

**IND. SCHOOL DISTRICT #36
KELLIHER PUBLIC SCHOOL
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MARCH 13, 2014**

The School Board of ISD #36, Kelliher, MN met March 13, 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: Tiffany Thomas, Rachel Thurston, John Jensen, Calvin Mayers, Dave Hanson, Mary Lundin, Marcus Grubbs and Laura Nelson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion by Dawn Jensen, second by Barb Woltjer to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2014 re-organizational and regular board meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Jerry Geerdes, second by Dave Nistler to approve the Treasurer's reports and February bills in the amount of \$79,616.49 and bills paid between the February and March meetings in the amount of \$7,706.45. Motion passed unanimously.

Comments from Visitors:

Tiffany Thomas and Rachel Thurston, representing the Junior class, requested financial support of \$500 for the prom as has been done in the past. The board agreed to their request.

A request from Carly Wang was submitted to the board for meals, transportation and admission to the Fargo Air Museum for the upcoming Expanding Your Horizons trip for 7th-8th grade Math & Science Girls.

Marcus Grubbs, from HRDC, presented the board with information on the work that his group has done regarding the possibility of biomass heating options for the district.

Positive Feedback:

1. Thank you to the kitchen staff for huge budgetary improvements and the positive cash balance in the food service fund as of the end of February.
2. Thank you to Mr. Carlson and Douglas & Derrick Schuh for their community service in Waskish on 2/20/14.

Principal's Report:

1. The Winter Formal was a great success.
2. Congratulations to Mark Geerdes for being awarded the Association of Minnesota Counties' scholarship of \$1,500.00, the only one to be awarded in Minnesota.
3. The Senior class is planning their class trip for the end of April.

Committee Reports:

1. The System Accountability Committee met recently.
2. The IEPAC meeting was held prior to the board meeting, with good attendance.

Superintendent's Report:

1. The board was presented with the proposed master calendar for 2014-15, with an additional staff workshop day added in August.
2. Superintendent Lutz informed the board that school is starting 10 minutes earlier each day in order to make up the missed day and late starts from this year.
3. Dave Hanson presented the board with quotes that he has received from Ziegler and Power Secure for generator upgrade. Motion by Ed Gehlert, second by Dave Nistler to add F-3 (generator quotes) to the action items. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Superintendent Lutz reported that the biometric screenings through our wellness incentive have been completed on 36 employees.
5. The 5th and 6th grade trip to Wolf Ridge was successful, with the students returning on March 12th.
6. Superintendent Lutz reported that the district is currently undergoing a Title I audit.
7. The board was presented with preliminary plans from WSN for a new bus garage.
8. Superintendent Lutz reported that the purchase of the Grundmeier property is moving ahead and should be completed by the April board meeting.
9. Superintendent Lutz reported that the Kelliher Thrift & Gift has requested a reduction in their rent at the Old School. It was the recommendation of the board that the rent remain the same, but that they suspend their monthly book purchases for the Kelliher Library & Information Center.
10. Superintendent Lutz informed the board that the proposed cross country program has been tabled indefinitely for lack of support.
11. Superintendent Lutz reported that Sanford Health has informed the district of housekeeping requirements at the Old School clinic. It was the recommendation of the board that the administration explore the possibility of contracting out for cleaning services for the Old School Center.
12. Superintendent Lutz informed the board that the district may need to increase the special education teaching staff. He will have more information at the April meeting.
13. The board was presented with preliminary copies of the World's Best Work Force District Plan.
14. Information on upcoming MSBA Phase III and IV workshops was given to the board.
15. Superintendent Lutz informed the board that the trap shooting team is requesting \$1,500 in support from the district as has been done in the past. The board agreed to their request.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Barb Woltjer, second by Ed Gehlert to approve the 2nd reading and adoption of the 2014-15 master calendar. Motion passed unanimously.

Action Items:

Motion by Dave Nistler, second by Jerry Geerdes to approve the request from Carly Wang for the Expanding Your Horizons trip. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Ed Gehlert, second by Dawn Jensen to approve the Kelliher School District's World's Best Work Force District Plan. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Ed Gehlert, second by Jerry Geerdes to authorize Dave Hanson to select the best qualified company for the generator upgrade, based on the two quotes he has received and further discussion with representatives of each company. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Jerry Geerdes, second by Dave Nistler to close the meeting at 9:05 p.m. for negotiation strategies regarding retirement incentive requests. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Jerry Geerdes, second by Ed Gehlert to open the meeting and adjourn at 9:25 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

The next regular school board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the school media center.