

**IND. SCHOOL DISTRICT #36
KELLIHER PUBLIC SCHOOL
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2014**

The School Board of ISD #36, Kelliher, MN met September 11, 2014 in the school media center. The meeting was called to order by Chair Frank Duresky at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Ed Gehlert, Barbara Woltjer, Dawn Jensen, Frank Duresky, David Nistler, Jerry Geerdes and Tim Lutz, Superintendent, Ex-Officio. Members absent: None.

Visitors: Laurie Bitter, Bob Hoyum, Dave Hanson, Calvin Mayers, Mary Lundin and Laura Nelson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion by Jerry Geerdes, second by Dave Nistler to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2014 regular board meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Barb Woltjer, second by Ed Gehlert to approve the Treasurer's reports and September bills in the amount of \$132,238.61 and bills paid between the August and September meetings in the amount of \$4,579.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Comments from Visitors: None.

Positive Feedback:

1. Thank you to Kris McGregor for donating books to the Kelliher School Media Center valued at \$2,980.00.
2. The school organized a benefit for the Mike Jorgensen family and raised \$6,318.00 from a tailgate meal, football ticket sales, concession sales and split the pot.
3. The school district received a Certificate of Approval for the school forest.

Directors Forum:

1. Barb Woltjer requested the Minnesota flag in the front of the school be replaced.
2. Dawn Jensen had concerns regarding the school district website and keeping it updated.
3. Frank Duresky had questions regarding the 8:15 start for high school students.
4. Dave Nistler had questions regarding this year's current enrollment.
5. Jerry Geerdes suggested that since there were 5 candidates running for school board perhaps a public forum be held.

Principal's Report:

1. The school year is off to a great start.

2. Homecoming will be held next Friday, with voting for candidates taking place on Friday, Sept. 12, with coronation to take place on Monday, Sept. 15. New this year will be the homecoming varsity volleyball game held in Kelliher on Friday afternoon.
3. Kelliher staff took part in the ALS Ice Bucket challenge last week. Proceeds will be split between ALS and the Jorgensen family.

Committee Reports:

1. The IEPAC committee met on Wednesday, September 10.

Superintendent's Report:

1. Board members were given an update on the current enrollment.
2. Copies of the proposed 2014 payable 2015 property tax levy were given to the board. Discussion was held on the amount to certify later in the meeting.
3. Superintendent Lutz reported that a tentative settlement has been reached with EdMN-KSS, for approval by the board later in the meeting.
4. Superintendent Lutz presented the Resolution of Concurrence with the IEPAC committee and the board acknowledged the fact that the tribal leaders and parents concur with the District's educational programs offered to our Indian students.
5. Laurie Bitter updated the board on upcoming STAR training and explained what STAR is all about.
6. The board was given an update on the Students First program.
7. Laurie Bitter informed the board that interviews had been held for the early childhood paraprofessional position and they are recommending hiring Desirae Poxleitner for the position.
8. Interviews for the elementary paraprofessional position will be held next week.
9. HRDC informed the district that they are planning on visiting another biomass facility in the near future if there was any interest from any of the board members in attending.
10. Discussion was held on the idea of a 'safe house' drop off spot for students. Parents at the IEPAC meeting strongly opposed this and the board agreed.
11. Board members were given copies of Policy #710 – Extracurricular Transportation for the 1st reading later in the meeting.
12. Discussion was held on updating the Head Start transportation policy.
13. Board members were given copies of Policy #711 – Video Recording on School Buses for the 1st reading later in the meeting.
14. Discussion was held on the fall Halloween carnival. The board felt very strongly that the carnival be held as it has in the past, with no charge to families.
15. Superintendent Lutz informed the board that the district is looking in to the possibility of hiring student help in the kitchen.
16. The new Suburban will be delivered on or about September 18th. Dave Hanson suggested that we might want to trade or sell one of the older Suburbans in order to get a larger vehicle to help with late rides.

17. Superintendent Lutz informed the board that the World's Best Workforce plan for the 2014-15 school year and the report for the end of the 2013-14 school year will be presented in October.
18. Calvin Mayers requested that the district advertise for a full-time custodian, due to a staff member being on leave and the difficulty of finding substitutes. The board agreed that the district should advertise for a full-time position.
19. Discussion was held on the bus garage update. Bids came in much higher than anticipated.
20. Bob Hoyum informed the board that the dedication for the Veterans' Memorial will be held on Monday, October 13th in the afternoon.
21. Superintendent Lutz informed the board that the Beltrami County commissioners and administration will be in the area on October 6th to be updated on the road construction projects and will be having lunch at the school.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Ed Gehlert, second by Dawn Jensen to approve board to board agreements. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Dave Nistler, second by Barb Woltjer to approve the first reading of Policy #710 – Extracurricular Transportation. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Jerry Geerdes, second by Dawn Jensen to approve the first reading of Policy #711 – Video Recording on School Buses. Motion passed unanimously.

Action Items:

Motion by Dave Nistler, second by Ed Gehlert to approve hiring Desirae Poxleitner as Early Childhood Paraprofessional for three days/week, at step 1 per the EdMN-KSS Master Agreement. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Dawn Jensen, second by Barb Woltjer to certify the preliminary 2014 payable 2015 property tax levy at \$407,837.14. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Jerry Geerdes, second by Ed Gehlert to reject all bids for the bus garage project. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Jerry Geerdes, second by Ed Gehlert to go into closed session at 9:00 p.m. as permitted under MN Statute 13D.03 to discuss the school district's response to the EdMN-Kelliher Support Staff negotiation proposals. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Barb Woltjer, second by Ed Gehlert to open the meeting at 9:12 and approve the negotiated 2014-2016 Master Agreement with EdMN-Kelliher Support Staff. Voting yes: Ed Gehlert, Barb Woltjer, Dawn Jensen, Frank Duresky, Dave Nistler and Jerry Geerdes. Voting no: None. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Ed Gehlert, second by Jerry Geerdes to adjourn the meeting at 9:14. Motion passed unanimously.

The next regular school board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 9, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the school media center.