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City of Sigourney • Minutes 3.18.2026

SIGOURNEY CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

The following are summarized minutes of the regular council meeting on March 18, 2026.

The Sigourney City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, with Mayor Pro-Tem McLaughlin presiding and the following Council members answering roll call: Schultz, McLaughlin, Hannam, Chmelar, Goldman and Conrad. Others present were: Steve Shettler, with Steve Shettler Media; Casey James, The News Review; Don Northup, Public Director I; Brent Gilliland, Public Works Director II; Jerry Wohler, Kadie Conrad, Deputy City Clerk; and Ashley Fry, City Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Chmelar moved, seconded by Hannam, to approve the tentative agenda. Roll call votes Ayes: 6

Conrad moved, seconded by Goldman, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of March 4, 2026; Council Account Payable Claims in the amount of \$292,133.38; City Clerk Financial Reports, Payroll Expenses, ACH and Monthly Transfers for the month of February 2026; Resolution No. 2026-03-08 Providing Temporary Closing of Downtown Streets;

Sigourney Fire Department Contract; Resolution No. 2026-03-09 Tax Exemption for Dave Fisch at 215 E Elm Street, Sigourney, IA 52591; Quarter 1 Midwest Benefits Payment in the amount of \$150.00; Credit Card Report and Set time and place for the April 1, 2026 Regular Council Meeting at 6:00 PM at City Hall. Roll call vote Ayes: 6

Conrad moved seconded by Hannam to approve the Sigourney Municipal Swimming Pool Policies and Procedures that were reviewed. Roll call vote Ayes: 6

Schultz moved seconded by Hannam to approve the paint options for the Water Tower Rehabilitation project scheduled for this summer include Tank White, Black, and Safety Yellow. Roll call vote Ayes: 6

Conrad moved seconded by Hannam to approve a date and time to be set for a public hearing to consider the proposed closure of West North Street. The hearing is scheduled for May 6, 2026, at 6:00 PM at City Hall. Roll call vote Ayes: 6

Conrad moved, seconded by Chmelar, to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote Ayes: 6

The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Connie McLaughlin, Mayor Pro Tem
Ashley Fry, City Clerk
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City of Sigourney • February 2026 Claims

REVENUES:

General -	\$23,876.89
Memorial Hall Restoration -	\$3,042.90
Library -	\$9,334.67
Road Use -	\$18,201.47
Employee Benefits -	\$466.69
Housing -	\$4,828.71
CLG Historic Preservation -	\$57.91
Local Options Sales & Services Tax -	\$92,182.67
Tax Increment Finance -	\$33.92
Lewis Memorial Fountain -	\$69.06
Year 2044 Anniversary -	\$201.14
Restricted Gifts -	\$12,505.30
Debt Service -	\$1,452.30
Water Utility -	\$48,520.95
Water Sinking -	\$6,750.00
Water Improvement -	\$3,000.00
Water Project -	\$4,913.27
Utility Deposit -	\$300.00
Sewer Utility -	\$50,263.08
Sewer Sinking -	\$29,485.00
Sewer Improvement -	\$1,000.00
Sewer Project -	\$7,542.74
Sewer Surcharge -	\$5,129.20
Sanitation -	\$23,398.00
Medical Self-Funding -	\$1,600.00
February 2026 Revenue Total -	\$348,155.87

Treasurer, State of Iowa - Excise Tax -	\$1,380.57
Treasurer, State of Iowa - Sales Tax -	\$2,889.08
Visa - Supplies -	\$326.62
Watson Technologies- Services -	\$5,000.00
Brent Gilliland - Cell Phone -	\$40.00
Randy Hemsley - Cell Phone -	\$40.00
Don Northup - Cell Phone -	\$40.00
Logan Northup - Cell Phone -	\$40.00
Jonathon Utterback - Cell Phone -	\$40.00
gWorks Monthly Fees -	\$190.35
US Postmaster - Utility Bills -	\$490.73
Transfers / Expenses -	\$132,047.71
Payroll (1/19/2026-2/1/2026) -	\$22,441.89
Payroll (1/5/2026-1/18/2026) -	\$38,738.97
Medical Partial Self - Fund -	\$212.71
February 2026 Other Checks Issued Total -	\$203,918.63

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CITY OF SIGOURNEY MARCH 18, 2026

Access Systems- Services- -	\$1,641.38
All American Pest Control- Services- -	\$248.00
Alliant Energy- Services- -	\$16,876.04
Arnold Motor Supply- Supplies- -	\$306.02
Atwood Electric Inc.- Services- -	\$65.22
Bailey Office Outfitters- Supplies- -	\$31.38
Column Software - Services- -	\$147.04
Dakota Supply Group- Supplies- -	\$440.00

H&M Farm & Home Supply- Supplies -	\$96.51
Hutchinson Salt Company, Inc.- Services- -	\$7,274.69
Mid-American Publishing Corp.- Services -	\$58.80
Schroeder Graphics & Signs- Services- -	\$200.00
SEMCO Landfill- Services- -	\$1,619.10
Southeast Iowa Clerks Association- Services- -	\$20.00
Vermeer- Supplies- -	\$183.21
Windstream- Services- -	\$5.99
Total -	\$29,213.38

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PUBLIC NOTICE
English Valleys CSD • PH School Budget Summary

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Proposed ENGLISH VALLEYS School Budget Summary
Fiscal Year 2026 - 2027

Location of Public Hearing: English Valleys Elementary School Board Room	Date of Hearing: 04/08/2026	Time of Hearing: 06:30 PM			
The Board of Directors will conduct a public hearing on the proposed 26/27 school budget at the above noted location and time. At the hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of the revenues and expenditures on file with the district secretary. A copy of the details will be furnished upon request.					
	Budget 2027	Re-est. 2026	Actual 2025	Avg % 25-27	
Taxes Levied on Property	1	2,933,057	2,840,587	2,633,284	% 5.5
Utility Replacement Excise Tax	2	117,651	113,473	179,554	% -19.1
Income Surtaxes	3	172,956	173,197	181,112	% -2.3
Tuition/Transportation Received	4	540,750	540,800	522,560	
Earnings on Investments	5	195,400	210,350	212,065	
Nutrition Program Sales	6	105,000	90,000	89,912	
Student Activities and Sales	7	125,100	130,100	121,487	
Other Revenues from Local Sources	8	193,500	194,500	196,757	
Revenue from Intermediary Sources	9	0	0	0	
State Foundation Aid	10	3,448,364	3,445,344	3,331,886	
Instructional Support State Aid	11	10,290	0	0	
Other State Sources	12	727,000	726,600	730,546	
Two Tier Assessment Limitation Replacement	13	27,980	27,980	27,661	
Title I Grants	14	95,000	100,000	111,008	
IDEA and Other Federal Sources	15	555,000	555,000	560,104	
Total Revenues	16	9,247,048	9,147,931	8,897,936	
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	17	2,000	0	0	
Transfers In	18	280,000	281,800	286,333	
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Dispositions	19	0	0	0	
Special Items/Upward Adjustments	20	0	2,000	49,924	
Total Revenues & Other Sources	21	9,529,048	9,431,731	9,234,193	
Beginning Fund Balance	22	4,884,637	5,413,788	5,398,469	
Total Resources	23	14,413,685	14,845,519	14,632,662	
*Instruction	24	6,355,500	6,147,100	6,044,294	% 2.5
Student Support Services	25	0	0	0	
Instructional Staff Support Services	26	140,000	105,789	97,201	
General Administration	27	191,000	181,000	181,025	
School Administration	28	295,000	300,000	294,409	
Business & Central Administration	29	310,500	294,000	288,113	
Plant Operation and Maintenance	30	660,000	627,600	615,195	
Student Transportation	31	393,000	512,000	344,835	
*Total Support Services (lines 25-31)	31A	1,989,500	2,020,389	1,820,778	% 4.5
*Noninstructional Programs	32	340,000	402,500	355,504	% -2.2
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	33	800,000	665,000	243,541	
Debt Service (Principal, interest, fiscal charges)	34	280,000	280,000	280,050	
AEA Support - Direct to AEA	35	169,167	148,893	186,843	
*Total Other Expenditures (lines 33-35)	35A	1,249,167	1,093,893	710,434	% 32.6
Total Expenditures	36	9,934,167	9,663,882	8,931,010	
Transfers Out	37	295,000	295,000	286,333	
Other Uses	38	0	2,000	1,531	
Total Expenditures, Transfers Out & Other Uses	39	10,229,167	9,960,882	9,218,874	
Ending Fund Balance	40	4,184,518	4,884,637	5,413,788	
Total Requirements	41	14,413,685	14,845,519	14,632,662	
Proposed Property Tax Rate (per \$1,000 taxable valuation)		11.75344			

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PUBLIC NOTICE
English Valleys CSD • PH Proposed Property Tax Levy

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY
Proposed ENGLISH VALLEYS Property Tax Levy Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027

Location of Public Hearing: English Valleys Elementary School Board Room	Date of Public Hearing: 4/8/2026	Time of Public Hearing: 06:00 PM	
Location of Notice on School Website: evbears.com			
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.			
	Current Year Final Property Tax Dollar Levy FY 2026	Budget Year Effective Property Tax Dollar Levy (No change in Property Tax Dollars Levied) FY 2027	Budget Year Proposed Property Tax Dollar Levy FY 2027
General Fund Levy	1	1,912,827	1,923,168
Instructional Support Levy	2	189,878	191,422
Management	3	413,435	475,834
Amara Library	4	0	0
Voted Physical Plant and Equipment	5	243,894	258,730
Regular Physical Plant and Equipment	6	80,553	83,903
Reorganization Equalization	7	0	0
Public Education/Recreation (Playground)	8	0	0
Debt Service	9	0	0
Grand Total	10	2,840,587	2,933,057
	Current Year Final Property Tax Rate FY 2026	Budget Year Effective Property Tax Rate (No change in Property Tax Dollars Levied) FY 2027	Budget Year Proposed Property Tax Rate FY 2027
Grand Total Levy Rate	11.79232	11.38315	11.75344
Property Tax Comparison	Current Year Property Taxes	Proposed Property Taxes	Percent Change
Residential property with an Actual/Assessed Value of \$100,000/\$110,000	559	576	3.04
Commercial property with an Actual/Assessed Value of \$300,000/\$330,000	2,431	2,689	10.61

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 increased property tax dollar amount is due to increased taxable valuation amounts. The district will also be receiving increased property insurance premiums.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Pekin CSD • Minutes and Claims 3.9.2026

PEKIN SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Organizational Meeting
Pekin School Media Center, Packwood, IA 52580
March 9, 2026 – 6:00 pm
Board members present:
Josh Arendt, Kortney Baumberger, Linda Brock, Mike Davis, Ray Fear, JD Olinger
Absent: Sherry Bemis
Also present: Dave Harper, Kaye Gilbert, Aaron Deutsch
I. Opening
A. President Mike Davis called the meeting to order and acknowledged a quorum.
B. Adoption/Approval of Agenda
Ray Fear moved to approve the agenda with the amendment to move the Exempt Session after adjournment. Seconded by Linda Brock. Motion carried 6-0.
1. Public Forum
No speakers present.
I. Consent Agenda
A. Minutes
The minutes of the February 9, 2026 regular meeting and the February 23, 2026 work session.
B. Finance Report
Business Manager Gilbert submitted a current financial report of the district.
C. Payment of Bills and Credit Card
General Fund March bills-\$169,727.77; General Fund February LH Prepaid Bills -\$21.77; General Fund Late Batch -\$0. General Fund Mastercard -\$869.46; Management bills -\$16,358.75; Day Care bills -\$0; PPEL bills -\$27,224.32; PPEL February LH Prepaid -\$2,247; SAVE bills -\$0; Debt bills -\$0; Scholarship bills -\$1,000; Activity bills -\$21,447.13; Activity Prepaid -\$1,870.04; Hot Lunch bills -\$14,172.91.
D. Open Enrollment Requests
OE-In:
K Weinhold 5th from Fairfield
G. Morris K from Fairfield to Pekin HSAP
R. Morris 1st from Fairfield to Pekin HSAP
B. Morris 3rd from Fairfield to Pekin HSAP

R. Berg 2nd from Keota to Pekin HSAP
G. Berg 4th from Keota to Pekin HSAP
OE-Out:
E. Kerkove K to Cardinal
E. Personnel Report
Resignations
Gunner Mohs HS Football Assistant; Jordan Crow JH Head Volleyball; Frosty Striegel JH Head Wrestling
New Hires
McKenna Winegarden, Custodian; Chelsey Gillum, Paraeducator; Melinda Francis, Paraeducator; Kacie Erwin, Assistant JH Softball; Paige Smith, Assistant HS Volleyball
Transfers/Volunteers
Nicole Meacham from JH Assistant Softball to JH Head Softball; Jordan Crow from JH Head Volleyball to Volunteer HS Volleyball; Josey Sieren from JH Head Football to Assistant HS Football
Josh Arendt moved to approve the following consent items. Seconded by JD Olinger. Motion carried 6-0.
IV. Non Action Items
A. Special Guests
None.
V. Non Action Discussion Items
A. Bus Purchase
Mr. Harper updated the board the possibility to purchase two (2) additional buses before next school year. Transportation director is getting quotes and planning to bring recommendations in April.
B. Computers
Mr. Harper updated the board on the timing for purchasing student chrome books. Planning to bring recommendation in April.
C. Cameras
Mr. Harper updated the board the sale of old cameras no longer being used by the Yearbook or Photography groups. They will be listed on Gov Deals.
VI. Action Items
A. Relay Services Agreement
Ray Fear moved to accept the Relay Services Agreement as presented. Seconded by Kortney Baumberger. Motion carried 6-0.
B. Substitute Teacher Rate
Linda Brock moved to accept the

increase in the Substitute Teacher Rate for the 2026-2027 School Year from \$130 to \$160. Seconded by Josh Arendt. Motion carried 6-0.
C. Auditor Approval
Ray Fear moved to accept the three year auditor bid for Anderson Larkin as presented. Seconded by JD Olinger. Motion carried 6-0.
D. Exterior Cameras
Ray Fear moved to approve the Exterior Cameras bid from MCG for \$19,872 as presented by Superintendent Harper. Seconded by Josh Arendt. Motion carried 6-0.
E. NWEA Map Growth
See G
F. Edmentum
See G
G. Edmentum Academy
Linda Brock moved to approve the NWEA Map Growth bid for \$5981.25, the Edmentum agreement for \$5380.50, and the Edmentum Academy for \$8000 as presented. Seconded by Kortney Baumberger. Motion carried 6-0.
H. Wrestling Room Heaters
Ray Fear moved to approve the purchase of wrestling room heaters as presented. Seconded by Josh Arendt. Motion carried 6-0.
1. Solar Area Seeding
JD Olinger moved to approve the solar area seeding project up to \$7,000. Seconded by Linda Brock. Motion carried 6-0.
J. Gravel Shop Area
Linda Brock moved to approve graveling the shop area bid by Bill Slaney for \$7000. Seconded by Ray Fear. Motion carried 6-0.
K. Tuck Pointing
Josh Arendt moved to approve the tuck-pointing project bid by H3 Masonry as presented. Seconded by JD Olinger. Motion carried 6-0.
L. IXL
Ray Fear moved to approve the IXL agreement as presented. Seconded by Kortney Baumberger. Motion carried 6-0.
M. Preschool
JD Olinger moved to approve the preschool curriculum in the amount of \$8,613 as presented. Seconded by Kortney Baumberger. Motion carried 6-0.
N. TLC Handbook

Ray Fear moved to approve the TLC Handbook as presented. Seconded by Josh Arendt. Motion carried 6-0.
VII. Administrative Reports
The Superintendent, Secondary Principal, Elementary Principal, Business Manager, Athletic Director, Tech Director, Transportation Director, and Maintenance Director presented their administrative reports to the board.
VIII. Items for the Next Board Meeting
• Budget Hearing Dates – March 23 for the first public hearing and April 13 for the second hearing.
• Regular Board meeting – April 13 IX. Adjournment
Kortney Baumberger moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm. Seconded by Linda Brock. Motion carried 6-0.
General Fund.....**Amount**
MASTERCARD.....869.46
AIRGAS USA, LLC.....909.04
ALLIANT ENERGY.....16,179.26
ALPHA MEDIA, LLC.....500.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES.....1,900.71
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC.....349.83
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC.....21.77
GRAINGER.....134.00
NALCO WATER.....571.94
OTTUMWA RADIO.....3,579.00
PEPPER J.W. & SONS.....304.79
AHLERS & COONEY P.C.....304.00
ALL AMERICAN TERMITE & PEST CO.....190.00
ARNOLD MOTORS SUPPLY.....980.96
OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR STATE OF IOWA.....625.00
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING, PTN.....1,139.00
CLAYTON RIDGE CSD.....6,354.11
COLLEGE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT.....4,249.35
CRESCENT ELECTRIC.....379.30
DAVIS COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS.....1,051.00
LISA DEN HARTOG.....101.36
ELLIOTT BULK SERVICES LLC.....6,522.10
FESLER AUTO MALL.....463.35
GREAT PRAIRIE AREA EDUCATIO.....30,865.31

H & M FARM & HOME SUPPLY.....29,471.32
HICKENBOTTOM, INC.....45.79
INDIAN HILLS COMM. COLLEGE.....1,472.08
IOWA COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK.....120.00
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS, APPEALS AND LICENSING.....25.00
IOWA SCHOOL FINANCE INFORMATION SERVICE.....468.00
JOHNSTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT.....11,621.46
JOHNSTONE SUPPLY.....80.04
KALONA COOPERATIVE TECHNOLOGY CO.....357.33
KCII.....113.52
ANDREA KIEFER.....379.68
MARCO TECHNOLOGIES LLC NW7128.....110.10
MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL.....199.19
OMNISITE.....290.00
OSKALOOSA COMM. SCHOOL DISTRIC.....32,769.13
OTTUMWA COMMUNITY SCHOOL.....37,027.79
OTTUMWA GLASS.....119.50
RED LION RENEWABLES.....1,459.12
ROTO-ROOTER.....251.00
SAFE DRIVER SOLUTIONS.....1,000.00
SHETTLER MEDIA INC.....300.00
SARAH VAUGHN.....195.00
WAPELLO RURAL WATER.....556.97
DALE WICKENKAMP.....391.02
RELAY HUB LLC.....1,663.89
INSURANCE COMPANY.....16,358.75
Scholarship Fund.....**Amount**
KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE.....1,000.00
PPEL Fund.....**Amount**
UNITED GREENHOUSE, 2247.00
WINGER CONTRACTING CO.....880.00
CDW GOVERNMENT INC.....621.00
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING.....2,310.00
GREAT PRAIRIE EDUCATION.....9,800.00
JOHNSON FITNESS AND WELLNESS.....12,992.00
MARCO.....621.32

Activity Fund.....**Amount**
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES.....1,472.08
THE BARN LLC.....3,877.49
WALMART BUSINESS.....450.79
MASTERCARD.....1,607.89
MASTERCARD.....975.00
MASTERCARD.....185.13
MASTERCARD.....359.89
MASTERCARD.....88.96
BAKER, BRIAN.....128.24
BECKER, CHRIS.....104.16
BLAKELY, BRENT.....97.91
CAPPS, RICK.....106.92
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GENDRON, THOMAS.....137.03
NORTHRUP, TREVOR.....108.27
PEDERSEN, KEVIN.....107.11
PLECKER, MIKE.....112.14
SCHEUERMANN, TROY.....164.35
SYLVESTER, BRIAN.....141.05
TAYLOR, TIM.....113.50
VORHIES, CAMERON.....151.49
WEBER, PAT.....184.03
BONNETT WHOLESALE FLO-RISTS, INC.....501.00
CARDINAL COMM. SCHOOL.....71.96
ELITE AWARDS.....456.33
ELITE SPORTS.....1,931.50
FAMILY, CAREER & COMM LEADERS.....14.00
GRANT RANCH.....1,100.00
IOWA HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH ASSN.....297.00
LUCYS SOIL SOURCE INC.....6,649.11
NATIONAL FFA ORGANIZATIONS.....688.00
SEI SUPER CONFERENCE.....721.00
.....23,317.17
Nutrition Fund.....**Amount**
ANDERSON ERICKSON DAIRY CO.....2,627.51
EMS DETERGENT SERVICES.....419.30
MARTIN BROTHERS DISTRIBUTING.....11,126.10
.....14,172.91
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