

**IND. SCHOOL DISTRICT #36  
KELLIHER PUBLIC SCHOOL  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 10, 2022**

The School Board of ISD #36, Kelliher, MN met March 10, 2022 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, Kevin Waldo, Tessa Koisti, Dawn Jensen, Dan Persons, and Paul Grams, Superintendent, Ex-Officio. Members absent: None.

Visitors: Sherri Dahl, Cynthia Celander, Chase Pink, Mary Thayer, and Aliza Lundin.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion by Rachel Jorgensen, second by Dan Persons to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Kevin Waldo, second by Tessa Koisti to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2022 regular board meetings. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Dan Persons, second by Kevin Waldo to approve the February Treasurer's Report and February District and Student Activity bills in the amount of \$238,415.33. Motion passed unanimously.

**Comments from Visitors:**

1. None.

**Directors' Forum:**

1. The board members thanked paraprofessional Marie Ufford for her thoughtful gift of homemade baked goods. Superintendent Paul Grams relayed that Marie wanted to express her gratitude for the board members Kelliher is fortunate to have and also for everything additional they've been faced with these past couple years with COVID-19.
2. Chair Frank Duresky opened a discussion regarding events at the Old School Center. Currently all events are welcome with no alcoholic beverages allowed on the property as the only limitation. The board members discussed working with school insurance and attorney to see risks in removing the limitation to be able to hold wedding receptions and other similar events again for the community.

3. Rachel Jorgensen congratulated Kevin Waldo and the Girls Basketball Program for their great season.

**Committee Reports:**

1. None.

**Principal's Report:**

1. Principal Sherri Dahl relayed the annual Wolf Ridge trip typically attended by grades 5 and 6 will include grades 7 and 8 this year due to their trips being cancelled with COVID-19 the past 2 years. The trip will take place April 27-29, 2022.
2. Grades 7 and 8 attended the Young Author's Conference in Thief River Falls, MN on March 8, 2022.

**Superintendent's Report:**

1. Superintendent Grams gave an update on the Walking Trail. Head Custodian Calvin Mayers will be obtaining quotes for gravel and widening the trail as soon as the snow clears out.
2. An application for a grant through the Northwest Minnesota Foundation "Creating and Building Child Care Capacity" will be submitted to help staffing costs at the childcare center during the summer months when full-time enrollments decrease. Funding received would also enable the center to offer discounted drop-in rates again for families and help to cover some additional equipment costs such as outdoor shade canopies and play equipment needed.
3. The scheduled second Thursday April regular board meeting conflicts with another conference. A discussion was held to move the April board meeting to the first Thursday, April 7, 2022. This will be the same night as Parent/Teacher Conferences.

**Consent Agenda:**

1. Approve Resolution accepting donations.
2. Approve application for summer childcare funding grant through NWMF.
3. Approve second reading of the 2022-23 School Calendar.
4. Approve FY23 Achievement & Integration Budget.
5. Approve (2) Board-to-Board Open Enrollment students for grade 10, bringing class total to 27.

Motion made by Dan Persons, seconded by Tessa Koisti to approve the consent agenda.  
Motion passed unanimously.

**Action Items:**

1. Approve Early Retirement agreement of Miriam Kindem, effective at the end of the 2021-22 school year.

Motion made by Dawn Jensen, seconded by Rachel Jorgensen to approve Early Retirement agreement with thanks and appreciation. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Approve purchase of Culligan water softener for \$15,995.00 and labor quote from Dick's Plumbing & Heating for \$15,050.00.

Motion made by Kevin Waldo, seconded by Dan Persons to approve water softener replacement costs. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Rachel Jorgensen, seconded by Kevin Waldo to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

The next Regular School Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the School Media Center.