

**IND. SCHOOL DISTRICT #36  
KELLIHER PUBLIC SCHOOL  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
MAY 9, 2024**

The School Board of ISD #36, Kelliher, MN met May 9, 2024 in the School Media Center. The meeting was called to order by Chair Frank Duresky at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Rachel Jorgensen, Dawn Jensen, Tessa Koisti and Paul Grams, Superintendent, Ex-Officio. Members absent: Mary Thayer and Jake Neft.

Visitors: Sherri Dahl.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

Motion by Tessa Koisti, second by Dawn Jensen to approve the April 11, 2024 Regular Board Meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Rachel Jorgensen, second by Dawn Jensen to approve the April Treasurer's Report and April payroll and District bills in the amount of \$300,901.98. Motion passed unanimously.

**Comments from Visitors:**

1. None.

**Directors' Forum:**

1. Dawn Jensen commented on the good work done with roadside clean-up, cemetery clean-up, and also a thank you to those involved in setting up the Forest History Center field trip in Grand Rapids, MN.
2. All board members shared their appreciation and thanks to teachers for the work and dedication they contribute each day.
3. Rachel Jorgensen extended a thank you to all those responsible for taking the 5th and 6th graders to Wolf Ridge.

**Committee Reports:**

1. Dawn Jensen reported that the Annual BRIC Meeting went well.

**Principal's Report:**

1. Principal Sherri Dahl shared the Senior Meal will be at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 19, 2024.
2. The Athletics Banquet will be held on Wednesday, May 15, 2024 in the evening for students that earned letters in their sports .
3. The Awards Celebration is 8:30 a.m. on May 15, 2024.
4. Kindergarten Transition Day will be tomorrow, May 10, 2024 and Graduation for the current Kindergarten is 11:00 a.m. on Friday, May 24, 2024. The Kindergarten Transition Day will be for the 4-year-olds in the Pre-Kindergarten room coming over to the main school to tour the different rooms, art, cafeteria, etc.
5. An Incentive Trip for students in grades 7-12 with no discipline referrals, good attendance, good grades, etc. is scheduled for May 22, 2024 to Valleyfair. About 30 students will be attending.
6. Seniors are going to eat at West Wind Resort after Graduation Practice on Friday, May 24, 2024.
7. Graduation is at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 25, 2024 at Kelliher School. Mary Thayer will be handing out diplomas.
8. The Wolf Ridge field trip for 5th & 6th grade will be May 8-10, 2024.

**Superintendent's Report:**

1. Superintendent Paul Grams gave an enrollment update – current count is 302 students K through Grade 12, 338 total students including Early Childhood.
2. Donations are being collected by staff for Senior Blankets.
3. Un update was given for the SEVP - Student Exchange Visitor Program application. Kelliher looking to become a certified school for exchange students (still pending), once approved Kelliher will be able to accept enrollment of foreign exchange students.
4. The Teacher Appreciation Week that Student Council put on was relayed, which included special activities every day to recognize teachers in a special way.

**Consent Agenda:**

1. Approve Resolution accepting donations.
2. Approve hire of Laetitia Wickham, Grades 7-12 Mathematics Teacher, at BS+10, Step 1 of the Education Minnesota - Kelliher Master Agreement.
3. Approve hiring of Mark Lundin as a ten-month Custodian I, at Step 1 of the Education Minnesota - Kelliher Support Staff Master Agreement.
4. Approve the hire of Taylor Heidelberg, Elementary Teacher, at MS, Step 0 placement of the Education Minnesota - Kelliher Master Agreement.

5. Accept resignation of Rachel Spray; Secondary Mathematics Teacher, Girls Assistant Varsity Basketball Coach, and Student Council Co-Advisor.
6. Approve the hire of Dave Christianson, Grades 5-12 Band Teacher, at the MS, Step 18 Placement of the Education Minnesota - Kelliher Master Agreement.

Motion made by Dawn Jensen, seconded by Tessa Koisti to approve the consent agenda.  
Motion passed unanimously.

**Action Items:**

1. Approve Policy 509 Enrollment of Nonresident Students.

Motion by Tessa Koisti, seconded by Rachel Jorgensen to approve Policy 509. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Approve two (2) board-to-board open enrollment students in grades 7 and 10.

Motion by Rachel Jorgensen, seconded by Dawn Jensen to approve two (2) board-to-board open enrollment students. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Tessa Koisti, seconded by Dawn Jensen to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

The next Regular School Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 13, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the School Media Center.