

**IND. SCHOOL DISTRICT #36  
KELLIHER PUBLIC SCHOOL  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 17, 2025**

The School Board of ISD #36, Kelliher, MN met February 12, 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: Jeff Nelson, Calvin Mayers, Shana Dreher, Kate Thayer, Beth Skoe, Pennie Rude, Billy Jack Schoenborn, Payton Neft, Aarion Lyons, Sherri Dahl, Aliza Lundin and Daren Sievers (remote).

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion by Kevin Waldo, second by Tessa Koisti to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Rachel Jorgensen, second by Dawn Jensen to approve the February 12, 2025 Regular and Working Session Board Meeting Minutes and February 19 & 25, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Kevin Waldo, second by Rachel Jorgensen to approve the February Treasurer's Report, February payroll, and District bills in the amount of \$581,897.49. Motion passed unanimously.

**Comments from Visitors:**

1. The Junior Class requested \$500 in lieu of providing transportation for 2025 Prom and Post Prom.
2. The Senior Class requested transportation to/from their Senior Class Trip.
3. Daren Sievers presented community survey options.

**Directors' Forum:**

1. Dawn Jensen congratulated Robotics Coach Susan Wachtler on her recent award and the Bog Bots on their competition in Grand Forks, ND.

2. Rachel Jorgensen congratulated the Girls Basketball Team on their school record advancement in playoffs this year and welcomed incoming superintendent Jeff Nelson to the board meeting.
3. Mary Thayer thanked the board for being able to attend the MSBA Leadership Training in Erskine, gave kudos to the Junior Class for putting on Mini Prom for elementary students, congratulated Girls and Boys Basketball teams on their seasons, congratulated our 2 state-qualifiers for the KOC Free Throw Contest, and congratulated our music program for the participation in the Ensemble contests.

**Committee Reports:**

1. The Old School Committee will met on March 27, 2025 to sign off on bathroom renovation plans.

**Principal's Report:**

1. Principal Sherri Dahl shared information on the PBIS celebration for elementary and high school students.
2. Relayed National Honor Society induction will be on March 27, 2025 at 2:15 p.m.
3. Parent-Teacher Conferences will be evening of March 27, 2025.
4. On March 28, 2025 Teacher Workshop and Conferences from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.
5. End of Quarter 3 March 21, 2025.
6. Elementary students saw the movie "Wild Robot" at the Blackduck Movie Theater.
7. ACT testing began March 12 and will run through March 19, 2025.
8. ADSIS application has been submitted.
9. A & I application has been submitted.

**Superintendent's Report:**

1. Superintendent Paul Grams gave an enrollment update - Early Childhood has 31, K-6 is at 151, 7-12 is at 137, total is 319 students.
2. Board Retreat with new Superintendent was discussed, to be held in June or July with goals, strength and weakness areas, help start off with a supportive relationship and discuss the community survey results.
3. KEA Negotiations scheduled to be Wednesday, March 26 at 5:00 p.m.
4. An FCS department grant opportunity for classroom renovations was discussed.

**Consent Agenda:**

1. Approve Resolution accepting donations.
2. Approve LETRS MOU with KEA.
3. Second reading of the 2025-26 School Calendar.

4. Set committee for contract renewal meetings for Business Manager, Principal, Dean of Students, and Interventionist/Liaison – Dawn Jensen, Rachel Jorgensen, and Tessa Koisti.
5. Approve sending out a request for proposal for a primary food vendor for the school.
6. Approve bus purchase of bus for \$142,522.09 from North Central International DBA Heglund Bus Co.
7. Approve purchase of Elementary lockers from Scholastic Equipment for \$43,626.20 plus \$11,575.00 = \$55,201.20 for installation. Other quote was \$65,000.00
8. Approve Bathroom Stalls purchase and installation from Scholastic & Emerald for \$23,486.
9. Approve board to board open enrollments as presented and discussed for the 2025-26 school year.

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

#### **Action Items:**

1. Select Audit Firm.

Motion by Kevin Waldo, seconded by Jake Neft to approve selection of Abdo Solutions for audit firm beginning FY25 school year. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Superintendent Contract.

Motion by Kevin Waldo, seconded by Rachel Jorgensen to approve two-year contract with Jeff Nelson for superintendent of schools for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 school years.  
Motion passed unanimously.

3. Position Increase.

Motion by Jake Neft, seconded by Mary Thayer to increase employment for Courtney Moyer to full-time teacher beginning 2025-26 school year. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Data Analysis Software.

Motion by Rachel Jorgensen, seconded by Kevin Waldo to approve purchase of Educlimber, 3-year contract, for approx. \$8,000 per year. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Kevin Waldo, seconded by Dawn Jensen to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

The next Regular School Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 21, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Kelliher School Media Center.