

**IND. SCHOOL DISTRICT #36
KELLIHER PUBLIC SCHOOL
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 23, 2026**

The School Board of ISD #36, Kelliher, MN met February 23, 2026 in the School Media Center. The meeting was called to order by Chair Mary Thayer at 6:00 p.m. Members present: Mary Thayer, Rachel Jorgensen, Kevin Waldo, Tessa Koisti, Dawn Jensen, Jake Neft and Jeff Nelson, Superintendent, Ex-Officio. Members absent: None.

Visitors: Dawn Gehlert, Amy Mastin, Curtis Lundin, Chase Pink, and Aliza Lundin.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion by Tessa Koisti, second Kevin Waldo to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Citizen's Forum:

1. None.

Reports & Presentations:

1. Presentations
 - a. None.
2. Administrative Reports
 - a. Superintendent Jeff Nelson relayed information regarding enrollment, policy update status, mid-year superintendent evaluation, bond rating increase, Early Childhood programming, gym bleacher railing purchase, and Sanford Clinic update.
 - b. Business Manager Aliza Lundin relayed information regarding 2025 year-end reporting and gave a budget update.
 - c. Principal Sherri Dahl provided a report on upcoming events and student field trips.

Committee Reports:

1. The Wellness Committee

Old School / Sanford met

Directors' Forum:

1. Tessa Koisti congratulated our sports teams and noted the Badger girls basketball team cleaning up our bleachers after the game.
2. Rachel Jorgensen congratulated Jeff Nelson and Aliza Lundin on the credit rating increase.

Regular Business:

Motion by Tessa Koisti, second by Jake Neft to approve the January 5, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Dawn Jensen, second by Kevin Waldo to approve the January Treasurer's Report, payroll, and District bills in the amount of \$660,759.48. Motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve Resolution Accepting Donations.
2. Appoint Benjamin McCurdy as Trap Team Coach for 2025-2026 season total salary \$1,483.77.
3. Appoint Elizabeth Adegun as Paraprofessional at Step 1 \$24.15/hour, effective 01/12/26.
4. Appoint Debra Horton as full-time Kelliher Kids Center Toddler Teacher at \$20.00/hour, effective 01/12/26.
5. Accept resignation letter from Mitchell Stevens, Special Education Teacher, with thanks and appreciation.
6. Approve the AIPAC Compliance Overview with a vote of concurrence.
7. Approve first reading of the 2026-2027 School Calendar.
8. Approve (1) board to board open enrollment in grade 6.

Motion made by Tessa Koisti, seconded by Rachel Jorgensen to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Action Items:

1. Approve Fuel Tank Replacement

Motion made by Kevin Waldo, seconded by Dawn Jensen to approve of the replacement of fuel tank monitor system by Minnesota Petroleum Service total estimated cost: \$15,039.63 plus additional electrician costs. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Approve first Reading of #533 Wellness Policy

Motion made by Kevin Waldo, seconded by Rachel Jorgensen to approve first reading of revised Wellness Policy #533. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Adjourn

Motion by Rachel Jorgensen, second by Kevin Waldo to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

The next Regular School Board Organizational and Business Meetings are scheduled for Monday, March 16, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Kelliher School Media Center.