

**Keota School District
Board of Education Meeting
Keota Elementary School Media Center
Keota, Iowa 52248
Thursday January 12, 2023
5:30 PM**

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

Board members present: Bill Kindred, Pat Hammen, Dan Redlinger, Andy Conrad, Jim Tinnes

Board members absent:

Also present: Superintendent/Secondary Principal Jim Henrich, Board Secretary Gina Bennett, Elementary Principal Seth Milledge

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

Communication and Reports

Student Reports/Programs/Celebrations – N/A

Community and/or Public Participation – N/A

Approval of Consent Items

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes – Approval of the minutes from the previous monthly meetings.

Financial Report – Approve the current financial report of the district submitted by Business Manager Jeff Dieleman.

Approval of Summary of List of Bills – Approve the bills as listed and prepaid bills.

Approval of Open Enrollment Requests – Ashley and James Sines requested permission for their son, Grade 4 open enroll out to Sigourney from Keota.

Approval of Fund Raising Requests – N/A

Approval of Resignations – N/A

Approval of New Hires – Teresa Carl – elementary associate.

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

Non-Action Items

Action Items

Approval of At Risk/Dropout Prevention Application - Pat Hammen moved to approve the filing of an application to increase Keota's spending authority in the amount of \$68,992.00. Seconded by Jim Tinnes. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of calendar change – January 26, 2023 is a snow date for the District Large Group Speech contest scheduled for January 21st, 2023. The snow date will be a 1:00 dismissal time. Jim Tinnes moved to approve the snow date and the early dismissal if needed. Seconded by Dan Redlinger. Motion carried 5-0.

Administrative Reports

Superintendent and 9-12 Principal Report –Superintendent Henrich provided information from the last legislative session. Schools will be required to complete radon testing by July 1, 2027. Cathy Thalken, school nurse, has enrolled Keota schools in Project Adam. It is named after a student who suffered from a cardiac event and passed away. The training is done by the University of Iowa Hospitals and it will offer free CPR training to staff and help us to obtain a new AED for the district. After the training, Keota Schools will be designated a Heart Safe School. The chiller is scheduled to be here on January 30th. All workers have passed a background check. A new legislative session opened. Something to watch for are vouchers. A Special Education Reform Committee has been set up. State Supplemental aid will not be finalized until the issue on vouchers is passed.

Pre-6 Principal/Curriculum Report – 13 of 19 5th graders and 22 of 24 6th graders earned the Holiday BRAG Trip to watch Elf and enjoy frozen hot chocolate. Principal Seth Milledge thinks the BRAG program has made a positive impact on student behavior in the upper elementary. There was only 1 office referral in the month of December from 5th and 6th grade. Winter iReady diagnostics have begun. It measures the growth of the students in math and there have been jumps in scores. The Really Great Reading survey will be done this week to assess where students are in terms of phonics-based reading. FAST assessments will be taken by elementary students the week of January 16 and 23. Keota Elementary is grateful to the family of former elementary teacher Ann Sheetz, who have made a contribution in Ann's name to the elementary playground project.

Activities Director Report – N/A

Business Manager Report –Bank statements were balanced and December payroll was completed. AP invoices were paid and board packets assembled. Board financials were prepared.

Board Training/Board In Service

Andy Conrad moved that the meeting go into closed session for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent search. Pat Hammen seconded. Roll call vote: Dan Redlinger – aye, Andy Conrad – aye, Billie Kindred – aye, Jim Tinnes – aye, Pat Hammen – aye.

Item/topics for next board meeting

The next Keota School board meeting will be a closed session January 25th 2023 in the elementary media library at 4:30 PM for the purpose of superintendent screening.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at _____ P.M.

Board President _____

Date _____

Board Secretary _____

Date _____

_____ moved to go into closed session according to Iowa Code 21.5 (1) (i) for the purpose of superintendent search, interview schedule, questions and next steps discussion.

_____ seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

_____ Dan Redlinger

_____ Andy Conrad

_____ Billie Kindred

_____ Jim Tinnes

_____ Pat Hammen

The motion passed.

The board went out of closed session. Time was _____