

**IND. SCHOOL DISTRICT #36
KELLIHER PUBLIC SCHOOL
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 2024**

The School Board of ISD #36, Kelliher, MN met November 14, 2024 in the School Media Center. The meeting was called to order by Chair Frank Duresky at 7:01 p.m. Members present: Frank Duresky, Rachel Jorgensen, Dawn Jensen, Tessa Koisti, Jake Neft, and Paul Grams, Superintendent, Ex-Officio. Members absent: Mary Thayer.

Visitors: Renee Pollard, Sarah Rygg, Calvin Mayers, Shana Dreher, Kara Sharp, Benji Hofstad, Katie Hildenbrand, Brian Opsahl (virtual), and Aliza Lundin.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion by Rachel Jorgensen, second by Dawn Jensen to approve the agenda with audit presentation earlier in meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Dawn Jensen, second by Tessa Koisti to approve the October 10, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Tessa Koisti, second by Dawn Jensen to approve the October Treasurer's Report, October payroll, and District bills in the amount of \$704,416.58. Motion passed unanimously.

Comments from Visitors:

1. Kara Sharp of Widseth, Smith, & Nolting Engineering presented on projects proposed for the Old School Center building.

Directors' Forum:

1. Dawn Jensen congratulated the Robotics team and noted the Veterans Day program held at the school went very well.

Committee Reports:

1. The Technology Committee met on October 16, 2024.
2. The Finance Committee met on October 30 and November 14, 2024.

Business Manager's Report:

1. Brian Opsahl of Brady Martz & Associates presented the audited financial statements for the 2023-24 school year.

Principal's Report:

1. Superintendent Paul Grams relayed on half of Sherri Dahl Turkey Bingo put on my the community will be November 21, 2024 in the Kelliher School Commons.
2. The Creativity Festival at Bemidji State University will be on November 27, 2024 and students in grades 5 and 6 will be attending.
3. The Christmas Concert will be December 5, 2024, grades K-6 at 6:00 p.m. and grades 7-12 at 7:30 p.m.

Superintendent's Report:

1. Superintendent Paul Grams gave an enrollment update for the district with 30 students in Early Childhood, 152 in grades K-6, and 140 in grades 7-12 for a total of 322.
2. The MSBA Conference on January 16-17, 2025 was discussed with Rachel Jorgensen, Dawn Jensen, and Paul Grams planning to attend.
3. Thank You was relayed from the Music Department to the School Board for supporting their Chanhassen trip.
4. The response letter from NextLevel curriculum was discussed.
5. A request from the Industrial Arts department for a new Plasma Cutter was discussed with action item added to approve.
6. The District Communication Goal was discussed.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve Resolution accepting donations.
2. Modify Barry Wolff's employment to the MS+30, Step 15 level without signing incentives.
3. Approve fund transfer from the general fund to food service fund in the amount of \$32,024.85
4. Approve fund transfer from the general fund to community service fun \$50,529.54.
5. Approve the Seniority List as attached.
6. Approve the hire of Autumn Poxleitner as Child Care Teacher at \$18.00/hour.
7. Approve the World's Best Workforce and A & I Reports.
8. Approve the Indian Education Policies and Procedures.

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

Action Items:

1. Approve FY24 Audit.

Motion by Dawn Jensen, seconded by Rachel Jorgensen to approve Audited Financial Statements for the 2023-24 School Year as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Approve Resolution Canvassing Election Votes.

Motion by Tessa Koisti, seconded by Jake Neft to approve canvassing votes of school board election held on November 5, 2024 as attached. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Approve Nonrenewal Notice from Superintendent.

Motion by Frank Duresky, seconded by Rachel Jorgensen to approve, with thanks and appreciation, seven-month advance notice by Paul Grams of his intent to not seek a subsequent employment contract as Superintendent of Kelliher School after completion and expiration of the current contract with the last working day being June 30, 2025. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Reschedule January Regular Board Meeting.

Motion by Rachel Jorgensen, seconded by Dawn Jensen to approve setting January Regular and Organizational Meetings to Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Set Special Meeting Date with MSBA for Superintendent Search.

Item died for lack of motion.

6. Approve Seeking Bids.

Motion by Rachel Jorgensen, seconded by Jake Neft to approve seeking bids for a new Plasma Cutter for the Industrial Arts department, not to exceed \$25,000. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Rachel Jorgensen, seconded by Tessa Koisti to adjourn the meeting at _____ p.m.
Motion passed unanimously.

The next Regular School Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Kelliher School Media Center.