

**Keota School District
Board of Education Meeting
Keota Elementary School Media Center
Keota, Iowa 52248
Thursday November 14, 2024
6:00 PM**

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

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

Board members absent: Jim Tinnes

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

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

Communication and Reports

Student Reports/Programs/Celebrations – – The FFA Chapter gave a presentation on their recent trip to National Convention held in Indianapolis Indiana. Those presenting were Jackson Vittetoe and Gavin Sieren.

Jim Tinnes arrived at 6:02.

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 – Sarah Glaspie requested her daughter, Grade K, from Keota into Washington
Jordan Wulf requested her 2 sons, Grade 12 and 10 from Keota into Mid
Prairie
Chantel Osborne requested her 3 children, Grades 11 and 10 from Keota to
the Iowa Virtual Academy
Audeana Fritz requested her son, Grade K, from Keota to Mid Prairie HSAP.

Approval of Fund-Raising Requests – Elementary PTO requested permission to hold a silent auction for Holiday Gift
Baskets. Proceeds will enhance elem. Learning environment, STEM club snacks,
testing snacks and teacher appreciations.
Keota Cheerleaders requested permission to hold their annual Mini Cheer Camp.
Proceeds will be used to purchase uniforms, poms, and supplies.

Approval of Resignations – Vickie McCoid- resignation from Keota High School associate.

Approval of New Hires – Brian Greiner – **volunteer** girls bb coach

Levi Lyle – **volunteer** girls bb coach pending issue of licensure.

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

Non-Action Items

Action Items

Approval of BenQ purchase – Seth Milledge presented a video and answered questions about the BenQ purchase. BenQ is an interactive display that allows the same functionality of a projector but with increased processing power, interactivity and sound. Trolleys will also be purchased so that interactive displays are portable throughout the entire school. A 5-year warranty is also included. Jim Tinnes moved to approve the purchase quote from Midwest Computer Products for 6 BenQ 75" interactive displays and 6 BenQ trolleys. The motion was seconded by Pat Hammen. The motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Cameras- Dan Redlinger moved to approve the purchase quote for 6 new cameras from Electronic Engineering. The cameras would cover the foyer and entrances in the elementary, the cafeteria entrance, upstairs in the high school and a 2- sided camera for the tunnel, making a total of 6 cameras. Jim Tinnes seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Annual District Kirkwood enrollment form- Dan Redlinger moved to approve the 2024-25 annual district Kirkwood enrollment form. Andy Conrad seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Administrative Reports

Superintendent and 7-12 Principal Report – Superintendent Lisa Brenneman reported on Keota's state report card. The high school has improved from being a targeted school in 22-23 to being rated as "high performing" in 23-24. The goal for this school year is to move to "exceptional" which is the next category and the highest a school can achieve. The heat has been turned on. Professional development has been going very well. School Messenger is up and going. Through this program, mass messages can be sent to parents, such as early outs, no school due to weather, etc. Jordan Wulf spoke to grades 9-12 in assembly on Wednesday and did a great job. The PAC (Principal Advisory Committee) has asked for more assemblies and will be in charge of researching opportunities for speakers. They are also looking into community service projects. They would also like to have an accident caused by texting re-enactment.

Elementary Principal/Curriculum Director Report – Principal Milledge reported that there has been a lot of activity at Keota Elementary. Parent Teacher conferences were well-attended with 99% of parents participating. Safe Schools was held which teach initiatives that focus on inclusion, anti-bullying, and school safety. The 6th grade had their annual field trip to the State capital building. Red Ribbon week was celebrated and a Halloween parade was held. Veterans Day was also observed with a program in the gym. The month has been very productive. The I Love You Guys Foundation Standard Response Protocols were reviewed along with updated Crisis Plan with all District staff members. 4-day week modifications for English Language Arts and Math were reviewed. Small group intervention strategies were also reviewed. Elementary students participated in the Iowa Youth Straw Poll on October 29th with Mr. Hill and Principal Milledge running the polling place. 5th and 6th graders went to City Hall to see democracy in action. Many thanks to EagleRock! for their Reading Relay and performance for the elementary! Also, a thank you to the Keota Eagle Advocates for continuing their fundraising efforts for school improvement projects with the Charcuterie Workshop and the Greenery sales.

Activities Director Report – Activity director Dan Stout the drama department put on the play last weekend. There will be concerts coming in December for elementary and high school. Basketball seasons are underway with 12 HS girls participating, 12 HS boys participating and 8 JH girls participating. JH boys wrestling has also started. The FFA has

wrapped up their annual fruit, meat and cheese sales. Stout also asked for guidance on the live streaming of basketball games from the board. It was decided to go with Hudl for live streaming.

Business Manager Report – Business Manager Amy Greiner reported that monthly financial reports were prepared for the board after the October bank accounts were reconciled. HR Director Missy Sellers completed the Fall BEDS report. All Title applications were filed. Greiner is working on submitting the first quarter Title and final ESSER claims. November payroll was completed and preparations are being prepared for the FY24 audit.

Board Training/Board In Service

The next Keota School board meeting will be December 12, 2024 in the elementary media library at 6:00 PM.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 P.M.

Board President _____

Date _____

Board Secretary _____

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