

**IND. SCHOOL DISTRICT #36
KELLIHER PUBLIC SCHOOL
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 15, 2024**

The School Board of ISD #36, Kelliher, MN met February 15, 2024 in the School Media Center. The meeting was called to order by Chair Frank Duresky at 7:03 p.m. Members present: Mary Thayer, Rachel Jorgensen, Jake Neft, Dawn Jensen, Tessa Koisti and Paul Grams, Superintendent, Ex-Officio. Members absent: None.

Visitors: Sue Wachtler, Sherri Dahl, Amy Mastin, Tuija Mosier, Kari Christiansen, Kiani Donnell, Adien Raynor, Alli Lundin, Emily Mastin, Ella Thayer, Kate Thayer, Kylee Binkley, and Aliza Lundin.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

Motion by Mary Thayer, second by Dawn Jensen to approve the January 18, 2024 Regular and Organizational Board Meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Rachel Jorgensen, second by Tessa Koisti to approve the January Treasurer's Report and January payroll and District bills in the amount of \$250,343.45. Motion passed unanimously.

Comments from Visitors:

1. Kari Christiansen, Spanish Club Advisor, and students requested a charter bus to bring students traveling to Spain from Bemidji to MSP airport and back upon their return. They will be traveling to Spain March 31, 2024 and return April 6, 2024. The Spanish Club has fundraised over \$40,000 towards this trip.

Directors' Forum:

1. Mary Thayer, Dawn Jensen, and Jake Neft thanked the FFA for facilitating the great community event and dinner on February 5, 2024. Tim Eggebraaten presented to students during the day and to the community that evening. Jensen relayed was a delicious meal and great speaker and message. Neft also commented on the sausage patties the meats class made in school.

Committee Reports:

1. Dawn Jensen reported the Finance Committee met January 24, 2024.

Principal's Report:

1. Principal Sherri Dahl relayed a Teacher Development Day will be held tomorrow, February 16, 2024, where Beltrami Sheriff Department and Beltrami Public Health will present to staff.
2. A Tribal Consultation meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2024. Rachel Jorgensen and Tessa Koisti volunteered to serve as a Tribal Consultation Committee and attend meeting. Rachel Jorgensen attended last year's meeting.

Superintendent's Report:

1. Superintendent Paul Grams gave an enrollment update – current count is 303 students K through Grade 12, 340 total students including Early Childhood.
2. Kelliher Kids Childcare Center requested a meeting to discuss wage increases. Mary Thayer, Jake Neft, and Dawn Jensen volunteered to serve as a Early Childhood Center Committee and attend meeting.
3. READ Act update was given, stating that additional training will be given to teachers and reading staff in grades K-6.
4. Purchasing NextLevel curriculum and hiring speaker Jeremy Anderson was discussed for students and staff for FY25 school year.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve Resolution accepting donations.
2. Second reading of the 2024-25 school calendar.
3. Approve policies; 604, 613, 616, 618, 620, 621, 624, 708, 709, 806.
4. Approve the 2024 Pay Equity Report.
5. Review the 2024 Annual AIPAC Compliance Overview with a vote of concurrence.
6. Approve cash disbursement of Spanish Club student excess balances to be used for lunch expenses on the trip to Spain next month.
7. Approve four Board to Board open enrollments. One in Pre-K, one in Kindergarten closing grade for future enrollments, and two in seventh grade.

Motion made by Tessa Koisti, seconded by Jake Neft to approve the consent agenda.
Motion passed unanimously.

Action Items:

Approve purchase of Softball Batting Cages.

Motion by Rachel Jorgensen, seconded by Tessa Koisti to approve purchase of Softball Batting Cages and Tent for \$10,059.49. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mary Thayer, seconded by Dawn Jensen to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

The next Regular School Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the School Media Center.