

**IND. SCHOOL DISTRICT #36
KELLIHER PUBLIC SCHOOL
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19, 2024**

The School Board of ISD #36, Kelliher, MN met September 19, 2024 in the School Media Center. The meeting was called to order by Chair Frank Duresky at 7:02 p.m. Members present: Frank Duresky, Rachel Jorgensen, Dawn Jensen, Mary Thayer, Jake Neft, and Paul Grams, Superintendent, Ex-Officio. Members absent: Tessa Koisti.

Visitors: Shana Dreher, Jamie Hand, Sherri Dahl, and Aliza Lundin.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion by Rachel Jorgensen, second by Dawn Jensen to approve the agenda with the date change of the prior meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mary Thayer, second by Rachel Jorgensen to approve the August 8, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Dawn Jensen, second by Rachel Jorgensen to approve the August Treasurer's Report, August payroll, and District bills in the amount of \$495,302.75. Motion passed unanimously.

Comments from Visitors:

1. None.

Directors' Forum:

1. Frank Duresky commented that the professional development days during workshop week were well received by staff.
2. Mary Thayer noted that her children loved the Jeremy Anderson presentation, congratulated the football team on their win against Blackduck, and relayed that she has received great feedback on the new band teacher.
3. Rachel Jorgensen commented on the wonderful Open House put on by the school, that it was very welcoming to families and also commented on the great staff development day and Jeremy Anderson presentation.

Committee Reports:

1. Negotiations were completed for Kelliher Support Staff, Transportation Director, and Bus Drivers.

Principal's Report:

1. Principal Sherri Dahl reported on the workshop week and start of school year.
2. The Jeremy Anderson speaker on September 6, 2024 was well received by students and staff.
3. An update was given for the Early Childhood Center as fully-staffed and running well.
4. Open Gym on Sundays from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. was discussed.
5. Individual Pictures on Tuesday, October 1, 2024 was relayed.
6. Early Childhood Screening on Monday, September 30, 2024 was relayed.
7. Flu Shots on Thursday, October 10, 2024 was relayed.
8. Fifth Graders will be attending the Red Lake Water Festival at Concordia Language Village on Thursday, October 10, 2024.
9. Elementary and Reading Teachers are beginning to start LETRS training to meet the needs of the Read Act that was passed.
10. Homecoming Week will be September 30 through October 4, 2024.
11. An update on the new phone policy was discussed. Overall seemed to be very few issues with the implementation. A survey to be given to staff was discussed to see improvement needs and for additional feedback.

Business Manager's Report:

1. Business Manager Aliza Lundin discussed purchase of a financial projection model by Ehler's for long-term budgeting and forecasting.

Superintendent's Report:

1. Superintendent Paul Grams discussed prom request regarding combining prom with Blackduck in addition to Northome School.
2. A staffing update was given on the open English Teacher position and overload contract pay for Pennie Rude to take on a Reading class, as well as renewing previous overloads for Dan Alto and Sheila Krueth.
3. An enrollment update was given relaying 299 students in K-12 and 39 in Early Childhood, 338 total students within the District.
4. Approval for two custodians to attend a class to earn a "Specialist License" for boiler operations was relayed.
5. A discussion was held regarding the air conditioner in the server room down and in need of replacement, cost will be \$4,900.

6. An update was given on the Golf Simulator and relayed a note from Golf Coach Justin Lundin thanking the school board for approving the purchase and donations for the simulator and that it is getting lots of use before, during, and after school.
7. The District Communication Goal was discussed noting mostly in person communication and interaction during the school days. School board members commented highlighting positive social media posts and status on implementation of CrisisGO application.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve Resolution accepting donations.
2. Accept resignation from Staci Lagerquist, Language Arts Teacher.
3. Accept Resignation from Paraprofessional James Beaulieu effective the start of the 2024-25 School Year.
4. Approve the hire of Laetitia Wickham and Chelsey Rorie as Co-Advisors for Student Council.
5. Approve an overload for Pennie Rude to teach Reading 7 & 8.
6. Approve the hire of Jana Duresky as part-time Cook not to exceed an average of 20 hours per week at the A-1 step 1 of the KSS Bargaining Agreement.
7. Approve the hire of Kim Daken as part-time Cook not to exceed an average of 20 hours per week at the A-1 step 1 of the KSS Bargaining Agreement.
8. Approve the hire of Cassidy Forsberg as Paraprofessional four days per week at the A-2, Step 1 placement of the KSS Bargaining Agreement.
9. Approve the hire of Danette Gieser as a Childcare Teacher at \$18.00/hour.
10. Accept resignation from Kris Geer, Language Arts Teacher.

Motion made by Dawn Jensen, seconded by Jake Neft to approve the consent agenda.
Motion passed unanimously.

Action Items:

1. Set Committee Members.

Motion by Rachel Jorgensen, seconded by Mary Thayer to designate Old School Advisory Committee members as Mary Thayer and Rachel Jorgensen; Childcare and Early Childhood Committee members as Rachel Jorgensen, Tessa Koisti, and Dawn Jensen; and Insurance Committee member representative as Frank Duresky. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Approve Master Agreement for Kelliher Support Staff (KSS).

Motion by Jake Neft, seconded Dawn Jensen to approve 2024-26 Master Agreement between ISD #36 and Education Minnesota – Kelliher Support Staff. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Approve Field Maintenance Equipment.

Motion by Mary Thayer, seconded by Rachel Jorgensen to approve purchase of Toro SandPro 5040 for \$40,976.20. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Approve 2024 Payable 2025 Levy.

Motion by Rachel Jorgensen, seconded by Dawn Jensen to approve 2024 Payable 2025 Levy at \$641,011.14. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Approve Bus Garage Boiler.

Motion by Mary Thayer, seconded by Rachel Jorgensen to approve purchase of new boiler to be installed in the bus garage for \$5,553.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Rachel Jorgensen, seconded by Jake Neft to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

The next Regular School Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 10, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the School Media Center.