**IND. SCHOOL DISTRICT #36**

**KELLIHER PUBLIC SCHOOL**

**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

**MAY 13, 2021**

The School Board of ISD #36, Kelliher, MN met May 13, 2021 in the School Media Center. The meeting was called to order by Chair Frank Duresky at 6:58 p.m. Members present: Frank Duresky, Kevin Waldo, Tessa Koisti, Dan Persons, Dawn Jensen, and Paul Grams, Superintendent, Ex-Officio. Members absent: Rachel Jorgensen.

Visitors: Chase Pink, Kristi Stomberg, Ryan Stomberg, Jody Waldo, Jen Mostad, Amy Mastin, John Eggers, Mary Thayer, Jake Neft, Sherri Dahl, and Aliza Lundin.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

Motion by Dan Persons, second by Kevin Waldo to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2021 regular board meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Tessa Koisti, second by Dawn Jensen to approve the April Treasurer’s Report and April District and Student Activity bills in the amount of $200,038.45. Motion passed unanimously.

**Comments from Visitors**:

1. John Eggers presented graduation rate statistics for Minnesota and Beltrami County. He relayed that Kelliher Public School has the highest graduation rate of the county, and had 100% graduation rate for the 2016-17 school year. The average graduation rate for Beltrami County is 65%. Eggers congratulated the board and administration for this accomplishment.
2. Amy Mastin proposed the creation of an Ag Club for the Kelliher Cattle Company, along with a second course for students to take following Intro to Ag. A recap of the year’s activities for the class was also presented.
3. Jody Waldo discussed concerns regarding masking within the school.
4. Mary Thayer discussed concerns regarding masking within the school.
5. Kristi Stomberg inquired on teacher assignments for the 2021-22 school year.
6. Ryan Stomberg expressed concerns regarding work environment and administration within Kelliher School.

**Directors’ Forum**:

1. Dawn Jensen congratulated the Kelliher School Robotics team “Bog Bots #6453” for receiving 3rd place at the recent Sanford Center meet. Congratulations also went to Kelliher High School Math Teacher Chelsey Rorie for receiving KEA Teacher of the Year for the 2020-21 school year. Jensen also thanked the students for their recent roadside cleanup efforts along Highway 72 and West Wind for providing lunch for the students participating.

**Committee Reports**:

1. Dawn Jensen and Superintendent Paul Grams attended the BRIC Annual Council meeting remotely. Last year, 2020, marked BRIC’s 50th year in business and it was noted that Kelliher School was among the 17 original districts.
2. KEA, Superintendent Paul Grams, and the board committee had their first meeting regarding negotiations for their upcoming contract renewal prior to the board meeting.

**Principal’s Report**:

1. Principal Sherri Dahl read a thank you note received from the 11th grade class in regards to the transportation and any donations received for their 2021 Prom / Post-Prom events.
2. The Robotics team was again recognized for their recent competition placing 3rd place.
3. The Senior Class Trip took place in Grand Forks, ND this year.
4. Kelliher/Northome Prom and Post-Prom activities went well this year given the restrictions in place.
5. Graduation Plans were relayed to the board members regarding family seating in chairs in the large gym and public seating in the bleachers with attendees masked and socially distanced by household.
6. Another Pause Day was held on April 23rd where students were able to catch up on work and those eligible participated in highway cleanup in Waskish, MN with a lunch provided by West Wind Resort.
7. Salutatorian Rileigh Hughes and Valedictorian Riley Dreher of the senior class were announced.

**Superintendent’s Report:**

1. Superintendent Paul Grams discussed the upcoming Summer School programming plans for grades K-7 coordinated by Counselor Carly Amsden. There are currently 52 students, 4 teachers, and 4 paraprofessionals signed up to attend.
2. Newly hired positions for 2021-22 were discussed and the remaining open positions.
3. Information for Board participation in Senior graduation blankets was relayed.
4. Teachers obtaining tenure were announced as follows: Alisa Skaar (Science/FCS), Curtis Lundin (Grade 4), and Kayla Smischney (Grade 6).

**Consent Agenda:**

1. Approve Resolution accepting donations.
2. Final reading of Indian Ed. Liaison job description.
3. Approve maternity leave request from Oct. 26, 2021 through Jan. 24, 2022 for K-12 Spanish Teacher, Kari Christiansen.
4. Approve eight open enrollments for 2021-22 School Year.
5. Accept resignation as advisor of Close Up and FCCLA Assistant from Joalah Webb at the conclusion of this school year.
6. Accept resignation as FCCLA Advisor, Amy Mastin, at the conclusion of this school year.

Motion made by Kevin Waldo, second by Tessa Koisti to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

**Action Items:**

Motion by Kevin Waldo, second by Dawn Jensen to approve hiring Maree Poppenhagen at BA, Step 0 as Elementary Teacher for the 2021-22 school year. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Dan Persons, second Kevin Waldo to approve hiring Samantha Lundin at BA, Step 4 as Elementary Teacher for the 2021-22 school year. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Dawn Jensen, second by Kevin Waldo to approve hiring Alyssa Madsen at B-2-1, Step 1 as Secretary I for the 2021-22 school year, full-time to begin January 2022. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion Dan Persons, second by Kevin Waldo to close the meeting at 7:57 p.m. as permitted under MN Statute 13D.03 in order to discussion negotiations strategies for Education Minnesota -Kelliher (KEA). Motion passed unanimously.

Motion Tessa Koisti, second Kevin Waldo to open the meeting at 8:48 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Kevin Waldo, second by Tessa Koisti to change the next meeting date and time to June 14, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Dan Persons, second by Kevin Waldo to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

The next Regular School Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 14, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. in the School Media Center.