

**Southeast Polk Dollars for Scholars**  
March 25, 2026 6pm  
Southeast Polk Community Schools-District Office

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Lori. Quorum present.

**Members in attendance:** Lori Slings, Belinda Rinehart, Jenny Rinehart, Darell Butcher, Angie Shannon, Tiffany Filloon, Carrie Sponheim, Abby Vedder, Amy Larson, Kevin Bennett (Zoom), Stephanie Groom (Zoom), Dr. Tony Aylsworth (Guest-Incoming SEP Superintendent)

**Approval of the minutes:** Minutes from February 2026 meeting. Motion to approve-Belinda. Second-Tiffany. Motion passes.

**Treasurer Report:** Scholarship money is starting to come in. The annual report with Scholarship of America has been filed. Motion to approve the February 2026 financial reports by Jenny. Second-Carrie. Motion passes.

Additional treasurer information: \$60,000 will be available for the Dollars for Scholars scholarship awards for 2026 award year.

**Committee Reports:**

A. Events:

- a. Chamber Dinner: April 10, 2026--Dollars for Scholars has been awarded the Outstanding Citizens of the Year Award by the Altoona Chamber of Commerce.
- b. 10/24/26 Rams Legacy Speakeasy Soiree – ISF Learning Center (Amy - Jodi - Nicole – Event Committee)
  - i. Deposit is paid and the event date is secured
  - ii. Grant application (Prairie Meadows) has been submitted
- c. Hat Day Update (Belinda): 10 schools supported the event. Totals not yet finalized.

B. Scholarships

a. Scholarships

- i. 244 completed applicants--application closed 3/13/26. The Scholarship Committee will meet on 4/8 to complete the awarding process.
- ii. Scholarship Night is May 13, 2026 at Southeast Polk High School Gym at 7pm.
  1. Board members need to arrive at 6pm.
  2. Jenny & Carrie will complete the booklet
  3. Please plan to attend and assist--All hands on deck!

C. Marketing - No new report.

D. Technology - No new report.

E. Student Liaison Update - Start spreading word to current sophomores for a new junior representative.

F. Bylaws (Stephanie)-Email with potential changes/comments sent to Lori & Kevin for review.

G. Other committee reports

a. Project ideas:

- i. Christmas tree idea--decorate trees and put them in local businesses; auction off the trees. Support DFS & Caring Hands.
- ii. Pink Curler Party

- iii. Hall of Honor Committee--applications due by June 1st. See the SEP district website for more information.
- b. Board of Directors
  - i. If you know people that may want to be involved, please continue to seek out interest; especially if there is a financial/accounting background.

The next meeting will be April 15, 2026 at 6pm.

Motion to adjourn by Jenny, Second by Belinda. Meeting adjourned at 6:26pm.