Keota School District
Board of Education Meeting
Keota School High School Student Lounge
Keota, Iowa 52248
Thursday November 12, 2026
6:00 PM

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

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

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

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

Communication and Reports

Student Reports/Programs/Celebrations – Mrs. Colleen Donald gave the board an overview of the DCAP/ICAP programs.

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 Request
E. Approval of Fundraising Requests
F. Approval of Personnel Report

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

Dan Redlinger moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Nathan Greiner. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 PM.

Organizational Meeting of the New Board

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

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

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

Organizational Items

Election of Board President - President Pro-Tem Gina Bennett opened the floor for nominations for president. Dan Redlinger nominated Billie Kindred for Board President. Andy Conrad moved to cease nominations and for Billie Kindred to be elected Board President by unanimous vote. Seconded by Dan Redinger. Motion carried 5-0.

Election of Vice President - President Billie Kindred opened the floor for nominations for vice president. Dan Redlinger was nominated for Vice President by Pat Hammen who moved to cease nominations and for Dan Redlinger to be elected Board Vice President by unanimous vote. Seconded by Andy Conrad. Motion carried 5-0. Board Secretary Gina Bennett administered the oaths of office to Directors Billie Kindred and Dan Redlinger.

Appoint Board Secretary - Director Andy Conrad moved to appoint Gina Bennett as Board Secretary. Seconded by Dan Redlinger. Motion carried 5-0. Board President Billie Kindred administered the oath of office to Secretary Bennett.

Appoint Board Treasurer - Director Pat Hammen moved to appoint Cherie Westendorf as Board Treasurer. Seconded Dan Redlinger. Motion carried 5-0. Board President Billie Kindred administered the oath of office to Business Manager Cherie Westendorf.

Approval of Dates and Times for the 2026-27 Regular Board Meetings - Dan Redlinger moved to hold regular meetings on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm in the high school student lounge. Seconded by Pat Hammen. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Legal Counsel for Keota School District - Andy Conrad moved to approve Ahlers and Cooney/Brett Nitschke as legal counsel for the district. Seconded by Nathan Greiner. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Bank Depository - Nathan Greiner moved to approve the resolution naming Libertyville Savings Bank as bank depository for the district. The Libertyville Savings Bank depository limit is $8,000,000.00. The Iowa Schools Joint Investment depository limit is $10,000,000.00. Seconded by Dan Redlinger. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Board Committees - Nathan Greiner moved to approve the committees for the 2026-27 school year. Seconded by Dan Redlinger. Motion carried 5-0. Committees for 2026-27 are as follows:

Finance: Dan Redlinger, Andy Conrad

Buildings/Grounds/Facilities: Dan Redlinger, Pat Hammen

Negotiations: Pat Hammen, Billie Kindred

Policy: Nathan Greiner, Andy Conrad

Approval of official school paper - Pat Hammen moved to approve the Kalona News as the official newspaper of the school district. Seconded by Dan Redlinger. Motion carried 5-0.

Appointment of Keokuk County Conference Board representative - Andy Conrad moved to appoint Dan Redlinger to the Keokuk County Conference Board. Seconded by Pat Hammen. Motion carried 5-0.

Appointment of Washington County Conference Board representative - Pat Hammen moved to appoint Andy Conrad to the Washington County Conference Board. Seconded by Dan Redlinger. Motion carried 5-0.

Non-Action Items

A. Wellness policy - the wellness policy was reviewed October 28th. There are no changes to the policy.

B. The election results were reviewed.

Action Items

A. Approval of Second Reading of Board Policies Primer Updates:
203, 206.03, 206.04; 701.02, 701.03, 704.02, 704.03, 705.01, 705.01-R(1), 705.01-R(2), 705.04, 705.05, 706.04, 707.01, 708, 712

B. Approval of second reading of the board policy 804.07

C. Approval of second reading of the board policy 804.07-R(1)

D. Approval of second reading of the board policy 701.5

E. Approval of second reading of the board policy 701.05-R(1)

F. Approval of second reading of the board policy 107

Andy Conrad moved to approve the second reading of items A through F and to waive the third reading of all the listed policies. Seconded by Pat Hammen. The motion passed 5-0.

G. School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) - The board reviewed the letter provided from the district's prior Auditor- Nolte Cornman & Johnson, explaining the reason for the late filed 2024-25 audit. Pat Hammen moved to approve the Keota Community School District's letter of explanation for the late filing of the 2024-25 audit for submission to the SBRC. Seconded by Nathan Greiner. Motion passed 5-0.

H. Approval of Keota At-Risk and Dropout Prevention Plan - Dan Redlinger moved to accept the district's At-Risk and Dropout Prevention Plan as presented. Motion was seconded by Nathan Greiner. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of First Reading of Board Policies IASB Policy Primer Updates: 501.07; 501.09; 503.11-R1; 504.06; 507.01; 600; 603.01; 603.08; 605.04. Andy Conrad moved to approve the first reading of the policies listed. Dan Redlinger seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

Administrative Reports

Superintendent and 7-12 Principal Report – Mr Dave Harper announced that Nathan Greiner has joined the bus driver ranks and will be a new sub driver for the district. Harper went on to review with the board the health of the district's funds.

High School Principal Report - Mrs Rosewall updated the board on things happening in the high school. A change has been made for the middle school choir schedule. MAPS testing went well in October. Only 1 senior and 4 juniors remain to complete the civics test for graduation. 5 students will be graduating early. The Middle School/High School winter concert is scheduled for Wednesday December 9 at 8:00 following the elementary concert scheduled from 6:00-7:30. 15 RPP mini grants were presented on Tuesday. Darcy Wittenburg and Zach Jamison are both hoping for grants for their programs.

Elementary Principal/Curriculum Director Report – The past month has been busy for Keota Elementary. Principal Milledge outlined all the activities, including the Kindergarten field trip to Bloomsbury Farm. The parent teacher conference were well attended. The annual Halloween parade was well attended. The elementary school took part in the Veterans Day ceremony. They made special banners and sang. PK - 6 grades were able to attend the afternoon

matinee of the high school drama production of “Aladdin”. Work has begun on ‘essential Ins and Outs’ at Keota KES. These are priority standards to determine what concepts and skills students need to enter and move on from each grade level PK-6th. Work has also begun on merging the building Facebook accounts into one Keota Community School District account. Updates will be provided as plans are finalized along with the development of the new school website and app.

Activities Director Report - The fall play “Aladdin” will be presented on Thursday November 12 for elementary students. Public performances will be Friday and Saturday Nov. 13 and 14 at 7:00 PM and Sunday Nov. 15 at 1:30 PM. The speech team will be sponsoring Bingo at Lagos Acres November 15th with the doors opening at 4:30 and Bingo starting at 5:00. FFA will be delivering fruit the first part of December. Winter sports practices have begun.

Business Manager Report - School Business Manager Cherie Westendorf presented the board with an overview of the fund balances.

Custodial Report - On October 14 sewer backed up in the elementary restroom. Bill Tremmel came over and got it cleaned out. Bain Electric has unhooked the old press box at the bowl so that it can be removed. Trane replaced 2 bad flow switches for the chillers. AAA Mechanical was on site to service and replace filters on all the rooftop units on October 6th.

Board Training/Board In Service

The board will have a work session on December 2, 2026 at 6:00.

The next Keota School board meeting will be December 10, 2026 in the high school student lounge at 6:00 PM.

Adjournment

Andy Conrad moved the meeting to be adjourned. Seconded by Dan Redlinger. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:09.

Board President _____ Date _____

Board Secretary _____ Date _____