

**IND. SCHOOL DISTRICT #36  
KELLIHER PUBLIC SCHOOL  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 17, 2023**

The School Board of ISD #36, Kelliher, MN met October 17, 2023 in the School Media Center. The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Rachel Jorgensen at 7:10 p.m. Members present: Tessa Koisti, Dawn Jensen, Mary Thayer, and Paul Grams, Superintendent, Ex-Officio. Members absent: Frank Duresky and Jake Neft.

Visitors: Sherri Dahl, Jamie Hand, Sarah Waldo, Tonya Robson, Tuija Mosier, Rachel Spray, Waabie Wagner, Lexi Herron, Cooper Owen, Jordan Waldo, Payton Neft, and Aliza Lundin.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion by Mary Thayer, second Tessa Kositi to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Dawn Jensen, second by Tessa Koisti to approve the September 14, 2023 Regular Board Meeting and September 28, 2023 Special Board Meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mary Thayer, second by Tessa Koisti to approve the September Treasurer's Report and September payroll and District bills in the amount of \$502,617.08. Motion passed unanimously.

**Comments from Visitors:**

1. Students requested to remove the hat policy during the school days for grades 7-12. Board to decide at November school board meeting.

**Directors' Forum:**

1. Mary Thayer relayed her students really enjoyed the drum presentation and demonstration by former student, Brendan Strong, for Indigenous Peoples' Day on October 9, 2023.
2. Dawn Jensen reported that she saw our 5<sup>th</sup> Graders attending the Water Festival at Concordia Language Village that she was a presenter for the MN DNR on October 10, 2023.

3. Rachel Jorgensen relayed her student really enjoying the trips to the local Nursing Home for school. She also relayed a possible cell phone usage student solution to look into.

**Committee Reports:**

1. Paul Grams reported the KEA Negotiations were finalized and contract to be approved at this meeting.
2. There was also a Tribal Consultation meeting held that reviews our school and practices.

**Principal's Report:**

1. Principal Sherri Dahl October 9, 2023 the 6th grade went to Wells Technology
2. October 9, 2023 was Indigenous Peoples' Day and Brendon Strong performed
3. October 10, 2023 the 5th grade went to Concordia Language Village for Red Lake DNR and Beltrami County Water Festival
4. October 10, 2023 we had a Flu Shot Clinic from 2:00 - 3:00 here at the school
5. October 11, 2023 there was a Livestock Judging & Leadership Training for Ag Students at University of Minnesota in St. Paul
6. October 11, 2023 junior class students had PSAT Testing
7. October 19-20, 2023 will be no school for MEA Weekend
8. October 31, 2023 is the Halloween Carnival for the community put on by our PBIS team

**Superintendent's Report:**

1. Superintendent Paul Grams gave a staffing update for the Early Childhood Center.
2. Enrollment update was given – current count was 357 students with 37 of them in the preschool programs.
3. The Big Gym inspection/repairs were discussed.

**Consent Agenda:**

1. Approve Resolution accepting donations.
2. Approve dissolution of the current wrestling agreement between Cass Lake, Blackduck, and Kelliher.
3. Approve Resolution to form a cooperative sports agreement for wrestling between; Blackduck, Kelliher, Cass Lake-Bena, and Bug-O-Nay-Ge- Shig Schools.
4. Set the February regular meeting of the board of education for 7:00 on Thursday, February 15, 2024.

Motion made by Dawn Jensen, seconded by Tessa Koisti to approve the consent agenda.  
Motion passed unanimously.

**Action Items:**

Approve contract between Kelliher Education Association and Kelliher ISD #0036.

Motion by Mary Thayer, seconded by Dawn Jensen to approve the contract between Kelliher Education Association and Kelliher ISD #0036 for July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2025. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve bus purchase from North Central International previously Hoglund Bus Company for \$130,747.92.

Motion by Mary Thayer, seconded by Dawn Jensen to approve new bus purchase. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mary Thayer, seconded by Tessa Koisti to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

The next Regular School Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the School Media Center.