

**Keota School District
Board of Education Meeting
Keota Elementary School Media Center
Keota, Iowa 52248
Thursday February 12, 2026
6:00 PM**

President Pro Tem Pat Hammen called the meeting to order and read the mission statement.

Board members present: Dan Redlinger, Andy Conrad, Nathan Greiner

Board members absent: Billie Kindred

Also present: Superintendent Dave Harper, Board Secretary Gina Bennett, Elementary Principal Seth Milledge, High School Principal Heather Rosewall

Communication and Reports

Student Reports/Programs/Celebrations - No one presented

Community Public Participation – Katie Phillips with the Sigourney News Review and Ryan Baker addressed the board.

Public Meeting on the Proposed SY 2026-27 calendar - The public was invited to comment on the proposed calendar. There were no comments.

Andy Conrad moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Dan Redlinger. Motion carried 4-0.

6:05 Regular Meeting of Keota School Board

President Pro Tem Pat Hammen called the regular monthly meeting to order and read the mission statement.

Board members present: Dan Redlinger, Andy Conrad, Nathan Greiner

Also present: Superintendent Dave Harper,, Board Secretary Gina Bennett, Elementary Principal Seth Milledge, High School Principal Heather Rosewall

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 Dan Redlinger. Motion carried 4-0.

Non-Action Items

Discussion on the RPS vote – Superintendent Harper explained the vote to the board.

Action Items

Approval of Budget Guarantee Resolution SY27 – Dan Redlinger moved to approve the budget guarantee resolution for the SY27 as presented. Seconded by Andy Conrad. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of date of the public hearing for the Budget Proposed tax notice - Dan Redlinger moved to approve dates of March 26 and April 14 for the public hearing for the budget proposed tax notice. Seconded by Andy Conrad. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Non Certified Retirement Incentive - Andy Conrad moved to accept the retirement package for non-certified employees as presented. Seconded by Dan Redlinger. Motion carried 4-0.

First Reading of Board Policy 506.01 - Andy Conrad moved to accept the first reading of Board Policy 506.01 as presented. Seconded by Dan Redlinger. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Summer Gym Floor maintenance/sanding - Andy Conrad moved to accept the quote from CID for the summer gym floor work. Seconded by Dan Redlinger. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Discontinuing Sigourney News-Review as the official district newspaper - Dan Redlinger moved to discontinue using the Sigourney News-Review as the official school newspaper. Seconded by Andy Conrad. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of the Southeast Iowa Union/Washington Evening Journal as district newspaper - Dan Redlinger moved to accept the Southeast Iowa Union/Washington Evening Journal as the official newspaper of the Keota School district. Seconded by Andy Conrad. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of AEA Service Agreement - Dan Redlinger moved to accept the presented AEA service agreement for SY 27. Seconded by Andy Conrad. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of 2026-27 school calendar - Andy Conrad moved to accept the calendar for SY 2026-27 as presented. Seconded by Dan Redlinger. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of out of state travel for the SSDC Club - Andy Conrad moved to allow the out of state travel to Houston Texas for the SSDC Club led by Heather Rosewall. Seconded by Dan Redlinger. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of the Extracurricular programming sharing agreement between Keota and Sigourney - Dan Redlinger moved to accept the sharing agreement between Keota and Sigourney for extracurricular activities for 5 years. Seconded by Nathan Greiner. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of VIPS quote for classroom cabinets - Andy Conrad moved to accept the proposal as presented. Seconded by Dan Redlinger. Motion carried 4-0.

Administrative Reports

Superintendent Report – Superintendent Harper updated the board on staffing for 2026-27 as well as repairs and upgrades of facilities and operations.

High School Principal Report- Principal Rosewall reported that Levi Lyle and his student Memphis Jaeger are publishing an article in the Neighbors Magazine on how beavers are impacting Iowa waterways. 50% of our student passed the Civics pilot testing and 5-6 were within 10%. Student reporting for winter is finished. Work has begun on the course catalog. ISASP testing is scheduled for March 9-12.

Elementary Principal/Curriculum Director Report – Principal Milledge reported that the 4th grade took the NAEP tests this week. 22 students took either a math or reading test that will be used as “The Nation’s Report Card” for 4th, 8th, and 12th grade student progress. The Keota CSD Facilities Task Force met this week with Denovo and Encite to work throughout next steps in the facilities plan and toured the school building. The KES Pantry Drive was very impressive in the amount of items donated. The items were taken to the food pantry at the United Church of Faith. 3 year old preschool is sitting at around 10-12 students for next year. The 4 year old preschool is sitting at 19 student with Kindergarten at around 21.

Activities Director Report – Activities Director Stout reported that Speech had a very successful season. 3 groups were named Outstanding and 1 will perform at All State Festival in Ames. EagleRock season continues with the group traveling to competitions. Jack Greiner is running for a district officer position. Girls district basketball is getting under way. Boys district games will start Monday Feb. 16th.

Business Manager Report – Business Manager Amy Greiner reported that she attended the ISFIS Budget workshop for the district and is working on getting the SY27 budget completed. She also attended the Certified Budget Review from the Department of Management presented in Fairfield last week. January bank statements have been reconciled and the board financial reports have been completed.

Custodial Report - Custodian Brian Donaldson reported that there were a lot of sewer problems this month. Some cast iron pipes in the shop had to be replaced. Radon testing was done and Keota will not need any mitigation done. The lighting and solar crews are getting close to being finished.

Board Training/Board In Service

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

Adjournment

Dan Redlinger moved the meeting adjourn. Seconded by Andy Conrad. The motion carried 4-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 P.M.

Board President _____

Date _____

Board Secretary _____

Date _____