

PUBLIC NOTICE
English Valleys CSD • School Budget Summary

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Proposed ENGLISH VALLEYS School Budget Summary
Fiscal Year 2025 - 2026

Table with columns: Location of Public Hearing, Date of Hearing, Time of Hearing, Budget 2026, Re-est. 2025, Actual 2024, Avg % 24-26. Rows include various budget categories like Taxes, Tuition, and Total Revenues.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
English Valleys CSD • Proposed Property Tax Levy

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY
Proposed ENGLISH VALLEYS Property Tax Levy Fiscal Year July 1,
2025 - June 30, 2026

Table with columns: Location of Public Hearing, Date of Public Hearing, Time of Public Hearing. Location: English Valleys Elementary Library.

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present oral or written objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After the hearing of the proposed tax levy, the Board will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed budget.

Table with columns: Current Year Final Property Tax Dollar Levy FY 2025, Budget Year Effective Property Tax Dollar Levy FY 2026, Budget Year Proposed Property Tax Dollar Levy FY 2026. Rows include General Fund Levy, Instructional Support Levy, etc.

Table with columns: Current Year Final Property Tax Rate FY 2025, Budget Year Effective Property Tax Rate FY 2026, Budget Year Proposed Property Tax Rate FY 2026. Row: Grand Total Levy Rate.

Table with columns: Current Year Property Taxes, Proposed Property Taxes, Percent Change. Rows include Residential property with an Actual/Assessed Value of \$100,000/\$110,000, Commercial property with an Actual/Assessed Value of \$300,000/\$330,000.

Note: Actual/Assessed Valuation is multiplied by a Rollback Percentage to get to the Taxable Valuation to calculate Property Taxes. Residential and Commercial properties have the same Rollback Percentage at \$150,000 Actual/Assessed Valuation. The Proposed Property taxes assume a 10% increase in property values for the year as a comparison to the current year.

Reasons for tax increase if proposed exceeds the current: The increase is due to an anticipated increase in Management Fund expenses. Our increase is also due to an increase in assessed valuation.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Keota • Minutes and Claims 3.17.2025

MINUTES
KEOTA CITY COUNCIL
225 E. BROADWAY AVE.
March 17th, 2025
Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Mayor Cansler
Roll call: Councilmen McDonald, Greiner, Conrad, Burroughs and Bender were present. City employees present were Administrator Horras, PW Director Harmsen, Clerk assistant Clarke and Librarian Greiner. Public present was Rich Klein, Chad McCleary from ION and Casey Jarmes from Sigourney New-Review.

Horras, Alycia A.....1,944.66
SLAUBAUGH, KEVIN L.....1,818.45
Public Forum: None
Department Reports:
Public Works -Harmsen reported that with the nicer weather we have started to do some landscaping and Spring work down at the pool and park areas. Lots of tree trimming continues to be done around town which has made the dump extremely busy. Kevin has stayed busy keeping up with that. The sewer project at County Line Mart will start this week and hopefully this will fix their issues. We brought the ranger up to Sun N Fun last week when we pulled it out of the cold storage building to have the warranty work done on it. Jerry Smithhart is lined up to do the seeding on Carpenter St water main project and work around the drive thru lane at the pool. That work will start as soon as we are safe from another frost. We have quite a bit of work to do on the railroad right of way with the recent wind. Hope to have that done before we start up mowing. We have been getting items together for shutting down the road between the pool/park area and ball field. We plan to shut that down from Mid-April to about Mid-September. Also, with that in the process of ordering new signage to reroute traffic in that area. Water Plant-The sump pump in the water plant is on the same circuit as the brine pump. It started to trip the breaker late last week which caused some issues with the regeneration on the softener. We have it isolated now. Sump pumps aren't expensive so we'll get a replacement and put everything back to normal. Lagoons-We're working with Iowa Rural Water to get that aerator fixed. Hoping to get that done this in April. Councilman Burroughs shared that a resident had some testing done on water both at their residence and at their Farm to look at water quality. There were some areas that seemed "high or out of limits" according

to the parameters that were listed on the testing forms from Midwest Laboratories. Chad from ION shared details on each data point and expressed that in several of these, he was unaware of where they were getting their parameters from. The limits didn't correlate to the "caution levels" or requirements that are in place for city water programs such as the DNR. The items that seemed to need attention were all items that would affect the cosmetics or aesthetics of the water, but not the safety of it. Some of the items could cause more cleaning needed due to staining and/or deposits, but does not affect the overall water safety and/or quality. The one area that would be an area to monitor closely due to health concerns, would be the Nitrates and that area was so low that it registered as "not detected".
Library- Librarian Greiner shared that we had a HUGE turnout for the princess party, we had at least 54 girls. I have been working on donations and programs for the summer reading program. We are quilting this morning and have sent 7 more twin size comforters to the Sleep in Heavenly peace project and 5 more to nursing homes. Emily with Keokuk Co. Ext. will be here today for the after-school program. The next Library Board meeting is Monday the 24th at 6 pm.
Clerk - Horras shared that we will have the proposed property tax hearing and the proposed FY26 budget hearings on April 7th and April 21st with the date for the budget hearing being set tonight. The LL Pelling proposal for work came in last week and appears to have the concern areas addressed as Harmsen and Slaubaugh would have ridden around and gotten them acclimated with what needed to be focused on this year for road work. Horras has signed the proposal and gotten all documentation into Pelling to ensure that we are set for the Spring work in town. There is a request that we will look

at later in the meeting to approve a change in the roadside sign and placement for Vision Ag. We have had 2 fans and a sump pump go out at the Sewer and Water plants. Horras has been working with Grainger supplies to renew our account and with Josh from ION to get parts ordered for replacement. Josh will also be ordering the chemical safety shower from Grainger as well to be installed at the water plant per our audit finding last year. We did receive an email from Lisa Brenneman about the Day Care proposal and the previous meeting follow up. Horras shared information on this and stated that the next meeting is scheduled to happen the week of the 25th.
Resolutions and Ordinances:
Resolution 2025-14 Approval for Proposed Budget Hearing Date. Motion to approve made by Conrad, 2nd by Greiner, and all were in favor.
Resolution 2025-15 Approval of Liquor License Renewal - Lagos Acres. Motion to approve made by Bender, 2nd by Conrad and all were in favor.
Resolution 2025-16 Approval of Financial Support of the Keota Fire Department for FY26. Motion to approve made by Bender, 2nd by McDonald, and all were in favor.
Ordinance 2025-308 Amendment to City of Keota, Iowa 2017 Codebook of Ord. - Offenses
a. First reading of Title III, Chapter 1, Section 5, Public Safety and Health
b. Potential Waiving of 2nd and 3rd Readings of Title III, Chapter 1, Section 5, Public Safety and Health Motion to approve by Burroughs, 2nd by Conrad and all were in favor.
c. Approval of Title III, Chapter 1, Section 5, Public Safety and Health - Motion to approve Ordinance with the change to of wording to reflect "the code enforcer and any designee of the code enforcer or Mayor of Keota, shall be exempt from this ordinance in order to put down or euthanize any animal that is caus-

ing physical harm to other people's property, animals for to any person, within city limit", made by Burroughs, 2nd by Bender and all were in favor.
New Business
Discussion/Possible Action - Sidewalk replacement & support of sidewalk work at the new Keota Clinic -Motion to approve the tear out of the old concrete in the affected area by the city staff and the cost to replace the 2 ADA compliance pads, made by Bender, 2nd by Greiner, and all were in favor.
Discussion/Possible Action - Sign movement/placement for Vision AG - Horras shared an email from Iowa Sign Company showing the new sign and requesting approval to move the current placement of the old sign in to the property by 2'. Motion to approve by Burroughs, 2nd by Greiner and all were in favor.
Discussion/Possible Action - Update on actions to be taken from dog incident from 3/2/25 -, Mayor Cansler shared what the city was working on following the incident on 3/2/25, with the dogs being taken out of Keokuk County. He then shared the new incident that happened on 3/15/25 where the dogs attacked and fatally wounded 2 additional animals outside of city limits. The dogs were put down by residents as they were showing vicious and dangerous behavior to them as well. Washington County Sheriff's department was called out and is following up with an investigation and charges from their side.
With the dogs no longer living or a threat, the discussion was made to move on with fining Joel Ackerman for the actions of the 3/2/25 incident that was made within city limits and having that paperwork served to him by Keokuk County Sheriff's department. A motion to approve the fine of \$7500.00 for the incident, 30 days to pay the fine or to be levied against his residence at 204 N Hamilton St and to move forward with the letter being served versus just certified with

him not signing for and picking up the certified letters now, made by McDonald, 2nd by Greiner and all were in favor.
Discussion/Possible Action - For Public Works to cap a Sewer and Water Location - The discussion continued due to the use of sewer service at locations like 204 N Hamilton St. even with water services being turned off. The question was brought up since the resident has stated that they do not intend to pay their past due bill amount, to then have the city cap the sewer access to ensure that it is not continued to be used. The cost of doing this would be substantial with having to go out to the alleyway and dig several feet to cap that service. The council discussed that there are other residences that also utilize putting water down the sewer even without water services being halted, so it was decided to look at our current Ordinance to reflect that when water service is shut off, all other services continue to be charged at a minimum due to access of service and usage. A motion not to cap the sewer service at 204 N Hamilton was made by Burroughs, 2nd was made by Conrad and all were in favor.
Mayor Comments: Mayor Cansler stated that he really appreciates everyone's extra time and work put in on the situation with the dangerous dogs. He stated that we have to take this opportunity to ensure that we are enforcing the ordinance with all residents and following up to ensure that safety of our community!
Adjournment: Motion made to adjourn meeting by Burroughs, 2nd by Conrad, and all were in favor. Time 8:35pm.
Next regular meeting in April 7th 2025 at 7:00 pm, with the Proposed Property Tax Hearing occurring at 6:30pm that evening.
Attest: Mayor Anthony Cansler
City Administrator Alycia A Horras
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PUBLIC NOTICE
English Valleys CSD • Minutes 3.12.2025

THE MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ENGLISH VALLEYS BOARD OF
DIRECTORS ON MARCH 12TH,
2025.

English Valleys members present: Susan Schaefer, Tom Voss, Trent Forrest, Katie Taukei, Board Secretary Wendy Ayers
Members absent: Steve Axmear
Others present: Superintendent Curt Rheingans, Nick Breuer, Amy Harger, Pam Nachtmann, Carrie Burdick, Melinda Semler, Danielle Render, Trish Larkin, Renee Allison
The meeting was called to order at 6 pm.

A motion was made by Forrest, seconded by Taukei to approve the agenda, deleting item #10, paint bids. Motion carried.
Tom Voss read the Mission Statement

Regular Business- Consent Agenda

Approve Minutes of Meetings Held February 13th, 2025

Approve Payment of Activity Bills
Approve Payment of Bills

Receive Secretary/Treasurer's Financial Report for the Month Ending 2/28/25

Receive and Take Action on Resignations

Chandler Sims- 3rd grade and Assistant Volleyball coach

Andi Wolfe- elementary para pro
Receive and Take Action on Staff Contracts

Tim Garrett jr football

A motion was made by Voss, seconded by Forrest to approve the consent agenda. Roll call vote. Schaefer aye, Voss aye, Forrest aye, Taukei aye. Motion carried.

Good News: Administration discussed that Eliza Walker place 3rd in a writing contest and was awarded a large scholarship, we had students qualify for State Speech, Mr. Baker's construction class is completing their project, many student athletes were awarded all conference and academic All State. Administration also informed the board progress monitoring at the elementary is going well. The music concerts were excellent and the Spring play is this weekend.

Danielle Render addressed the board during open forum and informed the board of her concerns with the Hot Lunch program, with cold lunches, and running out of food. She discussed getting more variety, more nutritious, less processed food for the students.

Dr. Harger address the board and discussed mid year data. She discussed the testing process for students. She also discussed iReady data.

Nick Breuer discussed with the board possibly purchasing vape detectors for the high school. Mr. Breuer discussed with the board that the high school building has seen an increase in vape use.

Mr. Breuer presented two quotes; ACP for \$3,650.00 and ITS for \$3,331.12. The board discussed the two quotes. Mr. Breuer informed the board that the ACP is the one that Williamsburg Schools is currently using. Mr. Breuer also informed the board that he was informed from ACP that their detectors can also detect weapons.

A motion was made by Taukei, seconded by Forrest to approve the ACP CreativIT quote for \$3,650. Taukei aye, Forrest aye, Voss nay, Schaefer aye. 3-1 Motion carried.

The board discussed the 2025-2026 School Calendar. Mr. Rheingans discussed that the calendar presented is the calendar that the teacher's voted in favor of. The board discussed adding for snow days to the calendar as two is insufficient.

A motion was made by Forrest, seconded by Voss to hold the public hearing for the 2025-2026 calendar at 6pm on April 9th, 2025.

Roll call vote. Voss aye, Taukei aye, Forrest aye, Schaefer aye. Motion carried.

The board discussed bids received to refinish the Competition Gym floor. The low bid was submitted by Hillyard for \$4,885. A motion was made by Voss, seconded by Forrest to approve the bid from Hillyard to refinish the Competition floor. Motion carried.

Administration discussed with the board the 2025-2026 school budget. There were no changes from last meeting, the legislature has yet to set the SSA for next year. The tax rate would go up from \$11.64 to \$11.83.

A motion was made by Forrest, seconded by Taukei to set the 2nd budget hearing for April 9th, at 6:30pm. Roll call vote. Forrest aye, Voss aye, Taukei nay, Schaefer aye. 3-1 Motion carried.

The board discussed the Participation Agreement for Natural Gas consortium. A motion was made by Voss, seconded by Taukei to approve participation in the Natural Gas consortium program. Roll call vote. Voss aye, Taukei aye, Forrest aye, Schaefer aye. Motion carried.

The board received a request from the North English Community Club to use the baseball field (outfield) for the North English Fun Days. A motion was made by Forrest, seconded by Voss to approve the North English Community Club's request. Motion carried.

The board received the fundraiser requests:

Green House gift card drive
A motion was made by Taukei, seconded by Forrest to approve the presented fundraisers. Motion carried.

Information and Discussion Items: Trent Forrest spoke about the Iowa Community Foundation Grant process.

Information and Discussion Items Board Items

Open Enrollment Out Acknowledgements

Camryn Henderson- K to Williamsburg

Caillin Henderson-2 to Williamsburg

Connor Hervey-9th to Montezuma

Wayne Lingard-K Mid Prairie HSAP

Logan Folkman-12 Mid Prairie HSAP

Grayson Folkman-9 Mid Prairie HSAP

Ellihaena Klevin- K Mid Prairie HSAP

Hayden Swallow- 7th Williamsburg Open Enrollment Acknowledgement

Superintendent Communications Legislation Update - Waiting on SSA announcement

Projects

Roof on bus barn complete

LED lighting in progress

Roof on Greenhouse complete

Roof over Gym Complete

Short Bus ordered

Window Graphics on order

Home School Meeting - Mr. Rheingans spoke that it was a good meeting with those parents. A lot of information was shared.

Negotiations - Waiting on the SSA announcement and TSS direction.

Insurance - Mr. Rheingans informed the board that we received notice that our increase would be 4.80%

Next Regular Meeting - April 9th, 2025 at 6pm.

A motion was made by Forrest, seconded by Taukei to adjourn at 7:45pm. Motion carried.

Wendy Ayers, Board Secretary
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