

**Keota School District
Board of Education Meeting
Keota Elementary School Media Center
Keota, Iowa 52248
Thursday January 8, 2026
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, Nathan Greiner

Also present: Superintendent Dave Harper,, Board Secretary Gina Bennett, Elementary Principal Seth Milledge, High School Principal Heather Rosewall, HR Director Missy Sellers, Business Manager Amy Greiner

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

Communication and Reports

Student Reports/Programs/Celebrations – Levi Lyle gave the board an overview/update on the Eagle Trail, located behind the school. Gavin Sieren and Jack Greiner representing the Keota FFA presented recent activities involving the Keota chapter.

Community Public Participation – No one spoke

Approval of Consent Items -

- A. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes
- B. Approval of Financial Reports
- C. Approval of Summary of List of Bills
- D. Approval of Open Enrollment Requests
- E. Approval of Fundraising Requests
- F. Approval of Personnel Report

Andy Conrad moved to approve the consent items. Seconded by Pat Hammen. Motion carried 5-0.

Non-Action Items

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 \$75,569. Seconded by Andy Conrad. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of school calendar for school year 2026-27 - Dan Redlinger moved to approve the calendar for school year 2026-27 as presented. Seconded by Pat Hammen. Motion carried 5-0.

Administrative Reports

Superintendent Report – District goals and staff modeling and programming will be reviewed by the admin team soon. The district is collecting names of community members who would be willing to serve on the facility development committee. Solar panels and the fencing are up. LED lights are being installed in the high school this week. Administration is looking for suggestions on projects for the upcoming summer months.

High School Principal Report- Principal Rosewall stated the finals week went well. A survey will be distributed to see what needs to be tweaked. The alternative program is up and going. Professional development is going well. Meetings with AEA specialists in social studies and science are ongoing. Homecoming is the week of 19-24. This will be a Friday school week.

Elementary Principal/Curriculum Director Report – Win groups have started again for phonics based reading interventions. Most of the associates have started new assignments for second semester. iReady diagnostics in math and reading will start next week. Staff will meet with the APAEA literacy consultant to continue work on the Science of Reading. Keota Elementary will be having a non-perishable pantry drive through Feb, 12th. Donations will be given to the local food pantry. Information regarding sign-ups for 3 yo and 4 yo Preschool for the 26-27 school year will be going out so staff can get an estimation on student numbers for next year.

Activities Director Report – Activity director Dan Stout reported EagleRock! is ramping up for its performance season. They will start the season at Cedar Rapids Xavier this Saturday. The annual EagleRock lasagna supper will be January 13th in the cafeteria. Speech is now in full swing. Home presentations will be Wednesday January 21st at 6:30 in the high school auditorium. District contest will be January 24th at Wapello High School followed by State contest on February 7th in Cedar Rapids. FFA is also getting ready for upcoming contests. Homecoming week will be January 19th through the 23rd. This will be a 5 day week. Student Council is planning activities for the week. The Homecoming game will be Friday January 23rd against HLV. The Homecoming dance will be following the game. The JH boys basketball season has begun. Their first game will be Jan. 8th.

Business Manager Report – Business Manager Amy Greiner reported that bank statements have been reconciled and the financials were prepared. January payroll was completed. Greiner is working on 1099's and Title claims. She will be attending the ISFIS budget workshop and a mandatory budget meeting in Fairfield.

Custodial Report - Brian Donaldson - On Dec. 12 the solar company shut off all power to the high school to install the new boxes. New drinking fountains have been installed upstairs in the high school and one in the cafeteria. Bain Electric has gotten the exhaust fan in the kitchen replaced. They also installed 4 new plugs in the day care office. AAA Mechanical has changed out the filters in all the high school heating units.

Board Training/Board In Service

The next Keota School board meeting will be February 12, 2026 in the elementary media library at 6:00 PM.

Adjournment

Pat Hammen moved the meeting adjourn. Seconded by Andy Conrad. The motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 P.M.

Board President _____

Date _____

Board Secretary _____

Date _____