

**IND. SCHOOL DISTRICT #36  
KELLIHER PUBLIC SCHOOL  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 21, 2025**

The School Board of ISD #36, Kelliher, MN met April 21, 2025 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, Dawn Jensen, Kevin Waldo, Tessa Koisti, Jake Neft, and Paul Grams, Superintendent, Ex-Officio. Members absent: None.

Visitors: Shana Dreher, Sherri Dahl, and Aliza Lundin

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

Motion by Kevin Waldo, second by Dawn Jensen to approve the March 17, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Kevin Waldo, second by Rachel Jorgensen to approve the March Treasurer's Report, payroll, and District bills in the amount of \$585,988.66. Motion passed unanimously.

**Comments from Visitors:**

1. Gail Gilman, Minnesota School Boards Association (MSBA), presented on Strategic Planning.

**Directors' Forum:**

1. Kevin Waldo gave kudos to Aliza Lundin for her work on the insurance committee.
2. Tessa Koisti commented on the Nation Honor Society ceremony, Prom, and Senior Class Trip all going well.
3. Dawn Jensen commented how grateful she is that firearm safety is still a part of Kelliher's classroom instruction and thanked all involved.
4. Mary Thayer relayed the great support shown at the FFA Alumni Banquet this year, commented on a great Prom, thanked all those supporting the Easter Egg Hunt, and congratulated music students on their Large Group Ensemble Contest.

**Committee Reports:**

1. The Old School Committee met on March 27, 2025 to open bids for bathroom remodel project.
2. KEA Negotiations met on March 26, 2025. Negotiating members attending included Justin Lundin, Curtis Lundin, Jake Neft, Kevin Waldo, Mary Thayer, and Paul Grams. Next meeting to be determined.
3. The Sports Coop met on March 20 and April 9, 2025 regarding students participating in 2 sports concurrently during the spring. There are 3 students with arrangements in place for primary and secondary spring sport participation.
4. The Health Insurance Committee met on March 19 and April 9, 2025 to discuss bids and selection process. Union member overall majority votes selected health insurance recommendation of renewing with MN PEIP.

**Principal's Report:**

1. Principal Sherri Dahl relayed the Band & Choir was at Bemidji State University on April 16, 2025 for Large Group Ensemble.
2. The Family & Consumer Science class went to Fargo, ND for a career exploration day.
3. MCA testing is now complete, aside from make-up tests needed.
4. Math Masters for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade will be competing on April 25, 2025.
5. On April 30, 2025 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will be visiting the Forest History Center in Grand Rapids, MN.
6. Awards Celebration and Athletic Banquet are both on May 14, 2025.
7. Pre-K Graduation and last day of school for both early childhood programs is May 16, 2025.
8. The Senior Meal is May 18, 2025.

**Superintendent's Report:**

1. Superintendent Paul Grams gave an enrollment update - Early Childhood has 31, K-6 is at 149, 7-12 is at 135, total is 315 students.
2. The need for replacement uniforms to comply with new MSHSL color requirements was relayed. Girls Basketball were on rotation to need new uniforms already; Football uniforms are only 1 year old and will also need replacement.
3. The Early Childhood Special Education Teacher position was discussed to hire full-time position for birth-2nd grade in place of partial time contracted position with special ed coop, BRIC.
4. A discussion was held for board members and this year's graduation, where Kevin Waldo will hand out diplomas.

5. A request for city campground guests to use the school playground was accepted by the board.

**Consent Agenda:**

1. Approve Resolution accepting donations.
2. Approve move to Custodian II lane of the KSS master agreement for Zach Eitenmiller.
3. Approve the 2025-26 School Calendar.
4. Approve agreement with Carly Amsden to move to step 14 and 15 for FY 26 and FY 27.
5. Approve contract with School Principal Sherri Dahl for FY 26 and FY 27.
6. Approve resignation of Assistant Softball Coach Riley Gilge.
7. Approve hire of Dan Alto as Assistant Softball Coach.
8. Approve hire of Taylor Sears as Junior High Softball Coach.
9. Approve hire of English Teacher Quinn Christianson at the BA-0 of the KEA bargaining agreement.

Motion made by Dawn Jensen, seconded by Kevin Waldo to approve the consent agenda.  
Motion passed unanimously.

**Action Items:**

1. Approve Board-to-Board Enrollments.

Motion by Kevin Waldo, seconded by Dawn Jensen to approve 1 student in 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, 2 students in 6<sup>th</sup> grade, and 2 students in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Accept Bathroom Remodel Bid.

Item fails for lack of a motion.

3. Health Insurance Selection.

Motion by Kevin Waldo, seconded by Rachel Jorgensen to select renewal bid from MN PEIP effective July 1, 2025 as District health insurance. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Kevin Waldo, second by Tessa Koisti to close the meeting at 8:46 p.m. as permitted under MN Statute 13D.03 in order to discuss negotiations strategies for Kelliher Education Minnesota (KEA). Motion passed unanimously.

Motion Rachel Jorgensen, seconded by Kevin Waldo to open and adjourn the meeting at 9:26 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

The next Regular School Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 19, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Kelliher School Media Center.