

**IND. SCHOOL DISTRICT #36
KELLIHER PUBLIC SCHOOL
REGULAR AND REORGANIZATIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 7, 2025**

The School Board of ISD #36, Kelliher, MN met January 7, 2025 in the School Media Center. The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Rachel Jorgensen at 7:12 p.m. Members present: Mary Thayer, Rachel Jorgensen, Jake Neft, Dawn Jensen, Tessa Koisti, Kevin Waldo and Paul Grams, Superintendent, Ex-Officio. Members absent: None.

Visitors: Kim Olson and Aliza Lundin.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

The Acceptance and Oath of Office was administered to elected board member Kevin Waldo.

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

Motion by Tessa Koisti, second by Kevin Waldo to call for officer nominations.

Dawn Jensen and Tessa Koisti nominated Rachel Jorgensen as Board Chair, Rachel Jorgensen respectfully declines nomination. Jake Neft nominates Mary Thayer. Dawn Jensen nominates Kevin Waldo. Candidate A: Mary Thayer; Candidate B: Kevin Waldo. Roll Call Vote Results: Mary Thayer: Mary Thayer, Tessa Koisti: Mary Thayer, Kevin Waldo: Kevin Waldo, Rachel Jorgensen: Kevin Waldo, Jake Neft: Mary Thayer, Dawn Jensen: Mary Thayer. Result: Mary Thayer was elected as Chairperson with a majority vote of 4-2.

Motion by Tessa Koisti, second by Kevin Waldo to nominate Rachel Jorgensen as Board Clerk. There being no other nominations, motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Tessa Koisti, second by Kevin Waldo to nominate Dawn Jensen as Board Treasurer. There being no other nominations, motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Tessa Koisti, second by Kevin Waldo to nominate Kevin Waldo as Vice-Chair. There being no other nominations, motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Dawn Jensen, second by Rachel Jorgensen to revise the regular board meeting dates for the 3rd Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the school Media Center. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Kevin Waldo, second by Jake Neft 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 with the addition of \$300 annual salary for Vice-Chair and no additional \$25 per meeting for serving as chairperson for members. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Rachel Jorgensen, second by Kevin Waldo to make the following committee appointments:

1. Athletic Advisory/Sports Coop – Kevin Waldo and Rachel Jorgensen
2. Meet & Confer – Mary Thayer, Tessa Koisti, and Jake Neft
3. BRIC Representative – Dawn Jensen
4. EdMN Kelliher Negotiations – Kevin Waldo, Mary Thayer, and Jake Neft
5. EdMN Kelliher Support Staff Negotiations – Tessa Koisti, Dawn Jensen, Rachel Jorgensen
6. Legislative Liaison – Rachel Jorgensen
7. Staff Development – Mary Thayer
8. MN State High School League – Kevin Waldo
9. Student Hearings Committee – Rachel Jorgensen, Jake Neft
10. Technology Committee – Rachel Jorgensen, Tessa Koisti, Jake Neft
11. Old School Committee – Rachel Jorgensen, Tessa Koisti, Mary Thayer
12. Early Childhood and Childcare Center Committee – Dawn Jensen, Rachel Jorgensen
13. Health Insurance Committee – Kevin Waldo
14. Curriculum Review Committee – Rachel Jorgensen, Mary Thayer, Dawn Jensen
15. Career and Tech Ed Representative – Kevin Waldo
16. Finance Committee – Dawn Jensen, Tessa Koisti, Mary Thayer

Motion passed unanimously.

Regular Business:

Motion by Tessa Koisti, second by Rachel Jorgensen to approve the December 12, 2024 Regular Board Meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Rachel Jorgensen, second by Jake Neft to approve the December Treasurer's Report and December payroll and District bills in the amount of \$342,710.44. Motion passed unanimously.

Comments from Visitors:

1. None.

Directors' Forum:

1. Dawn Jensen commented on the elementary sledding trip and the Facebook posts during the week before Christmas break and all of the activities.
2. Mary Thayer thanked teachers for all their work and activities for the students the last week before break and congratulated those students in Boys and Girls Basketball for achieving milestones of 1,000 and 2,000 career points.

Committee Reports:

1. None.

Principal's Report:

1. Superintendent Paul Grams relayed January 17, 2025 is the last day of Semester 1.
2. There will be a Teacher Workshop Day on Monday, January 20, 2025 and no school for students.
3. Winter Homecoming is set for January 27-31, 2025.
4. DARE Graduation is scheduled for February 4, 2025 in the afternoon for students in grade 5.

Superintendent's Report:

1. Superintendent Paul Grams discussed the MSBA Annual Conference next week that Dawn Jensen, Rachel Jorgensen, and himself will be attending.
2. An enrollment update was given - current count is 289 students K through Grade 12, 319 total students including Early Childhood.
3. An Old School Committee meeting with Widseth will be held on January 9, 2025 at 4:15 p.m.
4. The Superintendent Search timeline upcoming events discussed, with February 14, 2025 MSBA finalist recommendation; February 21, 2025 special board meeting at 6:00 p.m. to

discuss applications and finalists; and February 25-26, 2025 for first round of candidate interviews.

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 Deans 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 2025 rate at 70 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 60 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.
9. Approve Resolution Accepting Donations.

Motion made by Kevin Waldo, seconded by Rachel Jorgensen to approve the consent agenda with the addition of Item 9 for accepting donations received in the month of December. Motion passed unanimously.

Action Items:

1. None.

Motion by Kevin Waldo, seconded by Tessa Koisti to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

The next Regular School Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the School Media Center.