

**Keota School District  
Board of Education Meeting  
Keota High School Student Lounge  
Keota, Iowa 52248  
Thursday August 8, 2024  
6:30 PM**

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

**Board members present:** Dan Redlinger, Andy Conrad, Jim Tinnes

**Board members absent:** Pat Hammen

**Also present:** Superintendent Lisa Brenneman, Board Secretary Gina Bennett, Elementary Principal Seth Milledge

### **Communication and Reports**

**Student Reports/Programs/Celebrations** – Zach Jamison reported that the FFA Soil Judging team placed first in the State and will compete in the National competition in Oklahoma in the spring. Congratulations to Jacob Liebe, Ayden Galindo, Jackson Vittetoe and Jack Greiner.

**Community 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 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** – There were none.

**Approval of Fund Raising Requests** – Keota Speech requested permission to hold a Bingo night at Lagos Acres on October 16, 2024. Proceeds will be used for supplies, entry fees, costuming. The Class of 2026 requested permission to sell Krispy Kreme donuts. Proceeds will be used for graduation and prom.

**Approval of Resignations** -

**Approval of New Hires** –

Jim Tinnes moved to accept the consent items as presented. Seconded by Andy Conrad. Motion carried 4-0.

### **Non-Action Items**

The kitchen needs a softener to help prolong the life of the dishwasher.

Mary Pat Redlinger reported that the walk in cooler has become soft on the walls and floor.

## Action Items

**Approval of Allowable Growth and Supplemental Aid for Special Education** - RESOLVED, the Keota Community Board of Education approves a request for allowable growth and supplemental aid for a negative special education balance not to exceed \$135,425.83 for the school year ending June 30, 2025. Dan Redlinger moved to accept the Special Education Allowable Growth and Supplemental Aid Resolution. Seconded by Jim Tinnes. Motion carried 4-0.

**Approval of FFA trip to National Convention in Indianapolis**- Dan Redlinger moved to approve the FFA request to travel to Indianapolis. Seconded by Andy Conrad. Motion carried 4-0.

**Approval of Keokuk County Community Endowment Foundation** – Andy Conrad moved to adopt the resolution to the Keokuk County Endowment Foundation as presented by the Keota Athletic Boosters. Seconded by Dan Redlinger. Motion carried 4-0.

**Approval of Board Policy 501.09 (Student Absences) and 501.R1 (Chronic Absenteeism and Truancy Regulation)** – Jim Tinnes moved to approve the Policies 501.9 and 501.R1 as presented. Seconded by Dan Redlinger. Motion carried 4-0.

**Approval of Snow Removal Bids** - Andy Conrad moved to accept the submitted bid from B and L Concrete as presented. Seconded by Jim Tinnes. Motion carried 4-0.

## Administrative Reports

**Superintendent and 9-12 Principal Report** –Superintendent Lisa Brenneman reported that there is a new representative from Trane that we will be working with. The rep will put together a list of warranties the district has concerning the new chiller. The Principal's Advisory Committee had a very positive meeting with Principal Brenneman. Students stated their classes feel organized and focused. Teachers are roaming and monitoring more often. 100% of the students in the PAC reported that they love the 4 day week for many reasons. Students feel there is more structure in the classroom, phones are put away or taken, and they have more to do in their classes. Brenneman reported that the pipes district wide are in bad shape. Focus is being given to formative assessments, which helps teacher to gauge how well students learned what they were taught. Brenneman has reached out to the AEA for assistance to help create a process that provides better data on walkthroughs. Brenneman also addressed student and staff absenteeism both of which are lower than this time last year.

**Elementary Principal report** - Principal Seth Milledge reported that Fire Prevention Week was celebrated in the elementary. Thanks very much to the first responders and firefighters for their service to our community! Grants through WCRF, the Iowa Governor's Safety Bureau and the Iowa DNR have been finalized in the last month. The district has received over \$98,000.00 to cover the cost of the safety grand improvement front he state and this week we were approved for the \$100,000.00 reimbursement from the WCRF for the playground project. Milledge has also been working with the DNR to finalize the Trees for Kids grant. The 4th grade has begun their service project to assist in the watering of the newly planted tree around the school. The bus antenna and the bus radios have been repaired. The 4th through 6th grades have made a shift in grading from total points to categorical weighting. The weighting includes 20% classwork, 35% formative assessment and 45% summative assessments. This puts more emphasis on students learning content and skills as well as showing what they have learned from instruction. The entire district will review the district crisis plan based in the i love you guys foundation training. Milledge reported he is looking to improve instruction and upgrade technology in the classrooms district-wide including interactive displays.

**Activities Director Report** – Fall sports are winding down and post seasons will be happening soon once the pairings are announced by the state. Rehearsals are under way for the fall play. Congratulations to the FFA Soils team who competed

this week in the State Soil Judging Contest and brought home 1st place!!! The members of the team are: Aiden Galindo, Jack Greiner, Jacob Liebe and Jackson Vittetoe.

**Business Manager Report** –September bank statements were reconciled and monthly board reports prepared. October payroll has been run. The FY24 Certified Annual Report, SPED Supplement, and Transportation reports were finalized. Greiner is working on finishing the Title I, Title II and Title IV reports with Lisa and Seth. She will be attending the Fall IASBO conference next week in Des Moines. The money for the Security grant and the REAP funds were received in September.

**Board Training/Board In Service**

The next Keota School board meeting will be November 14, 2024 in the elementary media library at 6:00 PM.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_