

**IND. SCHOOL DISTRICT #36
KELLIHER PUBLIC SCHOOL
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MAY 18, 2026**

The School Board of ISD #36, Kelliher, MN met May 18, 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, Kevin Waldo, Tessa Koisti, Dawn Jensen, Jake Neft and Jeff Nelson, Superintendent, Ex-Officio. Members absent: None.

Visitors: Frank Duresky, Jana Duresky, Nina Cohn, Kim Daken, Kari Christiansen, Chase Pink, Shana Dreher, August Poxleitner, Curtis Lundin, Sherri Dahl, John Gawarecki, Angela Leach, and Aliza Lundin.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

Citizen's Forum:

1. Nina Cohn, Cook, presented concerns regarding food service department staffing changes.

Reports & Presentations:

1. Presentations
 - a. Spanish Trip Report – Mrs. Christiansen and students presented a slideshow for their trip to Spain, next trip is planned for March 22 – April 2, 2028 in Barcelona.
2. Administrative Reports
 - a. Superintendent Jeff Nelson relayed request from Senior Class for parking spot sales request for a fundraiser, relayed a baseball and softball field project proposal, basketball additional positions discussion, and discussed board workshop dates to be set during summer months for new school year planning.
 - b. Business Manager Aliza Lundin reported on budget status, relayed reporting deadlines, and discussed investment planning as well as a facilities evaluation for the school buildings.

- c. Principal Sherri Dahl relayed event dates for this year's graduating senior class as well as last day of school and Summer Adventures.

Directors' Forum:

1. Kevin Waldo reported on a great Senior Meal and suggested more board members to come and help cook/serve next year.
2. Rachel Jorgensen acknowledged the senior class prank and its impact on staff, noting it was disheartening—particularly for custodial staff who returned to additional cleanup after the senior meal. While recognizing student traditions, she emphasized the need for accountability to encourage respect and avoid escalating pranks in the future.
3. Mary Thayer gave thanks to all administration and staff that put on the Senior Meal. Congratulations to high school music concert students, especially soloists, and thank you to Kari Christiansen for presentation on Spain trip.

Regular Business:

Motion by Rachel Jorgensen, second by Kevin Waldo to approve the April 20, 2026 and April 27, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Dawn Jensen, second by Tessa Koisti to approve the April's Treasurer's Report, Payroll, and District bills in the amount of \$433,757.42. Motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve Resolution Accepting Donations.
2. Approve termination of 3-year-old, preschool teacher position due to discontinuation of program effective May 30, 2026.
3. Approve appointment of Caitlin Johnson as Paraprofessional A-2, Step 8 of Education Minnesota Kelliher Support Staff Master Agreement effective June 1, 2026
4. Approve appointment of Shauntel Zeman as Speech Language Pathologist at MS, Step 10 of Education Minnesota Kelliher Master Agreement effective June 1, 2026
5. Approve appointment of Julie Aas, 5-12 Instrumental Music Teacher at MN+30, Step 18 of Education Minnesota Kelliher Master Agreement effective July 1, 2026.

6. Approve Education Minnesota Kelliher Memorandum of Understanding on Wellness Committee Pay for this year only 2025-2026 school year

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

Action Items:

1. Food Service

Accept the Food Service Department Report and direct the Superintendent to make staffing reductions as warranted based on findings of the report.
Failed for lack of a motion.

2. Insurance

Motion made by Rachel Jorgensen, second by Dawn Jensen to approve the property/liability/workers compensation insurance coverage through Marsh McLennan Agency. Annual premium for these policies is \$117,861.04. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Lease Agreement

Motion made by Rachel Jorgensen, second by Tessa Koisti to approve the Lease Agreement with Choice Therapy.

4. Policy #533

Motion made by Dawn Jensen, second by Kevin Waldo to approve MDE revisions and adopt Policy 533 Kelliher School Wellness.

6. Adjourn

Motion by Tessa Koisti, second by Kevin Waldo to approve the adjourn of the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

The next Regular School Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 15, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Kelliher School Media Center.