

**Keota School District
Board of Education Meeting
Keota Elementary School Media Center
Keota, Iowa 52248
Thursday December 12, 2024
4:30 PM**

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

Board members present: Dan Redlinger, Andy Conrad

Board members absent: Pat Hammen, Jim Tinnes

Also present: Superintendent Lisa Brenneman, Board Secretary Gina Bennett, Elementary Principal Seth Milledge, Business Manager Amy Greiner, HR Director Missy Sellers

Director Conrad moved to accept the agenda as presented. Seconded by Director Redinger. Motion carried 3-0.

Communication and Reports

Student Reports/Programs/Celebrations – There were none.

Community Public Participation – No one spoke.

Approval of Consent Items -

- A. Approval of Regular Board meeting minutes
- B. Approval of Financial Reports
- C. Approval of Summary List of Bills

Dan Redlinger moved to approve the consent items as presented. Seconded by Andy Conrad. Motion carried 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 PM.

Organizational Meeting of the New Board

Board members present: Dan Redlinger, Andy Conrad

Board members absent: Jim Tinnes, Pat Hammen

Also present: Superintendent Lisa Brenneman, Board Secretary Gina Bennett, Elementary Principal Seth Milledge, Business Manager Amy Greiner, HR Director Missy Sellers

Andy Conrad moved to accept the agenda as presented. Seconded by Dan Redinger. Motion carried 3-0.

Organizational Items

Election of Board President - President Pro-Tem Gina Bennett opened the floor for nominations for president. Director Andy Conrad nominated Bill Kindred for President. Director Dan Redlinger moved to cease nominations and for Director Kindred to be elected Board President by unanimous vote. Seconded by Director Dan Redlinger. Motion carried 3-0. President Pro-tem, Gina Bennett, administered the oath of office to Director Kindred.

Election of Vice President - President Bill Kindred opened the floor for nominations for vice president. Director Pat Hammen was nominated for Vice President by Director Redlinger. Director Andy Conrad moved to cease nominations and for Director Pat Hammen to be elected Board Vice President by unanimous vote. Seconded by Director Conrad. Motion carried 3-0. President Kindred administered the oath of office to Director Hammen.

Appoint Board Secretary - Director Conrad moved to appoint Gina Bennett as Board Secretary. Seconded by Director Redlinger. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Dates and Times for the 2024-25 Regular Board Meetings - Director Conrad moved to hold regular meetings on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 in the elementary media center. Seconded by Director Redlinger. Motion carried 3-0.

Approval of Legal Counsel for Keota School District - Director Redlinger moved to approve Ahlers and Cooney/Brett Nitscke as legal counsel for the district. Seconded by Director Conrad. Motion carried 3-0.

Approval of Bank Depository - Director Conrad moved to approve Libertyville Savings Bank as bank depository for the district. Seconded by Director Redlinger. Motion carried 3-0.

Approval of Board Committees - Director Redlinger moved to approve the committees as presented. Seconded by Director Conrad. Motion carried 3-0.

Approval of official school paper - Director Redlinger moved to approve the News Review as the official newspaper of the school district. Seconded by Director Conrad. Motion carried 3-0.

Approval of Open Enrollment Requests – Hannah and Taylor Bombei requested open enrollment from Keota into Mid Prairie CSD for their sons Adam, grade 1, Isaac, grade 3 and Levi, grade 4 year old preschool.

Approval of Fund-Raising Requests – None submitted

Approval of Resignations – Miranda VanAntwerp- 5th grade elementary

Approval of New Hires – Jodi Ebert - JH/HS Cross Country FY 25-26.

Approval of Early Graduation - Kate Elam has requested permission to graduate early pending completion of all graduation requirements.

Director Conrad moved to accept the consent items as presented. Seconded by Director Redlinger. Motion carried 3-0.

Non-Action Items

Action Items

Approval of SBRC Application for Allowable Growth – Director Redlinger moved to authorize the administration to submit a request to the School Budget Review Committee for a modified supplemental amount of \$91,987.00 for open enrolled out students who were not included in the district’s previous year certified enrollment count. Seconded by Director Conrad. Motion carried 3-0.

Director Pat Hammen arrived at 4:49.

Approval of hot water pipe replacement- Brian Shifflett reported on the condition of the water pipes, specifically under the cafeteria and tunnel. AAA Mechanical submitted a quote for the work. Director Conrad moved to approve the quote submitted by AAA Mechanical. Seconded by Director Hammen. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Lau plan- Superintendent Brenneman presented the plan which will provide ELL, ESL and ASL services for students when necessary. Director Redlinger moved to approve the plan. Seconded by Director Hammen. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of intent to share football program with Sigourney - This must be approved to present Keota's intentions for the 2025 and 2026 redistricting cycle. Director Hammen moved to approve the sharing of the football program with Sigourney for the 2025 and 2026 cycle. Seconded by Director Redlinger. Motion carried 4-0.

Administrative Reports

Superintendent and 7-12 Principal Report – Superintendent Lisa Brenneman will put together a meeting for the SIAC committee. She reported on PD, stating it was going well and that the AEA is great to work with. Desk Audits are done. A new message will be recorded for KCII. Brenneman is working on ways to promote the school and the new ratings and test scores. March 1st is the deadline for open enrollment. Brenneman explained courses for college credit and the tuition involved. She invited the board to join her on Jan. 30th for a legislative forum.

Elementary Principal/Curriculum Director Report – Principal Milledge working through the new attendance policy. The first registered letters for the elementary were sent out. Warning letters are sent out following 4 absences in the semester to let parents know they are approaching the 10% absence mark (7.5 days) There are only 2 more career teacher observations to do before mid January. Milledge has also been working on new hire and new-to-the-district evaluations. Search has started to hire a long-term substitute for the 5th grade vacancy for the 2nd semester. A committee has been formed to help with the interview process. Thank you to the elementary music department for putting on a great winter concert on Wednesday night. Also thanks to the community for supporting the Keota PTO with the silent auction for the holiday baskets that earned over \$1300.00. The 5th and 6th grade had their first BRAG trip of the school year Thursday morning. 42 of 48 (87.5%) upper elementary students earned the Q2 BRAG trip to the State Theater in Washington to watch Moana 2.

Activities Director Report – Activity director Dan Stout reported that FFA Fruit sales have wrapped up and went well. Also, EagleRock had their annual cookie walk. Winter concerts will be held this week for elementary and high school. 6 students 9-12 will be selected to attend a conference leadership event. Basketball, wrestling and bowling have all started for the year. The SICL conference will be deciding soon about using Bound conference wide.

Business Manager Report – Business Manager Amy Greiner reported that monthly financial reports were prepared for the board after the November bank accounts were reconciled. December payroll was completed. 1st Quarter Title and ESSER claims were completed.

Board Training/Board In Service

The next Keota School board meeting will be January 9, 2025 in the elementary media library at 6:00 PM.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 P.M.

Board President _____

Date _____

Board Secretary _____

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