

**IND. SCHOOL DISTRICT #36  
KELLIHER PUBLIC SCHOOL  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 13, 2023**

The School Board of ISD #36, Kelliher, MN met April 13, 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, Dawn Jensen, and Paul Grams, Superintendent, Ex-Officio. Members absent: None.

Visitors: Amy Mastin, Cynthia Celander, Shana Dreher, Jeannie Jean, Kayla Smischney, Marcus Johnson, Riley Neft, Evan Waldo, Mike Mastin, and Aliza Lundin.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion by Tessa Koisti, second by Dawn Jensen to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Rachel Jorgensen, second by Mary Thayer to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2023 regular and organizational board meetings. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Dawn Jensen, second by Tessa Koisti to approve the March Treasurer's Report and March payroll and District bills in the amount of \$337,793.17. Motion passed unanimously.

**Comments from Visitors:**

1. Senior Class Advisor Kayla Smischney presented plans for the Senior Class Trip scheduled for April 16-18, 2023 in Minneapolis, MN and requested to take school vehicle as transportation.
2. FFA/Ag Club Advisor Amy Mastin recapped Kelliher Cattle Company startup, Agriculture Classes, and FFA program.

**Directors' Forum:**

1. Mary Thayer commented on the successful Egg Hunt put on by 4 students raising money to attend the trip to Spain for Spanish Club and gave a special thanks to Calvin Mayers for the help setting up.
2. Dawn Jansen commented on the variety of activities Kelliher students are able to attend such as theaters an plays and the Science Center.

3. Tessa Koisti, Rachel Jorgensen, and Jake Neft thanked all those involved in the Egg Hunt this year.

**Committee Reports:**

1. Discussion continued on Littlefork collaborative for the North Central Stars Football team made up of Kelliher, Northome, and Littlefork students. Students grades 8-12 between the schools are above the threshold to be able to play 9-man football so the committee will be deciding between switching to 11-man or dissolving the North Center Stars collaborative.

**Principal's Report:**

1. Principal Sherri Dahl gave an update on 2023 Prom. Venue will be Northern Escape for all prom activities. No personal vehicles will be allowed at the venue for post prom; school transportation or pickup will be required for students attending.
2. The 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip will be in the cities visiting the Capital and other activities.
3. The Mayfest Concert will be held May 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
4. There was a Career Fair at the Blackduck School that 11 & 12th grade students attended.
5. MCA Testing will begin this week for grades 3-8, 10, 11.

**Superintendent's Report:**

1. Superintendent Paul Grams gave an update to the 2023-24 Pre-School and Pre-K calendar, highlighting the main change, which is school days will be Tuesday through Friday with Mondays off instead of Fridays.
2. An enrollment update was given to the board, currently 338 students.
3. State FFA Convention is April 23-25, 2023 and 6 students will be attending and staying overnight.
4. Rachel Jorgensen volunteered for the Gibbons and Alumni scholarship committee.
5. This year's Senior Meal will be held Sunday, May 21, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.
6. The MSHSL Banquet is scheduled for Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at Northome School.

**Consent Agenda:**

1. Approve Resolution accepting donations
2. Approve the 2023-24 school year calendar.
3. Approve Student's Council Advisor resignation from Pennie Rude.
4. Approve opening School Counselor position beginning 2023-24 school year.
5. Approve opening Elementary Math Interventionist (ADSIS) position beginning 2023-24 school year.

6. Approve hiring Riley Gilge for Assistant Softball Coach.
7. Approve American Indian Parent Advisory Committee Annual Resolution.

Motion made by Tessa Koisti, seconded by Rachel Jorgensen to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

**Action Items:**

1. Approve Early Retirement of Kristi Pink.

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

Motion by Rachel Jorgensen, seconded by Mary Thayer to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

The next Regular School Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the School Media Center.