

**IND. SCHOOL DISTRICT #36  
KELLIHER PUBLIC SCHOOL  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2023**

The School Board of ISD #36, Kelliher, MN met September 14, 2023 in the School Media Center. The meeting was called to order by Chair Frank Duresky at 7:02 p.m. Members present: Tessa Koisti, Dawn Jensen, Mary Thayer, Jake Neft, Rachel Jorgensen and Paul Grams, Superintendent, Ex-Officio. Members absent: None.

Visitors: Devin Rennemo and Aliza Lundin.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion by Rachel Jorgensen, second Tessa Kositi to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mary Thayer, second by Dawn Jensen to approve the August 10, 2023 Regular Board Meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Tessa Koisti, second by Rachel Jorgensen to approve the August Treasurer's Report and August payroll and District bills in the amount of \$329,083.00. Motion passed unanimously.

**Comments from Visitors:**

1. None.

**Directors' Forum:**

1. Mary Thayer, Rachel Jorgensen, and Dawn Jensen commented that the public speaker that was at the All Staff Day during workshops before school started was fantastic. Dawn Jensen relayed a substitute teacher that was invited for the day was grateful for the opportunity to be included in beginning of the year events. Rachel Jorgensen inquired on additional trainings with the speaker and thanked Kevin Waldo for grilling for lunch that day.
2. Frank Duresky had a call with our auditors this week during the audit to go over procedures for reviewing financials and bills.
3. Jake Neft relayed a parent concern to board and Superintendent Paul Grams.

**Committee Reports:**

1. Paul Grams reported the KEA Negotiations going well. A discussion on contract verbiage and related negotiation items was held.

**Principal's Report:**

1. Principal Sherri Dahl was absent for a volleyball game as scorekeeper but reported the school year is off to a great start.
2. Kelliher School is applying for a reading grant through MDE that would cover course materials and other staff development costs for teachers to complete LETRS training that will be required in the future.

**Superintendent's Report:**

1. Superintendent Paul Grams held a discussion on the 2023 Payable 2024 Levy.
2. The daily rate for substitute teachers was discussed.
3. A building use request for an exercise group on evenings at the Old School was discussed.
4. A staffing update was given with new hires/transfers for food service and paraprofessionals. One full-time paraprofessional in elementary still needed.
5. Enrollment update was given – current count was 360 students.
6. Outstanding lunch bills for students from last year was discussed.

**Consent Agenda:**

1. Approve Resolution accepting donations.
2. Approve leave of absence from Angie Swanson for the 2023-24 school year.
3. Approve Marie Ufford's transfer to 5 hour Cook 1 position.
4. Approve Brittney Nelson's transfer to full-time Cook 1, Step 1 of the KSS salary schedule.
5. Approve hire of Ruth Rossman as Paraprofessional, Step 1 four days/week effective
6. Approve hire of Elizabeth Skoe as Junior Class Advisor.
7. Approve hire of Jacqueline Hufnagle as Childcare Teacher effective September 11, 2023
8. Approve the 2023 Payable 2024 Levy at the Maximum.
9. Accept (2) board to board open enrollments.
10. Accept resignation from Lissa Stevens effective September 22, 2023.

Motion made by Mary Thayer, seconded by Rachel Jorgensen to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

**Action Items:**

Approve policies; 102, 504, and 514

Motion by Rachel Jorgensen, seconded by Tessa Koisti to approve Policies 102, 504, and 514.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mary Thayer, seconded by Rachel Jorgensen to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

The next Regular School Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the School Media Center.