

Southeast Polk Dollars for Scholars

April 15, 2026 6pm

Southeast Polk Community Schools-District Office

Meeting called to order at 6:02 pm by Lori. Quorum present.

Members in attendance: Lori Slings, Belinda Rinehart, Jenny Rinehart, Darell Butcher, Tiffany Filloon, Carrie Sponheim, Kevin Bennett, Stephanie Groom (Zoom), Quinn Lepley, Amanda Webb, Jodi Minard (Zoom), Robin Norris (Zoom)

Approval of the minutes: Minutes from March 2026 meeting. Motion to approve-Kevin. Second-Darell. Motion passes.

Treasurer Report: No March report finalized yet due to waiting for foundation totals.

Committee Reports:

A. Events:

- a. 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.
 - iii. Working on business sponsorships and working with the vendor on sound proof information.
 - iv. Social Media “Save the Date” posts will start after scholarship awards night
- b. Annual Chamber Dinner: SEP Dollars for Scholars was awarded the Outstanding Citizen Award. Board Members were present to accept.
- c. Hat Day Update (Belinda): 10 schools supported the event. \$1939.34. The winning school was the Middle School.

B. Scholarships

a. Scholarships

- i. Scholarships have been awarded. Approximately 235 students and \$235,000 will be awarded. We will spend \$56,000 directly from DFS funding.
- ii. Scholarship Recognition 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--will be sent to print by May 1, 2026.
 3. Photographer is scheduled--Mitch Stubbs (Next Level Photography)
 4. Please plan to attend and assist--All hands on deck!
- iii. Add back to the directions that a Thank You Note is required

C. Marketing - No new report.

D. Technology - No new report.

E. Student Liaison Update - No new report. The information about current sophomores applying for student liaisons will be posted in the next few weeks so that we can wrap up scholarship recognition night.

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. National DFS proposal
- i. Scholarship America is proposing to take over the awarding processes for all Dollars for Scholars awarding nationwide.
 - ii. Kevin has submitted a detailed survey/comments. All members are encouraged to complete the survey by April 17th and join the Zoom call on April 28th.

The next meeting will be May 20, 2026 at 6pm.

Motion to adjourn by Belinda, Second by Carrie. Meeting adjourned at 6:34pm.