

**Keota School District  
Board of Education Meeting  
Keota Elementary School Media Center  
Keota, Iowa 52248  
Thursday January 9, 2025  
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

**Board members absent:** Jim Tinnes

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

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

## 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 Bill

*Jim Tinnes arrived at the meeting at 6:03.*

- D. Approval of Open Enrollment Requests – Mariah and Isiah Hahn request permission to open enroll their son Colt, grade 1, into Keota from Pekin.
- E. Approval of Fund-Raising Requests – None submitted
- F. Approval of Resignations– None submitted
- G. Approval of New Hires – Rachel Klein, elementary associate

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

## Non-Action Items

**A. Discussion of Bus Purchasing Plan** – Tom Woltering, transportation director, updated the board on the bus fleet. A discussion was held about developing a purchasing plan for buses.

**B. Discussion of Facility Assessment Possibilities**- Discussion focused on a facilities assessment plan. Dan Redlinger will invite companies who provide plans to talk with the board on just what is involved in the assessment and costs.

## Action Items

**Approval of At-Risk/Drop-out Prevention Modified Supplemental application** – Dan Redlinger moved to approve the At-Risk/Drop-out Prevention Modified Supplemental application budget request in the amount of \$72,724.00. Seconded by Pat Hammen. Motion carried 5-0.

**Approval of water softener from The Water Shop (hot water only** – *Tabled until the next meeting pending gathering of more information.*

**Approval of FLR proposal**- Jim Tinnes moved to accept the FLR proposal as presented. Seconded by Dan Redlinger. Motion carried 5-0.

**Approval 2:15 early dismissal on Feb. 3, 2025** - Dan Redlinger moved to approve the 2:15 dismissal on Feb. 3, 2025 due to the State Show choir contest being held in the gym. Seconded by Andy Conrad. Motion carried 5-0.

## Administrative Reports

**Superintendent and 7-12 Principal Report** – Superintendent Brenneman reviewed progress on promotion of Keota Schools and the test results. The SIAC committee will be meeting on Wednesday Jan. 22 at 4:30. Dan Redlinger will attend the legislative update at Brooklyn. There is also a possibility of Dave Daughton giving an update at a board meeting. The 400 series will be reviewed on Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> at 4:30.

**Elementary Principal/Curriculum Director Report** – Principal Milledge reported greeting students on the last day of school before Christmas break with inflatable costumes and Buddy the Elf. Buddy and a Gingerbread Man (Colleen Hart) made it to the roof. Austin Waterhouse has been hired as long-term sub for the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA vacancy. Rachel Klein has also been hired as an elementary associate. We have the addition or re-enrollment of a few students to begin second semester. The associate attended an associate professional development session with Julie Thomas from the GPAEA. Winter testing and diagnostics will begin over the next 2 weeks with fast earlyReading and CBMr assessments and FAST aReading assessments along with our iReady Math and Reading Diagnostics. The elementary is having a non-perishable pantry drive for the remainder of the month to assist those in need. The items collected will be donated to our local pantry. Information has gone out about 3 and 4-year-old preschool for next school year. There has been a very good response already.

**Activities Director Report** – Activity director Dan Stout reported EagleRock! is ramping up for its performance season. Speech is in full swing. Home presentations will be Wednesday January 22<sup>nd</sup> in the high school auditorium. FFA is also getting ready for upcoming contests. Homecoming week will be January 20<sup>th</sup> through the 24<sup>th</sup>. Student Council is planning activities for the week. The Homecoming game will be Friday January 24<sup>th</sup> against Iowa Valley. Six students will be attending the South Iowa Cedar League Leadership Conference being held at BGM High School, presented by Iowa High School Athletic Association.

**Business Manager Report** – Business Manager Amy Greiner reported that bank statements have been reconciled and the financials were prepared. January payroll was completed. W2's and 1095 ACA forms have also been completed and will be distributed to employees. The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter claims were submitted for reimbursement. Gina got all AP invoices entered and ready for payment. Lisa and Amy will be attending an ISFIS workshop on January 21 in Cedar Rapids.

## Board Training/Board In Service

The next Keota School board meeting will be February 13, 2025 in the elementary media library at 6:00 PM.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 P.M.

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_