

**IND. SCHOOL DISTRICT #36
KELLIHER PUBLIC SCHOOL
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MAY 12, 2011**

The School Board of ISD #36, Kelliher, MN met May 12, 2011, in the Kelliher School Media Center. The meeting was called to order by Chair Frank Duresky at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Frank Duresky, Peggy Vollhaber, Ed Gehlert, Jerry Geerdes and Barbara Woltjer and Tim Lutz, Superintendent, Ex-Officio. Members absent: Ed Anderson.

Visitors: Maureen Smischney, Jude Smischney, Vicky Rabe, Katey Lutz, Calvin Mayers, Linda Dreher, Katey Lutz, Carey Grundmeier, Christina Grundmeier, Alyssa Daken, Alexis Daken, Katey Lutz, Wendy Carlson, Mary Lundin and Laura Nelson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion by Ed Gehlert, second by Barb Woltjer to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2011 regular meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Peggy Vollhaber, second by Barb Woltjer to accept the Treasurer's report and approve the May bills in the amount of \$77,005.59. Motion passed unanimously.'

Comments from Visitors:

Katey Lutz, Alyssa Daken, Christina Grundmeier and Vicky Rabe thanked the board for their support to the FCCLA state conference and requested funding of \$1,400 for 4 students plus advisor expenses to attend the FCCLA national conference. The board indicated support for their request, to be voted on later in the meeting.

Alexis Daken and Carey Grundmeier complimented Vicky Rabe and the FCCLA program for the excellent opportunities their children have experienced.

Maureen Smischney addressed the board regarding her desire to retire at the end of this year with a negotiated retirement package from the district. Discussion ensued on the legalities of the district negotiating any retirement package at this time, with both sides citing advice from MSBA and Education Minnesota.

Wendy Carlson presented the board with a pre-negotiations survey and informed the board that the first meeting scheduled for May 16 will need to be postponed.

Positive Feedback:

Congratulations to the FCCLA program for their performance at state:

Bronze: Lindsey Duresky, Xenia Hillman and Sierra Heck – Focus on Children, Jr.; Chelsey Adams and Courtney Adams – Illustrated Talk, Sr.

Silver: Shelene Head and Mandy Pula – Focus on Children, Sr.

Gold: Kelly Heck and Carrieann Mortenson – See What We've Done, Jr.; Rebekah Anderson and Johanna Weidenborner – Environmental Ambassadors, Sr..

Gold and a call back: Mitchell Nistler, Joseph Weidenborner and Phillip Anderson – Illustrated Talk, Jr.

Gold and alternates to the National Leadership Conf.: Megan Hudec, Alyssa Daken and Christina Grundmeier – entrepreneurship, Jr.; Mark Geerdes, Brenin Head and Jarrett

Burns – National Programs in Action, Jr.; Kristi Geerdes, Caitlyn Duresky and Megan Poxleitner – Chapter Service Manual, Sr..

Gold and advancing to the National Leadership Conf.: Katey Lutz – Focus on Children, Sr.

Congratulations to the Kelliher School District on receiving the 2011 School Finance Award from the MN Dept. of Education.

Thank you to Danny Persons for providing and installing the carpet in the community library.

Dean of Students' Report:

1. Seniors are currently on their class trip to the Twin Cities.
2. 5th-11th grade students and staff will be doing community and ditch clean-up tomorrow, along with planting 500 trees in the school forest.
3. Attendance has been excellent this year, with the 1st and 5th grades over 97% for the school year.

Committee Reports:

1. Superintendent Lutz has been elected to the Region 8A MSHSL committee.

Superintendent's Report:

1. The current draft of the 2011-12 master schedule was presented to the board.
2. All members of the class of 2011 are on track to graduate on May 28.
3. Commencement ceremony will be held at 2:00 on May 28th.
4. Discussion held on the changing the time of the board meetings during the summer months. Board meetings will be held at 8:00 instead of 7:00 for June, July & August.
5. Superintendent Lutz requested the date for the June board meeting be changed due to scheduling conflicts. The board meeting for June will be held Thursday, June 2 at 8:00 p.m.
6. Policy 532 was presented to the board, with the first reading later in the meeting.
7. Information on School within a School was discussed, with the board being asked to formally support it with a vote later in the meeting.
8. Superintendent Lutz informed the board that he has not as of yet received any suitable applicants for the art position.
9. The district has received the health insurance renewal rates and the insurance committee will be meeting on Monday to discuss them.
10. Discussion was held regarding contracting out for lawn mowing services this summer due to having one of the district's full-time custodians on leave of absence.
11. Superintendent Lutz updated the board on the ESG proposal for the energy savings project.
12. The school district is purchasing 40 i-Pads for instructional programs.
13. Superintendent Lutz informed the board that some staff members have donated money towards purchasing a special gift for each of the graduating seniors and gave the board an opportunity to donate also.

14. MAP testing scores from fall, winter and spring of this year were shown to the board, showing excellent growth in reading and math in all grades tested.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Ed Gehlert, second by Frank Duresky, to approve the second reading of Policy #714 – Fund Balances. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Ed Gehlert, second by Peggy Vollhaber to approve the first reading of Policy #532 – Restrictive Procedures. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Jerry Geerdes, second by Barb Woltjer to approve graduating the Class of 2011. Motion passed unanimously.

Action Items:

Motion by Barb Woltjer, second by Ed Gehlert to approve the School within a School program for the 2011-12 school year. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Ed Gehlert, second by Barb Woltjer to explore raising the enrollment caps in the 7th and 8th grades. During discussion, the motion was dropped and the issue was tabled for further exploration and information from the administration.

Motion by Jerry Geerdes, second by Peggy Vollhaber to approve 2011-12 membership in the Minnesota State High School League. Motion passed unanimously.

Action on hiring an art teacher was removed from the agenda due to no applicants.

Motion by Frank Duresky, second by Ed Gehlert to approve the following board to board agreements for the 2011-12 school year: from Red Lake to Kelliher – Calen Sumner (K), David Seki (gr. 4), Salena King (gr. 5), Michael Seki (gr. 5), Shayla French (gr. 5), Ethan Kingbird (gr. 5), Anthony King (gr. 6) and Maria Crow (gr. 7). Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Jerry Geerdes, second by Ed Gehlert to close the meeting at 9:00 p.m. as permitted under MN Statute 13D.03 for the purpose of discussing negotiations strategy with EdMN-Kelliher. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Ed Gehlert, second by Jerry Geerdes to open the meeting and adjourn at 9:45 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Next regular meeting of the board will be held at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, June 2, 2011.