

**Keota School District
Board of Education Meeting
Keota High School Student Lounge
Keota, Iowa 52248
Thursday September 10, 2026
4:30 PM**

"Dedicated to preparing lifelong learners for an ever changing society"

Board members present: Pat Hammen, Dan Redlinger, Nathan Greiner

Board members absent: Andy Conrad

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

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

Communication and Reports

Student Reports/Programs/Celebrations - There were no reports

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
- D. Approval of Open Enrollment Requests
- E. Approval of Fund-Raising Requests
- F. Approval of Personnel Report

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

Non-Action Items

Action Items

Approval of LAU Plan - Dan Redlinger moved to approve this plan which addresses how the district will support any English Language Learners that come into the district. The motion was seconded by Nathan Greiner. Motion carried 4 -0

Approval of FFA National Convention - Out of State Travel - Dan Redlinger moved to approve out-of-state travel of the FFA program to go to Indianapolis, IN from October 22-23 for the National FFA Convention as well as

travel to Denver CO for the National Western Stock Show Jan 5 through 8th, 2027. Nathan Greiner seconded The motion carried 4-0.

Approval of TAG Plan: Pat Hammen moved to approve the plan for the 2026-27 school year, which addresses how the district will support Talented and Gifted students in the district. The motion was seconded by Dan Redlinger. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of SIAC members - Nathan Greiner moved to approve the members on the School Improvement Advisory Committee for the 2026-2027 school year, pending the addition of more interested people. Seconded by Dan Redlinger. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Admission Charge Change - Pat Hammen moved to approve the admission amount of \$5.00 for JH football games. All other activities will follow the SICL conference guidelines. The motion was seconded by Nathan Greiner. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of the Admission Charge - Pat Hammen moved to approve the admission amount of \$5.00 for JH football games and all other activities will follow the SICL conference guidelines. The motion was seconded by Nathan Greiner. Motion carried 4-0.

Administrative Reports

Superintendent Report - Superintendent Dave Harper gave an update on the bond and the upcoming events scheduled to inform the voting public, as well as open houses scheduled for September 16 and October 6. Staff and students have also been interviewed on Steve Shettler Media concerning the bond. Harper also discussed ways to get students to eat within the nutrition program.

High School Principal Report - High School Principal Heather Rosewall reported that the school year was off to a great start. She feels that the new staff is doing well. Enrollment for the high school is up. Picnic tables were purchased for the deck and students have been enjoying them. The new chairs and desks for the science and FCS rooms will be here next week.

Elementary Principal Report - Principal Seth Milledge reported that the kick off for the new year has been great. Everyone, staff and students alike, are getting into their daily routines. Professional Learning Fridays have begun. The district focus will be on the Specially Designed Instruction Framework. Students are taking their iRady Diagnostics this week for math and reading. They are also scheduled to take their CBM & aReading Fast Bridge Assessments over the next couple of weeks. WIN Groups will begin the week of September 21. There are 170 students PK-6 enrolled.

Activity Director report - The fall play has held tryouts and will begin rehearsals the week of September 14th. Performance dates will be Saturday Nov. 7 at 7:00 pm and Sunday Nov. 8 at 2:00 pm. All fall sports are underway. The painting at the football field is progressing and the press box will be torn down soon. FFA has been busy with many activities. The group had a great State Fair.

Custodial report - [Brian Donaldson](#) reported several projects that are under way. The exhaust fan in the food storage room and the stove in the kitchen are needing parts. The chiller has been causing problems this summer. Trane needs to come and replace 2 flow switches in the boiler room. There are several small plumbing issues that need to be completed when the plumber can make it over.

Board Training/Board In Service-Upcoming Important Dates

September 16 - Community meeting with Piper Sandler at 6:00

September 22 - Open House 6:00 - 7:00

October 6 - Open House 6:00 -7:00

Items/Topics for Next Board Meeting

Next meeting October 8, 2026 at 6:00 in the HS Lounge

Closed Session -VII. Closed Session
Closed session- Pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(i) *Pat Hammen moved the board hold 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 Dan Redlinger. Roll Call vote: Redlinger - aye Kindred - aye Greiner - aye Hammen aye Motion carried 4-0*

The board moved back into open session.

Adjournment

Pat Hammen moved the meeting adjourned. Dan Redlinger seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 5:43PM.

Board President _____

Date _____

Board Secretary _____

Date _____