

THE PEPPER

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Upcoming:

- Come watch our 7th-12th choir students in Recess the Musical on Friday, April 3rd at 7PM!
- PTU carnival and BOGO Bookfair Thursday, April 30th, 5:00-7:00pm
- Seymour Prom is April 17th!
- ISASP'S April 21st- 23rd & 28th



The Franklin Farmhands 4-H Club met on March 25th for a meeting at the town hall. Fischer Buckingham went over 4-H news and upcoming events. Members planning to show any animals at the fair need to complete the YQCA training. Lorelei Hornaday gave a presentation on how to prepare a bottle to feed bottle calves. Jordan Matkovich gave a presentation on his rabbit, S'mores. The next meeting will be April 12th. The club members will meet at the Promise City Community Center at 9:30am and do trash pickup along Highway 2.

-Lorelei Hornaday, Reporter

On February 25, 2026, the Franklin Farmhands 4-H group gathered at the Franklin Township Hall for a meeting. The Buckinghams and the Lowes brought snacks and drinks. Spencer Lowe gave a presentation on baseball and showed his baseball equipment. All members were present for the meeting so a group photo was taken.

-Lorelei Hornaday, Reporter

Outdoor Hunting

Last weekend it was a really nice night to burn our CRP. It got really hot and you can see it from Corydon. We also burnt our timber off which was very smokey. Our neighbor said that it was so smokey the ducks couldn't fly through it. It all looks really good and I can't wait to see how it grows in the woods. The CRP burnt really well. We back-burnt it really well, and the flames got really high. We had everybody driving by and check it out. It was a pretty cool thing and when we lit it with the wind it was a pretty cool sound it made.

By, Chase Power

ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

This week's Athlete Spotlight is Andrew Williamson. Andrew is a Senior at Seymour High School and is starting his favorite season of the year. Williamson's favorite season is track and field. Andrew does shotput and discuss during the season and enjoys it very much.

His favorite part of the season is already throwing 30 feet in shotput. Andrew's most fond memory of his career was throwing 100 ft in discus during the team's Mount Ayr meet. He likes track and field because it is a team event and whether you do good or bad, it all falls back on an individual.

By: Gavyn Jellison

Callon Spurgeon Sports

This week, there is an Esports competition. On Thursday, they will be playing Mario Kart against Urbandale. There are no track meets this week. The next track meet is two weeks away. The first golf meet of the year is next Monday.

High Honor Roll - Qtr 3

Name	Grade
Collis, Richard	5
Davis, Maeli	5
Kaster, Kydon	5
Marshall, Alyssa	5
Mathes, Chance	5
Wells, Madelyn	5
Condra, Brooklyn	6
Henderson, Miles	6
Miller, Callista	7
Spurgeon, Thea	8
Garr, Paul	11
Wahl, Addison	11
Carter-Stanley, Laudia	12
Couchman, Miley	12
Liggett, Reagen	12
Spurgeon, Callon	12

Honor Roll - Qtr 3

Name	Grade
Condra, Chloe	5
Corman, Mallory	5
Hughes, Addieyah	5
Koll, Spencer	5
Lowe, Spencer	5
Matkovich, Jordan	5
Daley, Rayden	6
George, Bella	6
Jellison, Grayson	6
Moody, Ivy	6
Morford, Clotine	6
Collis, Payton	7
Conn, Tonto	7
Jellison, Holdyn	7
Millizer, Jozalyn	7
Boyd, Ki	8
DeVore, Addison	8
Foglesong, Rylee	8
Henderson, Cohen	8
McIntyre, Liam	8
Wiltamuth, Jed	8
Jellison, Zane	9
Boylson, Aiden	10
Jellison, Gage	10
Liggett, Kipton	10
Sharp, Landen	10
Ballanger, Maxwell	11
DeRuiter, Jacob	11
Jones, Piper	11
Parrish, Aiden	11
Burns, Taycee	12
Day, Reece	12
Luebken, Garrett	12
Mitchell, Gabrielle	12
Power, Chase	12

Official School Publications

Official reports of the Seymour Community School District are printed below. Their public action in *The Seymour Herald* is required by state law so that taxpayers may keep informed about district business.

SEYMOUR COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT Official Minutes Board of Education Regular Seymour Board Room Wednesday, March 18th, 2026; 5:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER: President Jones called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM
MEMBERS PRESENT: President - Sarah Jones, Vice President - Trevor Sherrard, Whitney Hornaday, Missy Liggett, and Quinten Merrit.
MEMBERS ABSENT: None
ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Superintendent - Scott Valentine, SBO/Board Secretary - Corrie Wray, Principal - Michael Moran
ADMINISTRATION ABSENT: None
AGENDA APPROVAL: Motion by Trevor Sherrard, second by Quinten Merritt to approve the agenda as presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.
MINUTES APPROVAL: Motion by Trevor Sherrard, second by Whitney Hornaday to approve the February 18th Board Meeting as presented to the board. All Ayes. Motion carried.
BILLS APPROVAL: Motion by Trevor Sherrard, second by Quinten Merritt to approve the

February bills as presented to the board. All Ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Trevor Sherrard, second by Quinten Merritt to approve the fund balances as presented to the board. All Ayes. Motion carried.
PAYROLL APPROVAL: Motion by Trevor Sherrard, second by Missy Liggett to approve payroll as presented to the board. All Ayes. Motion carried.
DISCUSSION ITEMS: Maintenance Director, Derick Jones, gave an update on the HVAC system repair, bus inspections, and the option to opt out of STOP classes for experienced transportation drivers and have only new drivers participating in the training.
Principal, Michael Moran, discussed parent/teacher conferences, Speech Contest, the CKH assembly that talked about Kindness and the wonderful discussion that Connie Young provided. He also shared that April 21-28 would be ISASP testing, job shadowing occurring on April 29th, and the possibility of modifying the current required courses needed for graduation.
The 26/27 SY negotiations will take place with Quinten Merritt and Trevor Sherrard as part of the committee. A change in the

committee chairs from the board are now: Sports Participation Committee with Sarah Carter-Jones and Trevor Sherrard and CSIAC Committee with Whitney Hornaday and Missy Liggett.
OPEN ENROLLMENT: Motion by Whitney Hornaday, second by Trevor Sherrard to approve the Open Enrollment - out for M.C. All Ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Missy Liggett, second by Whitney Hornaday to approve the Open Enrollment - out for E.Y. All Ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Trevor Sherrard, second by Quinten Merritt to approve the Open Enrollment - out for T.C. All Ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Trevor Sherrard, second by Quinten Merritt to approve the Open Enrollment - out for C.S. All Ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Quinten Merritt, second by Missy Liggett to approve the Open Enrollment - out for D.M. All Ayes. Motion carried.
Trevor Sherrard abstained to participate in the vote due to conflict.
Motion by Whitney Hornaday, second by Trevor Sherrard to approve the Open Enrollment - out for B.R.S. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Trevor Sherrard, second by Missy Liggett to approve the Open Enrollment - out for B.K.S. All Ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Trevor Sherrard, second by Quinten Merritt to approve the Open Enrollment - out for C.M. All Ayes. Motion carried.
ACTION ITEMS:
Motion by Trevor Sherrard, second by Quinten Merritt to approve the Letter of Assignment for Timothy Swan as a Substitute/Activity Bus driver. All Ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Whitney Hornaday, second by Missy Liggett to approve the Letter of Assignment for Kylie Moore as Instructional Associate. All Ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Missy Liggett, second by Trevor Sherrard to approve the resignation of Rachel Collis as Instructional Associate effective immediately. All Ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Quinten Merritt, second by Whitney Hornaday to approve the resignation of Rachel Campbell as Ag Instructor/FFA Sponsor effective at the end of the SY 25/26 contract. All Ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Missy Liggett, second by Whitney Hornaday to approve the Contract for Angie Enright for Custodial/Trans-

portation Administrative Assistant. All Ayes. Motion carried.
Trevor Sherrard abstained to participate in the vote due to conflict.
Motion by Trevor Sherrard, second by Quinten Merritt to approve the Contract for Angie Couchman for PE Instructor and Athletic Director for the SY 26/27 pending background checks. All Ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Whitney Hornaday, second by Missy Liggett to approve the Contract for Harley Trimble as the Junior High Boys/Girls Track Coach. All Ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Trevor Sherrard, second by Quinten Merritt to approve the opt out of the STOP training classes as presented to the board. All Ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Trevor Sherrard, second by Quinten Merritt to approve the Math Curriculum purchase as presented to the board for the SY 26/27. All Ayes. Motion carried.
IMPORTANT DATES:
March 25th, 2026 - Public Hearing on the FY 26/27 Budget in the Board Room at 5:30 PM.
March 25th, 2026 - Public Hearing on the SY 26/27 District Calendar in the Board

Room at 5:40 PM.
April 15th, 2026 - Tentative 2nd Public Hearing on the FY 26/27 Budget in the Board Room at 6:20 PM.
April 15th, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting in the Board Room at 6:30 PM.
April 30th, 2026 - PTU Carnival from 5:00-7:00 PM.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Motion by Whitney Hornaday, second by Trevor Sherrard to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 PM. All Ayes. Motion carried.
The next regular meeting will be the third Wednesday of the month at 5:30 PM unless posted otherwise.

President, Board of Education Secretary, Board of Education Date
These minutes are written as recorded by the Board Secretary and subject to approval at the next regular board meeting.
Corrie Wray, Board Secretary/Treasurer.

Seymour CSD	18,727.50
Board Report - Newspaper	
Vendor Name	
Vendor Description	
Amount	
Checking Account ID 01	
Fund Number 10	
GENERAL FUND	
AHLERS & COONEY P.C.....	4,458.00
ALLIANT ENERGY.....	10,847.81
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	1,117.01
AWM CORP.....	1,041.00
CAPTIAL SANITARY SUPPLY	2,752.20
CITY OF SEYMOUR.....	2,217.14
CLAYTON RIDGE CSD - IOWA	
VIRTUAL ACADEMY.....	14,604.84
CONSTELLATION NEW ENERGY - GAS DIVISION,LLC.....	4,746.99
DINWIDDIE, BRYSON.....	244.30
GREAT PRAIRIE AEA.....	
HORNADAY, JEFF.....	82.60
INFOMAX OFFICE SYSTEMS INC.....	97.69
IOWA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS.....	125.00
IOWA COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK.....	92.00
IOWA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM.....	0.02
IOWA SCHOOL FINANCE INFORMATION SERVICES.....	
J.W. PEPPER & SON INC.....	88.89
JONES, DERICK	26.00
MILLER, KEVIN.....	200.00
MORAN, MICHAEL.....	107.98
OFFICE OF THE STATE OF IOWA AUDITOR.....	850.00
OFFICIAL PEST CONTROL, INC.....	100.00
PAPER CORPORATION.....	
SAPPHIRE REPAIR CENTER LLC.....	1,300.00
SEYMOUR HERALD.....	463.47

SEYMOUR LUMBER LLC.....	
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	3,441.03
AMERICAN ALARMS	3,248.38
TIM HILDRETH COMPANY INC.....	1,708.04
WINGER CONTRACTING COMPANY.....	4,000.00
Fund Number 33.....	12,397.45
Checking Account ID 01	
Fund Number 36	
PLANT & EQUIPMENT	
INFOMAX OFFICE SYSTEMS INC.....	1,331.69
Fund Number 36.....	1,331.69
Checking Account ID 01	
Fund Number 40	
DEBT FUND	
UMB BANK N.A.....	500.00
Fund Number 40.....	500.00
Checking Account ID 01	
Fund Number 33	
CAPITAL PROJECTS	

Fund Number 62	
DAYCARE FUND	
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	49.18
SCHOOL SPECIALTY LLC.....	141.00
Fund Number 62.....	190.18
Checking Account ID 01.....	86,364.03
Checking Account ID 02	
Fund Number 21	
ACTIVITY FUND	
4B BLOSSOMS LLC.....	68.48
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	25.64
BLUE GRASS CONFERENCE	50.00
CENTERVILLE PERFORMING ARTS BOOSTERS.....	72.00
DANNCO.....	1,176.00
HOUSER, MARLA.....	300.00
SCHOLASTIC INC.....	1,438.38
TROPHIES PLUS, INC.....	85.48

Fund Number 21.....	3,215.98
Checking Account ID 02.....	3,215.98
Checking Account ID 03	
Fund Number 61	
SCHOOL NUTRITION FUND	
ANDERSON ERICKSON DAIRY.....	1,336.12
CAPTIAL SANITARY SUPPLY	683.12
COBB, JULIE.....	17.25
MARTIN BROTHERS DISTRIBUTION.....	6,118.59
Fund Number 61.....	8,155.08
Checking Account ID 03.....	8,155.08