

**IND. SCHOOL DISTRICT #36  
KELLIHER PUBLIC SCHOOL  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 9, 2023**

The School Board of ISD #36, Kelliher, MN met March 9, 2023 in the School Media Center. The meeting was called to order by Chair Frank Duresky at 7:02 p.m. Members present: Rachel Jorgensen, Mary Thayer, Jake Neft, Tessa Koisti, and Paul Grams, Superintendent, Ex-Officio. Members absent: Dawn Jensen.

Visitors: Tom Pink, Kristi Pink, Cynthia Celander, Sherri Dahl, and Aliza Lundin.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion by Rachel Jorgensen, second by Tessa Koisti to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Tessa Koisti, second by Rachel Jorgensen to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2023 regular and organizational board meetings. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Tessa Koisti, second by Rachel Jorgensen to approve the February Treasurer's Report and February payroll and District bills in the amount of \$460,941.13. Motion passed unanimously.

**Comments from Visitors:**

1. Tom and Kristi Pink discussed the early retirement proposal that was given and requested another meeting with the board.

**Directors' Forum:**

1. Frank Duresky and Rachel Jorgensen congratulated the Mustang Girls Basketball team on their great year.

**Committee Reports:**

1. A Sport Coop meeting was held early in the day today, March 9, and a discussion on Littlefork collaborative for the North Central Stars Football team made up of Kelliher, Northome, and Littlefork students. We are still under the threshold to be able to play 9-man football so the football coop would be able to stay.

**Principal's Report:**

1. Principal Sherri Dahl discussed the ADSIS Application for next school year.
2. Grades 4 & 5 went attended the Bemidji Symphony Orchestra.
3. On March 8, 2023, 20 students attended the Young Authors Conference.
4. There was a Career Fair at the Blackduck School that 11 & 12th grade students attended.
5. ACT Testing began March 7, 2023 in which 16 students are participating.
6. March 24, 2023 is the end of 3rd Quarter.
7. March 30, 2023 students in K-6 are invited to Bemidji Theater for Treasure Island.

**Superintendent's Report:**

1. Superintendent Paul Grams reported the IEPAC meeting was held March 1, 2023. The MIEA Annual Conference will be April 18-21, 2023. The Senior Meal will be May 21, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. The next IEPAC meeting will be held April 6, 2023.
2. An enrollment update was given totaling 344 students in Early Childhood, elementary grades K-6, and high school grades 7-12.

**Consent Agenda:**

1. Approve Resolution accepting donations.
2. Approve 2nd reading of the 2023-24 school year calendar.
3. Approve hiring Nina Cohn as Community Education Coordinator.
4. Approve three Board to Board Open Enrollment Requests: (1) Kindergarten, (1) Grade 7, (1) Grade 9.

Motion made by Rachel Jorgensen, seconded by Jake Neft to approve the consent agenda.  
Motion passed unanimously.

**Action Items:**

1. Approve retirement of Cynthia Celander effective May 31st, 2023.

Motion made by Mary Thayer, seconded by Jake Neft to approve retirement of Cynthia Celander effective the conclusion of the 2022-23 school year. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Rachel Jorgensen, second by Tessa Koisti to close the meeting at 7:40 p.m. as permitted under MN Statute 13D.03 in order to discussion negotiations strategies for Early Retirement Requests received. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Rachel Jorgensen, seconded by Jake Neft to open the meeting at 8:31 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mary Thayer, seconded by Tessa Koisti to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

The next Regular School Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the School Media Center.