

**Keota School District  
Board of Education Meeting  
Keota High School Lounge  
Keota, Iowa 52248  
Thursday April 9, 2026  
6:00 PM**

President Billie Kindred called the meeting to order at 6:02 and read the mission statement.

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

**Board member absent: 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

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

**Public Hearing for the FY27 School District Budget**

President Billie Kindred opened the **Public Hearing for the FY27 Budget** at 6:03 PM.

Members present: Andy Conrad, Dan Redlinger, Pat Hammen

There was no discussion or questions from the public regarding the FY 27 Budget.

Pat Hammen moved to adjourn the meeting. Dan Redlinger seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

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

**Public Hearing for the FY26 School District Budget Amendment**

President Billie Kindred opened the **Public Hearing for the FY26 Budget Amendment at 6:04.**

Members present: Andy Conrad, Dan Redlinger, Pat Hammen

There was no discussion or questions from the public regarding the FY26 Budget Amendment.

Dan Redlinger moved to adjourn the meeting. Pat Hammen seconded the motion. Motion carried at 6:05.

**Call Keota Board to Order**

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

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

**Board member absent: 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 approve the agenda as *amended*. Pat Hammen seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

## Communication and Reports

**Student Reports/Programs/Celebrations** - HS Social Studies teacher Trevor Weeks discussed his social studies curriculum. Of special interest was that his classes help the local VFW place American flags on the graves of veterans in the Keota cemetery for Memorial Day. They have done this for several years. Mr. Weeks also coaches football and girls wrestling as well as helps fill in with bus driving when needed.

**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 Dan Redlinger. Motion carried 4-0.

## Non-Action Items

There were no non-action items.

## Action Items

**Approval of FY27 School District Budget** – Andy Conrad moved to approve the School Budget for SY27 as presented. Seconded by Pat Hammen. Motion carried 4-0.

**Approval of FY 26 School Budget Amendment** - Pat Hammen moved to approve the FY26 School Budget Amendment as presented. Seconded by Dan Redlinger. Motion carried 4-0.

**Approval of Operational Sharing for school year 2026-27** - Dan Redlinger moved to approve the operational sharing agreements as follows: Transportation Director with Sigourney CSD, Human Resources Director with Sigourney CSD, Social Worker through Great Prairie AEA, and Superintendent with Pekin CSD. Seconded by Pat Hammen. Motion carried 4-0.

**Amended item Approval of coaching salaries for the fall and winter**- already approved in the Personnel report.

Nathan Greiner arrived at 6:21.

**Approval of teacher sub pay and substitute bus route driver** - Dan Redlinger moved to approve the salaries for substitute teachers (\$150.00/day) and substitute bus drivers (\$65.00/day).. Seconded by Pat Hammen. Motion carried 5-0.

**Approval of proposal for mowing rate**- Pat Hammen moved to accept the mowing rate proposal submitted by Tom Woltering. Seconded by Dan Redlinger. Motion carried 5-0.

**Approval of IASB Policy Primer Updates** - Dan Redlinger moved to adopt the updates as presented. Seconded by Andy Conrad. Motion carried 5-0.

**Approval of 2026-27 Staff Handbook** - Dan Redlinger moved to accept the District Staff Handbook for 2026-27. Seconded by Andy Conrad. Motion carried 5-0.

**Approval of playground bid** - Dan Redlinger moved to accept the bid from Boland Recreation for the final phase (4th - 6th grade) of the elementary playground improvement. Seconded by Pat Hammen. Motion carried 5-0.

**Approval of NWEA Map testing** - Dan Redlinger moved to approve the NWEA Map testing as recommended. Seconded by Andy Conrad. Motion carried 5-0.

## Administrative Reports

**Superintendent Report** – Superintendent Harper updated the board on several points. Next year’s Kindergarten is trending at about 25 students enrolled for next year. The lunchroom and locker room hallway has epoxy flooring installed starting June 15-24. Superintendent Harper also went over bonding procedures. Harper, Elementary Principal Seth Milledge and High School principal Heather Rosewall attended the Highly Reliable Schools conference in Des Moines. The FFA chapter will be holding their annual banquet on May 4th. Graduation will be May 17th at 1:00. An open house will be held in honor of retiring long term teachers Colleen Hart and Jane Edwards. It will be held at Lagos Acres on May 7th from 4:00-6:00. This is open to the public.

**High School Principal Report** – Principal Rosewall reported that MAP Growth testing covers Math, English and Science testing twice a year with ISASP testing as the 3rd test. They will measure growth and project proficiency. Rosewall listed the new course offering in the high school in FCS/Business, Science, Math, English and Agriculture. The Rocketry team qualified for Nationals in Washington D.C. They are in the top 100 out of 1100+ participants. Paraeducator were treated to Rural Revival in appreciation for all they do for students. Rosewall also reported that Keota’s graduation rate is 98%.

**Elementary Principal/Curriculum Director Report** – Principal Milledge reported that ISASP testing was finished up on March 19th. Students were present and did their best work. The Q3 Caring School Community assembly was held where Elite Eagles were recognized. The Preschool Desk Audit has been submitted. The Emergency Response team has been working towards redesignation to continue to be a Project Adam School. The 4th - 6th grade enjoyed the matinee play performance of “The Princess Quest”.

**Activities Director Report** – Activities Director Stout reported that spring concerts are fast approaching. April 22 will be the JH/SR High Spring Awards concert in the HS gym at 7. The elementary Spring concert will be the following night, April 23 at 6:00. EagleRock! Will have their Spring Awards concert on April 29th at 7:30 in the HS gym. Prom will be held on April 25th. Grand March will be at 5:00. The Prom dance will be at Lagos Acres from 9:00 - 11:30. After Prom will be following the dance in the school gym. Keota will be hosting the SICL Art Show on May 7th and 8th. The show will be in the HS student lounge on Thursday May 7 from 4:00 - 8:00 and Thursday May 8 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Keota FFA will be attending the State FFA Convention in Ames on April 19th - 21. Track, golf and soccer are in full swing as well as trap shooting.

**Business Manager Report** – Business Manager Amy Greiner reported March bank statements were reconciled and financial reports prepared. April payroll was completed as well as the FY27 budget. Greiner will be attending the IASBO conference. She is working on Title claims for 3rd quarter.

**Custodial Report** - Custodian Brian Donaldson reported that AAA Mechanical had to replace a gas valve on RTU #14. Sorrel glass worked on a door in the Kindergarten room. They also removed the old door frame by the locker rooms. Trane came and did repairs on the chillers and did the spring tune up. The water softener was repaired by The Water Shop. Donaldson has turned on the water to the baseball softball fields and the bathrooms running at the bowl. The boilers at the school have been shut down.

## Board Training/Board In Service

A work session will be held April 29, 2026 in the elementary media center starting at 5:30.

The next regular Keota School board meeting will be May 14, 2026 in the elementary media library at 6:00 PM.

### **7:16- Closed session- Superintendent evaluation**

**Dan Redlinger moved the board hold a closed session, pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(i) to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session. Seconded by Pat Hammen. Roll call vote - Redlinger - aye, Conrad - aye, Greiner - aye, Hammen - aye, Kindred - aye. Motion carried 5-0.**

## Adjournment

Pat Hammen moved the meeting adjourn. Seconded by Dan Redlinger. The motion carried 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 PM.

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_