

**IND. SCHOOL DISTRICT #36  
KELLIHER PUBLIC SCHOOL  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 10, 2024**

The School Board of ISD #36, Kelliher, MN met October 10, 2024 in the School Media Center. The meeting was called to order by Chair Frank Duresky at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Frank Duresky, Rachel Jorgensen, Dawn Jensen, Mary Thayer, Tessa Koisti, Jake Neft, and Paul Grams, Superintendent, Ex-Officio. Members absent: None.

Visitors: Marnie Waldo, Allison Waldo, Kari Christiansen, Amy Mastin, Sarah Rygg, Jamie Hand, Renee Pollard, Shana Dreher, Chase Pink, Cathy Nistler, Jeannie Jean, Sherri Dahl, and Aliza Lundin.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion by Rachel Jorgensen, second by Dawn Jensen to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Tessa Koisti, second by Dawn Jensen to approve the September 19, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mary Thayer, second by Jake Neft to approve the September Treasurer's Report, September payroll, and District bills in the amount of \$227,650.50. Motion passed unanimously.

**Comments from Visitors:**

1. Allison Waldo on behalf of the Music Department requested charter bus transportation to their upcoming Chanhassen trip on October 30, 2024.
2. Kari Christiansen, Spanish Club Adviser, presented on the upcoming trip details including travel company and potential dates.
3. Kelliher Education Association presented a letter to the school board regarding prior negotiation.

**Directors' Forum:**

1. Dawn Jensen thanked students and staff for the School Board appreciation recognition in September.

2. Rachel Jorgensen also thanked students and staff and added additional thank you for those involved in putting on the homecoming activities for the school.
3. Mary Thayer brought concerns forward regarding NextLevel curriculum. Curriculum review committee to meet to further review content, administration to contact company, National PBIS, and publisher as well as suspend teaching of story portion of workbooks.

**Committee Reports:**

1. An Insurance Committee meeting was held September 30, 2024 to discuss timeline for bidding additional insurance options for our July 1, 2025 renewal.
2. Old School Committee members met with an architect and project manager with Winseth on October 1, 2024 to discuss quotes for various building projects.

**Principal's Report:**

1. Principal Sherri Dahl relayed the school will be hosting a vaccination clinic on October 10, 2024.
2. Indigenous Peoples Day is October 14, 2024.
3. Parent/Teacher Conferences will be October 16, 2024.
4. The FFA Livestock Team Contest in Verndale will be on October 29, 2024.
5. Chanhassen Dinner Theater Trip will be October 30, 2024.
6. Grand Forks Career Fair for tenth grade students will be October 24, 2024.
7. There will be no school for students due to MEA break October 17-18, 2024.
8. The Halloween Carnival will be held at Kelliher School on October 31, 2024 beginning at 5:00 p.m.

**Business Manager's Report:**

1. Business Manager Aliza Lundin discussed Treasurers Report, various State turnaround reports for 2023-24 school year data, and significant revenue changes from prior years.

**Superintendent's Report:**

1. Superintendent Paul Grams gave a staffing update for English department, noting Edmentum Digital Educational Services as an option.
2. A Technology Committee Meeting was set for October 16, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. with Rachel Jorgensen, Tessa Koisti, and Jake Neft.
3. A CrisisGo Meeting was held October 8, 2024 with November 21, 2024 scheduled as implementation rollout date.
4. Edmentum Educational Platform was further discussed noting need for paraprofessional coverage within classrooms to help facilitate online lessons.

5. An update was given on Early Childhood.
6. Old School building projects were discussed including bathroom and gym remodels.
7. An enrollment update was given noting 29 Early Childhood students, 155 students in grades K-6, 143 students in grades 7-12 for a total of 327.
8. Communication for the District was discussed noting position information, awards, and events being shared with staff.

**Consent Agenda:**

1. Approve Resolution accepting donations.
2. Accept resignation from Danette Gieser, Preschool Teacher at Kelliher Kids Childcare, effective October 16, 2024.

Motion made by Mary Thayer, seconded by Tessa Koisti to approve the consent agenda.  
Motion passed unanimously.

**Action Items:**

1. Approve Charter Bus.

Motion by Dawn Jensen, seconded by Tessa Koisti to approve purchase of Bemidji Bus Line agreement for the Chanhassen Dinner Theater trip for the music department on October 30, 2024. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Approve English Department hire.

Motion by Mary Thayer, seconded Jake Neft to approve the hire of Barry Wolff at the MS+30 Step 13 location of the KEA Salary Schedule with a signing incentive of \$2,500 for this year and a \$2,000 incentive for 2025-26 if both he and the District mutually agree to extending this agreement. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Rachel Jorgensen, seconded by Tessa Koisti to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.  
Motion passed unanimously.

The next Regular School Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 14, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the School Media Center.

