

IND. SCHOOL DISTRICT #36  
KELLIHER PUBLIC SCHOOL  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 8, 2011

The School Board of ISD #36, Kelliher, MN met December 8, 2011, in the school media center. The meeting was called to order by Chair Frank Duresky at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Ed Gehlert, Ed Anderson, Barbara Woltjer, Peggy Vollhaber, Frank Duresky, Jerry Geerdes and Tim Lutz, Superintendent, Ex-Officio. Members absent: None.

Visitors: Bridget Stomberg, Ryan Stomberg, Jeremy Erickson, Tim Franks, Amanda Fisher, Beth Anderson, Kelly Metzler and Laura Nelson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

The board chair opened the meeting for the Truth in Taxation meeting. Since there was no one in the audience to address the board regarding the 2011 payable 2012 property tax levy, the Truth in Taxation meeting was closed and the regular meeting continued.

Motion by Ed Gehlert, second by Ed Anderson to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2011 regular meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Barb Woltjer, second by Peggy Vollhaber to approve the Treasurer's reports and December bills in the amount of \$107,079.27. Motion passed unanimously.

**Comments from Visitors:**

Bridget Stomberg addressed the board and thanked them for their support of the school/community production of "It's a Wonderful Life". She then addressed the board and distributed information on the possibility of adding one-act play and speech as extra-curricular offerings in the district.

**Positive Feedback:**

Congratulations to the students who made the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter honor roll: **DISTINGUISHED HONOR ROLL:** Grade 8 – Lindsey Duresky; Grade 9 – Shannon Head; Grade 10 – Mark Geerdes and Kelly Heck; Grade 11 – Shelene Head, Katey Lutz and Cassie Vollhaber; Grade 12 – Alisha Gehlert. **A HONOR ROLL:** Grade 7 – Kaitlyn Jorgensen, Matthew Metzler, Sydney Preston, Conner Rennemo, Savannah Thibert and Jennifer Wickham; Grade 8 – Philip Anderson, Christina Grundmeier, Megan Hudec, Joseph Weidenborner and Jeremy Wickham; Grade 9 – Cheyenne Franks, Steven Mayers, Breanna Salmonson and Dylan Villaran; Grade 10 – Carrieann Mortenson and Paula Pearsall; Grade 11 – Mandy Pula and Johanna Weidenborner; Grade 12 – Tim Franks, Jon Hand, Kisha Heck, Danielle Nistler and Reed Rennemo. **B HONOR ROLL:** Grade 8 – Breanna Corbin, Xenia Hillman and Cole Koisti; Grade 9 – Nathan Anderson and Mitchell Nistler; Grade 10 – Brenin Head; Grade 11 – Chelsey Adams, Courtney Adams, Wyatt Jensen, Tanner Salmonson and Rhonda Schuh; Grade 12 – Amanda Fisher, Troy Poxleitner, Joe Schuh, Renae Swanson and Rachel Washenberger.

Congratulations to the students of the month for November: Elementary – Kailyn Martin; Middle Level – Savannah Thibert and High School – Cassie Vollhaber.

The Kelliher School District's YouTube video will be presented at the upcoming PBIS conference.

A letter was received from a math teacher in the Brainerd school district requesting our help in developing a math curriculum.

**Dean of Students' Report:** None

**Committee Reports:** None

**Superintendent's Report:**

1. Superintendent Lutz updated the board on the work at the Old School Center nearing completion.
2. The board was informed that 9 or 10 choir students will be attending honor choir at Concordia College in Moorhead.
3. Discussion was held regarding putting action on the addition of a one-act play program and a speech program at the Kelliher School on the agenda. Motion by Ed Gehlert, second by Ed Anderson to add them to the agenda as F-6. Motion passed unanimously.
4. There will be an open house at the Kelliher Library and Information Center on the 21<sup>st</sup> of December.
5. Superintendent Lutz informed the board that he has been contacted by a dentist from Bigfork about the possibility of a satellite office at the Old School Center.
6. Superintendent Lutz informed the board that due to the number of students in Early Childhood with special needs, BRIC is requesting the district hire a Special Education paraprofessional. Motion by Ed Anderson, second by Jerry Geerdes to add the request to the agenda as F-7. Motion passed unanimously.
7. The possibility of adding an Ojibwe language curriculum as an enrichment program was discussed, with the board requesting the administration to do additional research in ways that it may be accomplished.
8. Superintendent Lutz informed the board that there has been a request from Judy Ross to be able to offer piano lessons in the school.
9. The date of the January board meeting will have to be rescheduled due to conflicts with the MN School Boards Association annual conference. January 9<sup>th</sup> was set for the next regular meeting.
10. Superintendent Lutz informed the board that Dave Hanson recommended that the district should consider purchasing a new bus this year, in addition to possibly trading in one or both SUVs.

**Consent Agenda:** None

**Action Items:**

Motion by Ed Gehlert, second by Barb Woltjer, to approve a double lane change for next year as requested at the November meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Jerry Geerdes, second by Barb Woltjer to hire Beth Anderson a Title I

paraprofessional for 6.75 hours/day, at A-2, step 1 for \$10.05/hour. Voting yes: Ed Gehlert, Barb Woltjer, Peggy Vollhaber, Frank Duresky and Jerry Geerdes. Abstain: Ed Anderson. Motion passed.

Motion by Ed Gehlert, second by Ed Anderson to allow Judy Ross to use the school building in order to give piano lessons. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Peggy Vollhaber, second by Ed Gehlert to certify the 2011 Payable 2012 property tax levy for \$392,751.56. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Frank Duresky, second by Barb Woltjer to hire Matt Hanson as assistant girls' basketball coach at 9%, BS Step 5 for \$3,561.75. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Ed Gehlert, second by Ed Anderson to add one-act play and speech as MSHSL extra-curricular activities for the 2011-12 school year. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Peggy Vollhaber, second by Barb Woltjer, to authorize the administration to hire an Early Childhood Special Education paraprofessional for 3 days/week. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Jerry Geerdes, second by Ed Gehlert to close the meeting at 8:09 p.m. as permitted under MN Statute 13D.03 to discuss strategy for negotiations with Education Minnesota-Kelliher. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Jerry Geerdes, second by Frank Duresky, to open the meeting and adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

The reorganizational and regular board meeting will be held January 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the school media center.