

**IND. SCHOOL DISTRICT #36  
KELLIHER PUBLIC SCHOOL  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 27, 2026**

The School Board of ISD #36, Kelliher, MN met April 27, 2026 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, Kevin Waldo, Tessa Koisti, Dawn Jensen, Jake Neft and Jeff Nelson, Superintendent, Ex-Officio. Members absent: None.

Visitors: Amy Mastin, Hannah McCurdy, Calvin Mayers, Curtis Lundin, Chase Pink, and Aliza Lundin.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion by Tessa Koisti, second Kevin Waldo to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

**Citizen's Forum:**

1. Hannah McCurdy discussed next year's **basketball** team numbers and potential need for additional coaches **due to the high numbers of anticipated participants and to make this determination sooner than later**. Also requested financial support for a boys' basketball camp this summer. Facilities use have already been approved.

**Reports & Presentations:**

1. Presentations
  - a. None
2. Administrative Reports
  - a. Superintendent Jeff Nelson reported on booster club oversight, gave an update on the Old School center, recapped the Mustang Athletic Coop and Finance Committee meetings, discussed a Fall Trap League potential, and reminded the board to complete evaluations for the next meeting.
  - b. Business Manager Aliza Lundin reported updates on this and next year's budgets and changes in regards to Finance Committee meeting topics discussed.

- c. Principal Sherri Dahl reported on various extracurricular spring activities scheduled as well as award ceremonies, graduation, and summer school dates.

**Committee Reports:**

1. The Old School Committee met on March 31, 2026.
2. The Mustang Sports Co-op Committee met April 8, 2026.
3. The Finance Committee met on April 14, 2026.

**Directors' Forum:**

1. Kevin Waldo, as coach, reported we had the "smartest" team at the State Basketball Tournament this year for Girls Basketball with a team average GPA of 4.018.
2. Rachel Jorgensen expressed appreciation to the Chair for acknowledging the situation and offering an apology on behalf of the Board at the start of the meeting.

Rachel then presented a proposed process for inclusion in the Board handbook to help prevent similar situations in the future.

3. Mary Thayer, at the start of the meeting, apologized about the lack of a quorum and how the board could have had a better plan and will plan to improve that process the next time faced with limited board attendance. She also relayed that this year's Prom was beautifully done and congratulated those involved in putting it on and also commented on the Wolf Ridge trip the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders got to experience, the Music Trip, and the FFA Alumni Banquet that was a great community event.

**Regular Business:**

Motion by Jake Neft, second by Rachel Jorgensen to approve the March 16, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Rachel Jorgensen, second by Tessa Koisti to approve the March Treasurer's Report, payroll, and District bills in the amount of \$397,795.64. The motion passed unanimously.

**Consent Agenda:**

1. Approve Resolution Accepting Donations.
2. Approve Third Reading and adoption of Policy 533 Wellness.

3. Approve resignation of Alyssa Duresky effective March 27, 2026, with thanks and appreciation.
4. Approve resignation of Tye Van Pelt effective May 27, 2026, with thanks and appreciation.
5. Assign Billie Lempart as full-time secretary at current step and lane effective March 30, 2026.
6. Appoint Sonja Budde as American Indian Education Liaison at \$25.05/hour Step 4, lane A-2 of KSS contract effective Monday, April 20, 2026.

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

**Action Items:**

**1. Fence Project**

Motion made by Dawn Jensen, second by Rachel Jorgensen to defer fence project for ballfields, estimated at \$33,345. The motion passed unanimously.

**2. High School Locker Replacement**

Motion made by Kevin Waldo, second by Mary Thayer to approve high school locker replacement project with quote from Scholastic Equipment for \$67,694.16. The motion passed unanimously.

**6. Adjourn**

Motion by Rachel Jorgensen, second by Kevin Waldo to approve the adjournment of the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

The next Regular School Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 18, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Kelliher School Media Center.