

**IND. SCHOOL DISTRICT #36
KELLIHER PUBLIC SCHOOL
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 12, 2024**

The School Board of ISD #36, Kelliher, MN met December 12, 2024 in the School Media Center. The meeting was called to order by Chair Frank Duresky at 7:08 p.m. Members present: Frank Duresky, Rachel Jorgensen, Dawn Jensen, Tessa Koisti, Mary Thayer, Jake Neft, and Paul Grams, Superintendent, Ex-Officio. Members absent: None.

Visitors: Devin Rennemo, Jamie Hand, Sherri Dahl, Kevin Waldo, Amy Mastin, Alisha Gehlert, Jana Duresky, 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 Dawn Jensen, second by Jake Neft to approve the November 14, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Tessa Koisti, second by Dawn Jensen to approve the November Treasurer's Report, November payroll, and District bills in the amount of \$672,249.92. Motion passed unanimously.

Comments from Visitors:

1. None.

Directors' Forum:

1. Rachel Jorgensen thanked Frank Duresky for his service on the school board. Superintendent Paul Grams presented his retirement bell.
2. Frank Duresky thanked the community for the opportunity to serve on the school board for the past 21 years.
3. Mary Thayer thanked Frank Duresky for his term on the school board through all her children's education and for the time mentoring her while serving alongside him.
4. Dawn Jensen also thanked Frank Duresky for his guidance through the years on the board.

Committee Reports:

1. The Old School Committee met on December 3, 2024.
2. The Tribal Consultation Meeting was held on November 25, 2024.

Business Manager's Report:

1. Levy changes for the Truth in Taxation report to be discussed during Superintendent's portion.

Principal's Report:

1. Principal Sherri Dahl reported Spirit Week put on by the Student Council will be December 16-20 and be Christmas-themed with games on Friday, the last day before the break.

Superintendent's Report:

1. Superintendent Paul Grams gave an enrollment update for the district with 30 students in Early Childhood, 152 in grades K-6, and 137 in grades 7-12 for a total of 319.
2. The MSBA Conference on January 16-17, 2025 was discussed with Rachel Jorgensen, Dawn Jensen, and Paul Grams planning to attend.
3. Information on Early Retirement was relayed to the board.
4. The Truth in Taxation portion of meeting was held.
5. A request for staffing adjustment was relayed to board.
6. The District Communication Goal was discussed.
7. Potential applicant from Denver, CO for vacant Language Arts position was relayed.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve Resolution accepting donations.
2. Approve resignation of Indian Ed. Liaison for the end of the 2024-25 school year.

Motion made by Mary Thayer, seconded by Dawn Jensen to approve the consent agenda.
Motion passed unanimously.

Action Items:

1. Certification of the 2024 Payable 2025 Levy.

Motion by Rachel Jorgensen, seconded by Tessa Koisti to approve the 2024 Payable 2025 Property Tax Levy at \$641,011.14 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Approve Widseth proposal.

Motion by Dawn Jensen, seconded by Jake Neft to approve service proposal with Widseth Architecture and Design. Motion passed unanimously.

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

The next Regular School Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Kelliher School Media Center.