

**IND. SCHOOL DISTRICT #36
KELLIHER PUBLIC SCHOOL
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 2025**

The School Board of ISD #36, Kelliher, MN met February 12, 2025 in the School Media Center. The meeting was called to order by Chair Mary Thayer at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Mary Thayer, Rachel Jorgensen, Dawn Jensen, Kevin Waldo, and Paul Grams, Superintendent, Ex-Officio. Members absent: Tessa Koisti and Jake Neft.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion by Kevin Waldo, second by Rachel Jorgensen to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Rachel Jorgensen, second by Kevin Waldo to approve the January 9, 2024 Regular and Reorganizational Board Meeting Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Rachel Jorgensen, second by Dawn Jensen to approve the January Treasurer's Report, January payroll, and District bills in the amount of \$496,617.24. Motion passed unanimously.

Comments from Visitors:

1. Jamie Hand inquired if the board would consider livestreaming the board meetings.

Directors' Forum:

1. Rachel Jorgensen thanked the board for their support in sending her to the MSBA Annual Conference and shared some takeaways with the group.

Committee Reports:

1. The Old School Committee met on January 9 and January 30, 2025 to discuss final layout of bathrooms and awning over entrance for construction proposal bids.
2. The Insurance Committee met on January 30, 2025 to discuss request for proposal bids from other carriers.

Principal's Report:

1. Principal Sherri Dahl discussed Staff Development Day on February 17, 2025 and curriculum meeting to be held during that day as well as LTRS training completion.
2. PBIS will be planning 2 days for PRIDE challenge winners, one for elementary and another for secondary students.

Superintendent's Report:

1. Superintendent Paul Grams relayed a request from the Music Department for a field trip in 2026 was discussed, overnight in Minneapolis area.
2. It was relayed that KEA sent in their intent to negotiate contract for 2025-27.
3. The Superintendent Search timeline was discussed, with February 14, 2025 as MSBA sending finalist recommendations and all applications to Kelliher School Board for review, Wednesday, February 19, 2025 Board to meet and determine Finalists selections, Tuesday and Wednesday, February 25 & 26, for Board to conduct first round of interviews, Friday, February 28, 2025 Board to conduct Reference Checks, 2nd round of interviews, and select finalist and set up the negotiations process.
4. An update was given on the English Department.
5. A FACS request letter was relayed to the Board.
6. Plasma Cutter purchase update for \$31,840, with Perkins covering additional over the \$25,000 purchasing budget set by the board.
7. An Enrollment Update was given; 320 total and 290 in K-12.
8. An update and plaque example was given for the Veteran Alumni wall.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve Resolution accepting donations.
2. Approve resignation from Barry Wolff effective January 20, 2025.
3. Approve part-time hire of Kayla Smischney as English Teacher at 33% FTE, MA Step 12 placement of the KEA agreement with a start date of January 20, 2025.
4. Approve full-time hire of Nancy Poxleitner as English Teacher at the MA Step 6 placement of the KEA agreement with a start date of January 20, 2025.
5. Approve Early Retirement agreement with Sheila Krueth.
6. Approve the hire of Shirley Kampa as part-time Indian Ed. Liaison effective March 4th, 2025 for 16 hours/week (4 hours per day and four days per week) at the hourly salary of the MA Step 9 placement in the Ed. Mn. Kelliher salary schedule.
7. Approve the AIPAC compliance overview with a vote of concurrence.
8. Approve lane change of Mark Lundin to Step 1 - Custodian II of the KSS bargaining agreement effective January 30, 2025 for boilers license obtained.
9. First reading of the 2025-26 School Calendar.
10. Accept resignation of Ruth Rossman effective February 24th, 2025.

Motion made by Rachel Jorgensen, seconded by Kevin Waldo to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Action Items:

1. Music Department Purchase.

Motion by Kevin Waldo, seconded by Dawn Jensen to approve purchase of new risers and shells for the band department, \$48,142.37. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Committee Appointment.

Motion by Kevin Waldo, seconded by Dawn Jensen to appoint Kevin Waldo and Rachel Jorgensen to Tribal Consultation Committee and Dawn Jensen to School Forest Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Kevin Waldo, seconded by Rachel Jorgensen to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

The next Regular School Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Kelliher School Media Center.