

**IND. SCHOOL DISTRICT #36
KELLIHER PUBLIC SCHOOL
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 2020**

The School Board of ISD #36, Kelliher, MN met December 10, 2020 in the School Media Center. The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Kevin Waldo at 7:05 p.m. Members present: Rachel Jorgensen, Kevin Waldo, Tessa Koisti, Dan Persons, and Paul Grams, Superintendent, Ex-Officio. Members attending remotely: Dawn Jensen. Members absent: Frank Duresky.

Visitors: Sherri Dahl, Dan Alto, Chase Pink, Kristi Pink, Kristi Stomberg, Jennifer Mostad, Jennifer Cluff, Tracee Bruggeman (remotely), and Aliza Lundin.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion by Tessa Koisti, second by Dan Persons to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Rachel Jorgensen, second by Dan Persons to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2020 board meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Dan Persons, second by Tessa Koisti to approve the November Treasurer's Report and November District and Student Activity bills in the amount of \$268,285.37. Motion passed unanimously.

Comments from Visitors:

1. A visitor in attendance for the Truth and Taxation portion of the meeting inquired on the property tax levy from the school district.

Positive Feedback:

1. Superintendent Paul Grams commended the teachers of Kelliher School for their volunteering to step up to perform and cover additional duties during this time to help keep our school in-session.
2. Superintendent Grams also recognized secretaries Mary Poxleitner and Linda Olson for their continued hard work keeping everyone within the school well informed and keeping up with the constant changes and information coming from parents/guardians and relaying to school staff. Overall they have been doing an awesome job and they are much appreciated.

3. The current COVID-19 learning model was discussed and noted that we have been fortunate to remain in the original model implemented at the beginning of the school year with the modified start time students coming in-person. Superintendent Grams relayed that he has received comments from parents/guardians grateful for the consistency and that we have been able to keep the students in-person.
4. A grant was awarded from the Northwest Minnesota Foundation for \$7,500.00 for lower elementary students' mental health support and enrichment during the COVID-19 pandemic as part of the Governor's Emergency Education Relief program. Funds will be utilized for art supplies and family games to be sent home with students before our Christmas break along with a sensory bottle project the students will take part in with counselors Carly Amsden and Solveig Notch of Stellher.

Directors' Forum:

1. Tessa Koisti inquired on the decision to let Tri-County Dirt Devils utilize a trail through the school forest. A letter will be drafted by Superintendent Paul Grams to grant permission of the land access.
2. Rachel Jorgensen thanked the teachers of Kelliher School and administration for their work this year navigating both Distance Learning and in-person models simultaneously, commenting that they are essentially performing two jobs and doing very well from a parent's perspective reflecting on the prior virtual Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences held November 12, 2020.
3. Dan Persons commented on the Lakeland Television "Golden Apple" spotlight featuring Superintendent Paul Grams and Kelliher School remaining in-person since the start of the school year.

Committee Reports:

1. None.

Principal's Report:

1. Principal Sherri Dahl presented the annual World's Best Workforce plan to the Board of Education and attending visitors. Similar goals to the prior year were discussed, along with the difficulties completing to measuring goals due to the switch to Distance Learning last spring and cancelled testing for the 2019-20 school year. The integration of our new Achievement & Integration 3-year plan was also discussed, again noting the cancellations from last year and this year's restrictions for how we can creatively still offer the program benefits to students within the current guidelines.
2. Spirit Week activities scheduled for December 14-18, 2020 put on by Student Council were discussed, which includes bingo, trivia, games, and prizes for Kelliher School

students along with a Penny War, which all proceeds will go towards Kelliher and Red Lake Giving Tree programs.

Superintendent's Report:

1. Superintendent Paul Grams reiterated the COVID-19 update for the school to the Board regarding our current learning model.
2. Another update was given regarding the Community Library, formerly located in the Old School Center. Shelving and books have been set aside for use should the City of Kelliher or another non-profit location house the library. No ongoing funding or donations are planned as it would be outside of school activity or community education.
3. Superintendent Grams gave a staffing update specifically regarding the open Secondary Math Teacher position. He reported an interview is scheduled for the end of December and is excited about the opportunity to see how the skillset the individual has to offer would fit within Kelliher School.
4. The Truth and Taxation portion of the school board meeting was held. Superintendent Paul Grams discussed the previously proposed 2020 Payable 2021 Property Tax Levy, to be certified later in the meeting.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve Resolution Accepting Donations.
2. Approve School Year 2019-20 World's Best Workforce Report.

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

Action Items:

1. Certification of the 2020 Payable 2021 Property Tax Levy.
Motion made by Dan Persons, seconded by Rachel Jorgensen to certify the 2020 Payable 2021 Property Tax Levy at \$568,480.94. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Approve the Audit Report for the 2019-20 School Year, as presented by Brady, Martz & Associates.
Motion made by Rachel Jorgensen, seconded by Tessa Koisti to approve the 2019-20 Kelliher School Audit Report. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Dan Persons, seconded by Tessa Koisti to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

The next Regular School Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the School Media Center.