

**IND. SCHOOL DISTRICT #36
KELLIHER PUBLIC SCHOOL
RE-ORGANIZATIONAL AND REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2011**

The School Board of ISD #36, Kelliher, MN met January 13, 2011, in the Kelliher School Media Center. The meeting was called to order by Chair Frank Duresky at 7:07 p.m. Members present: Frank Duresky, Peggy Vollhaber, Ed Anderson, Ed Gehlert, Jerry Geerdes and Barbara Woltjer and Tim Lutz, Superintendent, Ex-Officio. Members absent: None.

Visitors: Betty Mohs, Walter Mohs, Kristi Pink, Maureen Smischney, Jude Smischney, Mary Lundin, Calvin Mayers and Laura Nelson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion by Peggy Vollhaber, second by Ed Gehlert to retain current officers for 2011 as follows: Chair – Frank Duresky, Clerk – Peggy Vollhaber, Treasurer – Ed Gehlert, Vice-Chair – Ed Anderson. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Jerry Geerdes, second by Barb Woltjer to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Ed Anderson, second by Jerry Geerdes to set board member salaries at \$50/meeting or \$75/meeting for meetings over 4 hours, plus annual salaries of \$600 for Chair, \$500 for Clerk and \$500 for Treasurer. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Peggy Vollhaber, second by Barb Woltjer to set director's pay per diem for attending workshops related to school business at \$50 for half day or \$75 for full day. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Jerry Geerdes, second by Ed Anderson to set the regular board meeting dates for the 2nd Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the school media center. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Ed Gehlert, second by Ed Anderson to select the Minnesota School District Liquid Asset Fund and First State Bank of Bigfork (Kelliher branch) as official depositories of the Kelliher School District. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Ed Anderson, second by Ed Gehlert to select the Blackduck American as the official school district publication. Voting yes: Ed Gehlert, Barb Woltjer, Peggy Vollhaber, Frank Duresky and Ed Anderson. Voting no: Jerry Geerdes. Motion passed.

Motion by Barb Woltjer, second by Peggy Vollhaber to appoint the firm of Knutson, Flynn and Deans as official school district attorney. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Ed Gehlert, second by Jerry Geerdes to set the reimbursement for board members serving on negotiations committees at \$50/meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Ed Gehlert, second by Ed Anderson to designate board officers as signatories for school district accounts (with the exception of the student activity account, petty cash account and travel account). Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Jerry Geerdes, second by Ed Anderson to adopt the “Resolution to Grant Authority to Conduct Financial Transactions at First State Bank of Bigfork on Behalf of the Kelliher School District”. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Ed Gehlert, second by Barb Woltjer to make the following committee appointments:

1. Systems Accountability – Ed Anderson
2. Technology – Ed Gehlert
3. North Country Vocational Coop. Representative – Tim Lutz and Ed Gehlert
4. Athletic Advisory/Sports Coop – Peggy Vollhaber and Ed Gehlert
5. EdMN-KSS Negotiations – Ed Gehlert and Barbara Woltjer
6. BRIC Representative – Jerry Geerdes
7. Legislative Liaison – Frank Duresky
8. Staff Development – Ed Anderson and Peggy Vollhaber
9. MN State High School League – Ed Anderson
10. Old School Advisory – Jerry Geerdes and Ed Gehlert
11. Insurance – Barbara Woltjer
12. School Forest – Frank Duresky
13. Energy – Ed Gehlert

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Jerry Geerdes, second by Peggy Vollhaber to set mileage rates for 2011 per the IRS at \$.51/mile or \$.41/mile when using a personal vehicle when a school vehicle is available. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Peggy Vollhaber, second by Ed Anderson to adopt the “Resolution to Allow the District to Contract with Frank Duresky for Commodities or Services at the Usual or Customary Price During 2011.” Voting yes: Ed Anderson, Ed Gehlert, Jerry Geerdes, Barbara Woltjer and Peggy Vollhaber. Abstain: Frank Duresky. Motion passed.

Motion by Peggy Vollhaber, second by Ed Anderson to adopt the “Resolution to Allow the District to Contract with Barb Woltjer for Commodities or Services at the Usual or Customary Price During 2011.” Voting yes: Ed Anderson, Ed Gehlert, Jerry Geerdes, Frank Duresky and Peggy Vollhaber. Abstain: Barb Woltjer. Motion passed.

Motion by Peggy Vollhaber, second by Ed Anderson to adopt the “Resolution to Allow the District to Contract with Ed Gehlert for Commodities or Services at the Usual or Customary Price During 2011.” Voting yes: Ed Anderson, Frank Duresky, Jerry Geerdes, Barbara Woltjer and Peggy Vollhaber. Abstain: Ed Gehlert. Motion passed.

Motion by Ed Anderson, second by Peggy Vollhaber to designate the Superintendent as authorized L.E.A. representative for Title I, II, IV, VI, VII, Impact Aid and all other federal and state programs and grants. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Ed Anderson, second by Jerry Geerdes to approve the minutes of the Dec. 9, 2010 regular meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Jerry Geerdes, second by Peggy Vollhaber to accept the Treasurer's report and approve the January bills in the amount of \$227,255.79. Motion passed unanimously.

Positive Feedback:

Congratulations to the students of the month for December: Elementary – Donna Thayer; Middle Level – Mitchell Nistler and High School – Zach Spangrud.

Dean of Students' Report:

1. Basketball season is underway; Northome school will be hosting a winter formal on February 26th.
2. Attendance continues to be excellent.

Superintendent's Report:

1. Communications continue with Northome regarding the possibility of shared staffing in the future.
2. Possibility of renewing the Early Retirement Policy has been brought to the Superintendent's attention.
3. The Superintendent shared information regarding the art program and current resignation of Lisa Farwell.
4. Jenna Neft has taken over as C-team basketball coach.
5. Superintendent shared information regarding the energy efficiency initiative at the school.
6. The Superintendent updated the board on the January 17th in-service day.
7. MSBA negotiations training will be held in Grand Rapids on Feb. 15th.
8. MSBA phase I and II training will be held in St. Cloud on Jan. 21st and 22nd.
9. The Superintendent presented information about the upcoming trip that the girls' basketball team will be taking on February 13th to watch the U of MN Lady Gophers.
10. The Superintendent updated the board on a dental services grant.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Ed Anderson, second by Peggy Vollhaber to approve the second reading and adoption of the revised MSBA policy #410 – Family and Medical Leave Act. Motion passed unanimously.

Action Items:

Motion by Jerry Geerdes, second by Ed Anderson to accept the resignation of Lisa Farwell, art teacher, effective December 20, 2010. Motion passed unanimously.

Action on recommendations for reductions in the Art program was tabled.

Motion by Ed Gehlert, second by Ed Anderson to accept the “Phase I – Fast Track ARRA Project” proposal outlining the energy and operational efficiency improvement projects for Kelliher Public School facilities. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Ed Anderson, second by Peggy Vollhaber to adopt the resolution to pay first dollars toward the public library and energy improvements at the Old School Center as part of the USDA grant program. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Barb Woltjer, second by Ed Anderson to hire Jenna Neft as C-team girls basketball coach at 5% BS, step 0 for \$1,791.25. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Jerry Geerdes, second by Ed Anderson to go in to closed session at 7:40 p.m. for the purpose of discussing legal strategy with the district’s legal counsel. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Ed Gehlert, second by Frank Duresky to open and adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Next regular meeting of the board will be held at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, February 10, 2011.