

**IND. SCHOOL DISTRICT #36
KELLIHER PUBLIC SCHOOL
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2021**

The School Board of ISD #36, Kelliher, MN met February 11, 2021 in the School Media Center. The meeting was called to order by Chair Frank Duresky at 7:05 p.m. Members present: Frank Duresky, Rachel Jorgensen, Kevin Waldo, Tessa Koisti, Dan Persons, Dawn Jensen, and Paul Grams, Superintendent, Ex-Officio. Members absent: None.

Visitors: Sherri Dahl, Chase Pink, Shana Dreher, and Jennifer Mostad.

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 January 14, 2021 regular and organizational board meetings. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Kevin Waldo, second by Dan Persons to approve the January Treasurer's Report and January District and Student Activity bills in the amount of \$218,098.21. Motion passed unanimously.

Comments from Visitors:

1. None.

Directors' Forum:

1. Rachel Jorgensen again thanked administration, teachers, and staff for their hard work to keep Kelliher in a hybrid learning model throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, acknowledging the struggles of having to coordinate, feed, and teach students both on campus and off.

Committee Reports:

1. Meet and Confer Update

Frank Duresky shared that the Meet and Confer meeting went well with the main topics of discussion being the struggles COVID-19 has brought forth, including concern for our senior class meeting their marks for graduation. Also discussed was

the challenge of having students coming back from Distance Learning who may be falling behind in certain classes, specifically in the primary classes.

Principal's Report:

1. Principal Sherri Dahl congratulated the Students of the Month for February 2021, who were Bentley Adams – 1st grade, Allison Waldo – 6th grade, and Karlea Johnson – 11th grade.
2. Basketball Homecoming will be taking place the week of February 15, 2021 in Northome.
3. Planning for prom is underway with the tentative plan for Northome School to host prom with Grand March at the school with no outside attendees. Students are to walk up in a single-file line to promote social distancing. There will not be a dance following, students will take a bus to enjoy a night out having dinner at the Bemidji Town & Country Club followed by an activity.

Superintendent's Report:

1. Superintendent Paul Grams relayed negotiations meetings for the KEA will begin 5:00 p.m. on May 13, 2021.
2. An update was given for COVID-19 vaccinations and COVID-19 testing. Everyone who requested the vaccine received their first round and will be following up with their 2nd round. On-site saliva testing continues to be available to staff every other week for anyone interested.
3. Needs for an American Indian Education Liaison were discussed. Kelliher School is looking into hiring 1.0 FTE to serve as an American Indian Education Liaison. Posting for this position will happen this spring with a focus on finding a candidate that understands and has experience that provides them with a great understanding of the Red Lake American Indian culture.
4. Student Enrollment projections were relayed. Current projection looks like approximately 315 students.
5. A committee of the board is needed to meet and early retirement candidates. Committee will be made up of Kevin Waldo and Frank Duresky.
6. A committee of the board is needed to meet for Individual Negotiations which will be made up of Kevin Waldo, Dan Persons, and Rachel Jorgensen.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve Resolution accepting donations.

2. Adopt the “Resolution to Allow the District to Contract with Kevin Waldo, Dan Persons, and Frank Duresky for Commodities or Services at the Usual or Customary Price During 2021.”
3. Approve 2nd reading of the 2021-22 School Year Calendar.
4. Approve minutes from the January 27, 2021 Board Retreat.
5. Approve request from the 11th Grade class for transportation during Prom as presented.

Motion made by Tessa Koisti, seconded by Rachel Jorgensen to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Action Items:

1. Set date for the March board meeting.

Motion made by Dan Persons, seconded by Rachel Jorgensen to set the next regular school board meeting date for Monday, March 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Kelliher School Media Center. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Approve open enrollment agreements for SY 2021-22.

Motion made by Dawn Jensen seconded by Tessa Koisti to approve the open enrollment agreements for SY 2021-22. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Approve IT Upgrade Project.

Motion made by Rachel Jorgensen seconded by Kevin Waldo to approve IT upgrades to include replacement of switches, etc. as an effort to improve connectivity within the Kelliher School. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Kevin Waldo, seconded by Dan Persons to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

The next Regular School Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the School Media Center.