

**IND. SCHOOL DISTRICT #36
KELLIHER PUBLIC SCHOOL
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Monday, August 17, 2026**

The School Board of ISD #36, Kelliher, MN met August 17, 2026 in the School Media Center. The meeting was called to order by Chair Mary Thayer at 6:00 p.m. Members present: Mary Thayer, Rachel Jorgensen, Tessa Koisti, Dawn Jensen, Kevin Waldo and Jeff Nelson, Superintendent, Ex-Officio. Members absent: Jake Neft.

Visitors: Hannah McCurdy, Curtis Lundin, Sherri Dahl, Chase Pink, and Aliza Lundin

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

Citizen's Forum:

1. None.

Reports & Presentations:

1. Presentations
 - i. None.
2. Administrative Reports
 - a. Superintendent Jeff Nelson gave an overview of the Strategic Goal Planning timeline of completion, updated the board on the status and next steps of the ICS Facilities Assessment, relayed Beltrami Electric's energy efficiency visit and proposals, gave an update on dugouts, relayed handbooks will be approved in September, and had discussion on substitute rates and summer weight room supervision pay.
 - b. Business Manager Aliza Lundin relayed information and timeline for upcoming election for three school board member vacancies beginning January 2027, where five candidates including Mary Thayer and Jacob Neft seeking reelection and Frank Duresky, Devin Rennemo, and Chris Nistler will be running, audit status was also relayed and levy proposal will be at September board meeting.
 - c. Principal Sherri Dahl relayed August 31, 2026 as the start of workshop week with all staff and lunch provided, discussion was had for school board members serving lunch again, LETRS training for secondary teachers was discussed, and a

paraprofessional training through the NW Service Cooperative on August 20, 2026 was relayed.

Directors' Forum:

1. Rachel Jorgensen wished teachers and students a good start to the school year.
2. Mary Thayer thanked the board for all their work they have put in so far towards the strategic planning and for the community nominees.

Regular Business:

Motion by Dawn Jensen, second by Tessa Koisti to approve the July 20, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Kevin Waldo, second by Dawn Jensen to approve the July's Treasurer's Report, Payroll, and District bills in the amount of \$428940.90. Motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve Resolution Accepting Donations.
2. Set 2026-2027 meal prices:

FY27 Meal Rates

Adult Lunch \$5.75

Adult Breakfast & Student Seconds \$3.25

Extra Milk \$.50

Seconds Lunch Entrée \$3.25

3. Set 2026-2027 Athletic Gate Prices:

a. Volleyball, Football, Girls & Boys Basketball 2025-2026 2026-2027

Adult \$7.00 \$7.00

Student \$4.00 \$4.00

Seniors 62 years of age Free Free

b. Season Pass Prices (Fall and Winter) 2025-2026 2026-2027

Family \$60.00 \$60.00

Adult \$30.00 \$30.00

Student \$10.00 \$10.00

c. Special Option – Family Only 2025-2026 2026-2027

Fall \$40.00 \$40.00

Winter \$40.00 \$40.00

4. Set substitute rates for 2026-2027 at the current rate

Current Rates

Sub. Teachers \$175.00/day
Sub. Para/Cook/Custodian: \$19.50/hr.
Sub. Bus Driver: \$33.14/hr.
Sub. Childcare Aide: \$15.00/hr.
Sub. Childcare Teacher: \$18.00/hr.

5. Set Meal per diem rates for staff travel: \$15.00 for breakfast and lunch, \$20 for dinner.

Registration and lodging expenses will be paid directly via school credit card. Meal per diem will be processed through employee payroll upon request, if meals not covered by registration.

6. Approve appointment of Staci Lagerquist as High School English Teacher for 2026-2027 school year under Education Minnesota – Kelliher Master Agreement at BS, Step 1, \$52,171.

Motion made by Kevin Waldo, seconded by Tessa Koisti to approve the consent agenda.
Motion passed unanimously.

Action Items:

- 1. Bus Driver Policy #750**

Motion made by Dawn Jensen, seconded by Kevin Waldo to approve Policy #750 Bus Driver Personnel Policies; Full-Time Bus Drivers for FY27. Motion passes unanimously.

- 2. Special Education Virtual Services Contract**

Motion made by Tessa Koisti, second by Kevin Waldo to approve Client Service Agreement with Soliant Health, LLC and Terms of Teleservice Assignment (Addendum A) with April Watkins, Special Education Teacher for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion passed unanimously.

- 3. Trailer Purchase**

Motion made by Dawn Jensen, second by Kevin Waldo to approve the purchase of Alcom EZ Loader 6 x 12 trailer for \$7,245.00 and to sell old sealed bid. Motion passed unanimously.

- 4. Summer Weight Room**

Motion by Rachel Jorgensen, second by Kevin Waldo to approve Summer 2026 Weight Room Supervisor Stipends to Ella Thayer and Zach Charnoski at \$1,600 each.

- 5. Adjourn**

Motion by Tessa Koisti, second by Kevin Waldo to close meeting at 7:28 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

The next Regular School Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 21, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Kelliher School Media Center.