 9-12 Principal Report – Superintendent Brenneman gave the update on the YMCA meeting. The committee for the 4 day week will meet on Feb.12th to continue discussion. Public meetings will be held Feb. 22nd and Feb. 29th at 6 PM in the student lounge of the high school to answer any questions. SIAC/CTE/Calendar meeting will be held on Monday Feb. 12th at 3:30 in the elementary library. Bells and intercoms at the high school should be done by Friday. The Principals Student Advisory Council met. Keota will host 2 tournament games next week. Thanks to all who helped in any way with the State Show Choir contest held in Keota on January 29th. Congratulations to the Readers Theater group who were name Outstanding Performers at State Speech on Saturday Feb.3rd. They will perform at All State Speech Festival in Ames on Feb. 17th. Congratulations to the boys basketball team for their 21-0 overall record and for being crowned South Iowa Cedar League Conference champs.

Activities Director Report – Dan Stout is at English Valleys tonight for the girl’s regional bb game. Congratulations to the Keota boys basketball team as they have been crowned SICL champions. Keota Speech team did very well at the State Contest and congratulations to the Readers Theater for being named Outstanding Performers. Will finish up the baseball field as soon as the weather permits.

Elementary Principal report – 100 day of school was celebrated. The 3rd round of WINN starts next week. ISAP testing will begin in March. Principal Milledge will continue to work on the 4 day week plan.

Business Manager Report –Business manager Amy Greiner reported that January bank statements have been reconciled and the board financials were prepared. February payroll was complete. Gina got all AP invoices entered and ready for payment. She and Mrs. Brennehan went to the budget meeting held at Cedar Rapids on January 30 and then attended the Certified Budget Review in Marion on Feb. 7th. Title and Esser/Geer reports were submitted for FY 2024 2nd quarter. 1st quarter claims were received in January. A public budget hearing will be held on Marh 25th and the second budget hearing will be at the regular school board meeting in April.

Board Training/Board in Service

An exempt work session will be held on Feb. 26th at 6:00 in the elementary library. Public hearing will be held on the budget on March 25th.

The next Keota School board meeting will be February 8, 2024 in the elementary media library at 6:00 PM.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 P.M.

Board President _____

Date _____

Board Secretary _____

Date _____

