

**IND. SCHOOL DISTRICT #36
KELLIHER PUBLIC SCHOOL
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 2011**

The School Board of ISD #36, Kelliher, MN met November 10, 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: Linda Dreher, Betty Mohs, Judy Krueth, Jeff Brown, Jamie Hand, Frank Hand, Sheila Krueth, Mary Lundin and Laura Nelson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion by Ed Anderson, second by Jerry Geerdes to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2011 regular meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Jerry Geerdes, second by Ed Anderson to approve the Treasurer's reports and November bills in the amount of \$121,931.45. Motion passed unanimously.

Comments from Visitors:

Roy Lunde from Brady-Martz presented the 2010-11 audit.

Sheila Krueth requested that the board consider granting her two lane changes for next year due to the special circumstances of finishing her credits for Special Education licensure so that the district does not have to apply for a variance next year. The board will take her request into consideration.

Positive Feedback:

The Kelliher School was featured in a recent Bemidji Pioneer article highlighting the district's efforts to use Response to Intervention to close the learning gap.

The Kelliher Resource Committee for the Old School Center was recently awarded the Touchstone Energy Award from Beltrami Electric. They will now be considered for a statewide award.

Dean of Students' Report:

1. Attendance continues to be excellent, with all classes at or above 92%.
2. The Student Council Halloween dance was a success.
3. The PBIS committee has developed a program that allows students to be awarded Mustang horseshoes for modeling good behavior. The horseshoes will be put on the wall and it is the goal of the PBIS committee to have a line of horseshoes encompassing the whole building.
4. The Student Council will be attending the NW Division of Student Councils conference in Bemidji next week.
5. Congratulations to the October students of the month: Elementary – Shanelle Head; Middle Level – Sidney Preston and High School – Breanna Salmonson.

Committee Reports:

1. Superintendent Lutz attended the BASC executive board meeting.
2. The Safety Committee met on November 1 and addressed some of the issues presented by MacNeil Environmental and the mock OSHA inspection. Kelliher School was commended on their safety efforts as a whole.
3. There will be a Systems Accountability meeting on November 21st.
4. The negotiations committee met prior to the board meeting and received a counteroffer from Education MN-Kelliher.
5. The board was given information on the MSBA annual conference to be held in Minneapolis in January.

Superintendent's Report:

1. Work continues on the USDA grant and the energy grant. The USDA grant work is nearing completion.
2. The board was given information regarding membership in the MN Rural Education Association (MREA).
3. Northwest Service Coop. and Region are both holding elections to their executive boards.
4. The chiropractor's office is nearing completion in the Old School Center.
5. Superintendent Lutz presented the board with a letter and invoice from Knutson Flynn and Deans, requesting that the board agree to split the remaining legal fees from the DeJean case.
6. Superintendent Lutz explained to the board how the elementary teachers are using RTI (Response to Intervention) in their classrooms and how the addition of two part-time Title I paraprofessionals would be beneficial in helping students improve their reading and math skills in order that they may be at grade level by the third grade.
7. The 5th and 6th grades are requesting to plan another trip to Wolf Ridge this year.
8. The annual Veterans' Day program will be held at the school on November 11, starting at 10:00 a.m. with all area veterans invited to attend.
9. Superintendent Lutz reminded the board that the annual truth-in-taxation meeting will be held as prior to the next regular board meeting on December 8.
10. Parent-Teacher conferences will be held on November 17th and November 21st.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Ed Gehlert, second by Ed Anderson to approve the 2010-11 Report on Curriculum, Instruction and Student Achievement. Motion passed unanimously.

Action Items:

Motion by Peggy Vollhaber, second by Ed Anderson, to approve the payment of legal fees of \$13,135.11 to Knutson, Flynn and Deans. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Ed Gehlert, second by Barb Woltjer, to accept the 2010-2011 audit report. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Jerry Geerdes, second by Peggy Vollhaber, to accept the resignation, with thanks, of Ed Anderson as assistant girls' basketball coach. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Frank Duresky, second by Barb Woltjer, to approve hiring one Title I paraprofessional for the remainder of the 2011-12 school year. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Ed Gehlert, second by Ed Anderson to approve hiring an additional Title I paraprofessional, as requested by the administration, for the remainder of the 2011-12 school year. Voting yes: Ed Gehlert and Ed Anderson. Voting no: Peggy Vollhaber, Frank Duresky, Jerry Geerdes and Barb Woltjer. Motion failed.

Motion by Peggy Vollhaber, second by Ed Gehlert to approve membership in the MN Rural Education Association for \$1,263. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Peggy Vollhaber, second by Jerry Geerdes to close the meeting at 8:07 p.m. as permitted under MN Statute 13D.03 to discuss strategy for negotiations with Education Minnesota-Kelliher. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Peggy Vollhaber, second by Ed Anderson, to open the meeting and adjourn at 8:37 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

The next regular board meeting will be held December 8, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the school media center.