

**IND. SCHOOL DISTRICT #36
KELLIHER PUBLIC SCHOOL
REORGANIZATIONAL AND REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS
JANUARY 12, 2023**

The School Board of ISD #36, Kelliher, MN met January 12, 2023 in the School Media Center. The meeting was called to order by Chair Frank Duresky at 7:01 p.m. Members present: Rachel Jorgensen, Mary Thayer, Jake Neft, and Paul Grams, Superintendent, Ex-Officio. Members absent: Dawn Jensen and Tessa Koisti.

Visitors: Devin Rennemo, Cynthia Celander, Sherri Dahl, and Aliza Lundin.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

The Acceptance and Oath of Office was administered to elected board members Jacob Neft and Mary Thayer.

Motion by Rachel Jorgensen, second by Mary Thayer to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Rachel Jorgensen, second by Mary Thayer to appoint Frank Duresky as Board Chair, Mary Thayer as Clerk, Dawn Jensen as Treasurer, and Rachel Jorgensen as Vice-Chair. There being no other nominations, motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Rachel Jorgensen, second by Jake Neft to set the regular board meeting dates for the 2nd Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the school Media Center. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Jake Neft, second by Mary Thayer to set board member salaries at \$75/meeting, annual salaries of \$600 for Chair, \$500 for Clerk and \$500 for Treasurer and director's pay for attending workshops related to school business at \$100 for half day or \$200 for full day and committee meetings at \$75/meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Jake Neft, second by Rachel Jorgensen to make the following committee appointments:

1. Athletic Advisory/Sports Coop – Mary Thayer and Rachel Jorgensen
2. Meet & Confer – Frank Duresky, Tessa Koisti, and Jake Neft
3. BRIC Representative – Dawn Jensen

4. EdMN Kelliher Negotiations – Mary Thayer, Frank Duresky and Jake Neft
5. Legislative Liaison – Frank Duresky
6. Staff Development – Frank Duresky
7. MN State High School League – Mary Thayer
8. Student Hearings Committee – Rachel Jorgensen and Jake Neft

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Rachel Jorgensen, second by Mary Thayer to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2022 regular board meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Rachel Jorgensen, second by Mary Thayer to approve the December Treasurer's Report and December payroll and District bills in the amount of \$787,445. Motion passed unanimously.

Comments from Visitors:

1. None.

Directors' Forum:

1. Mary Thayer commented on the great article by Bemidji Pioneer featuring the girls basketball team.
2. Rachel Jorgensen welcomed the new school board members.

Committee Reports:

1. Tracee Bruggeman of Brady Martz & Associates, P.C. presented the annual auditor's report for financial condition of ISD #36 for the 2021-22 school year.

Principal's Report:

1. Principal Sherri Dahl relayed the teachers will be taking part in FAST math and reading assessment training on January 16, 2023.
2. Crisis Response training for staff is planned for January 23, 2023. Dean of Students Dan Alto is making revisions to our 'red book' Emergency Procedures which includes information such as fire and intruder drills.
3. The Safe Return to School plan has been updated, per requirements every 6 months.
4. January 20, 2023 is the end of 2nd Quarter.
5. Winter Homecoming week will be February 6-10, 2023.
6. Mustang Girls Basketball were featured in a newspaper article in The Pioneer of Bemidji, MN

7. There will be an Incentive Trip for first semester students who earned 90% or higher in their courses. The overnight trip includes skiing at Spirit Mountain in Duluth.

Superintendent's Report:

1. Superintendent Paul Grams relayed an Early Retirement Request from Elementary Math Interventionist Kristi Pink.
2. A discussion was held regarding Phase I-III trainings for new board members and the locations of trainings and availability online.
3. It was relayed a letter from KEA for the intent to negotiate for the FY24 & FY25 upcoming school years.
4. An FFA trip is planned for February 2-3, 2023 for cattle judging in Marshall, MN.
5. An enrollment update was given totaling 345 students in Early Childhood, elementary grades K-6, and high school grades 7-12.

Consent Agenda:

1. Select the Minnesota School District Liquid Asset Fund and First State Bank of Bigfork, Kelliher as official depositories of the Kelliher School District.
2. Designate Bear Country Chronicles as the official school district publication.
3. Appoint the firm of Knutson, Flynn and Dean as the official school district attorney
4. Designate board officers as signatories for school district accounts.
5. Adopt the resolution to grant authority to the board officers, the Business Manager, and Superintendent to conduct financial transactions at the official depositories on behalf of the Kelliher School District.
6. Set mileage rates for 2023 per the IRS rate at 65.5 cents/mile when using a personal vehicle because a school vehicle is not available. Mileage rate when using a personal vehicle and a school vehicle is available will be 55.5 cents/mile. Prior approval from administration is required for staff members requesting reimbursement for use of their personal vehicle.
7. Designate the Superintendent as authorized L.E.A. representative for Title I, II, IV, VI, VII, Impact Aid and all other federal and state programs and grants
8. Authorize the Business Manager and Superintendent to initiate electronic transfers between official depository accounts, electronic payroll deposits and other electronic payments as required.

Motion made by Rachel Jorgensen, seconded by Jake Neft to approve the consent agenda.
Motion passed unanimously.

Action Items:

1. Approve audit of the 2021-22 School Year.

Motion made by Mary Thayer, seconded by Rachel Jorgensen to approve audit of the 2021-22 School Year. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Approve (17) Board to Board Open Enrollment Requests for the FY24 school year with the exception of Pre-K and grades 5 & 10. Allow the office to form a waiting list in these (3) grades.

Motion made by Rachel Jorgensen, seconded by Mary Thayer to approve (17) Board to Board Open Enrollment Requests for the FY24 school year with the exception of Pre-K and grades 5 & 10. Allow the office to form a waiting list in these (3) grades. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Rachel Jorgensen, seconded by Jake Neft to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

The next Regular School Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the School Media Center.