

**IND. SCHOOL DISTRICT #36
KELLIHER PUBLIC SCHOOL
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 15, 2011**

The School Board of ISD #36, Kelliher, MN met September 15, 2011, in the Kelliher School Media Center. The meeting was called to order by Chair Frank Duresky at 8:00 p.m. Members present: Frank Duresky, Ed Gehlert, Ed Anderson, Barbara Woltjer, Jerry Geerdes, Peggy Vollhaber and Tim Lutz, Superintendent, Ex-Officio. Members absent: None.

Visitors: Ryan & Bridget Stomberg, Betty Mohs, Nicole Persons, Jamie Hands, Mary Lundin, John Carlson, Wendy Carlson, Calvin Mayer, Dave Hanson, Linda Dreher and Laura Nelson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion by Jerry Geerdes, second by Ed Anderson to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2011 regular meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Ed Anderson, second by Barb Woltjer to approve the Treasurer's reports and September bills in the amount of \$129,306.23. Motion passed unanimously.

Comments from Visitors:

Nicole Persons addressed the board regarding her request for an increase in pay and temporary increase in hours in order to prepare for the Community Library grand opening on October 6.

John Carlson presented the board with the recently released MCA math scores. The board heard news about how Kelliher School students scored well above the state average at every grade level except one and scored higher than the state as a district.

Bridgette Stomberg introduced herself to the board and talked about the upcoming community/school Christmas play, "It's a Wonderful Life".

Motion by Ed Anderson, second by Peggy Vollhaber to hire Bridget Stomberg as play director at 3%, step 0 for \$1,074.75. Motion passed unanimously.

Positive Feedback:

The board received cards from Christina Grundmeier and Katey Lutz, thanking them for their support of the trip to the FCCLA National Convention in Anaheim, California this summer.

The board will be sending a thank you to the retired couple who have so generously donated school supplies to the Kelliher students this year.

Dean of Students' Report:

1. The school year is off to a great start!
2. Donations of school supplies were received.
3. Peer tutor program supported by members of the National Honor Society is being implemented.

4. Homecoming week is next week. Activities are being planned by the football cheerleaders and the student council, culminating with the homecoming football game on Friday, September 23.

Superintendent's Report:

1. Superintendent Lutz shared results with the board from the Blandin Foundation's Hope Study, of which Kelliher has been a participant for the past three years.
2. The board was updated on the recent bus driver hiring and the need to add an additional route due to the increase in enrollment.
3. Staff workshop days in August were busy and productive.
4. Negotiations with Education Minnesota-Kelliher are continuing, with the negotiators having met with representatives of the teachers' union just prior to the board meeting.
5. Current enrollment is 247.
6. The open house on August 31 was well attended.
7. Superintendent Lutz informed the board that he is currently in negotiations with a chiropractor from Bemidji who is interested in leasing space at the Old School Center.
8. Discussion was held on the request from the Meals on Wheels program to serve daily meals in the lobby at the Old School Center. Although the board was very supportive of the program, it was their general consensus that another place, such as the North Beltrami Community Center, would be a better fit for their request.
9. Discussion was held regarding the need for a part-time paraprofessional in the elementary.
10. Levy reports are due at the county by October 7 and because of this the board moved the regular meeting scheduled for October 13th to October 6th.
11. Superintendent Lutz updated the board on the new drug and alcohol testing policy.
12. Superintendent Lutz reported that there is an ecumenical community group requesting to use the school facilities periodically for different activities for kids of all ages.
13. Community Library grand opening will be held on October 6.
14. Superintendent Lutz requested that the board consider increasing the hours temporarily for Nicole Persons in order to prepare for the grand opening.
15. Superintendent Lutz informed the board that there has been a request by an instructor from MSU-Moorhead to research public records of the Kelliher School in order to study retention and graduation rates in small, rural schools.
16. There has been a request to use the school facilities for a benefit dinner on October 16th for Jude Smischney.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Ed Gehlert, second by Ed Anderson to approve the first reading of policy #416 – Kelliher School Drug & Alcohol Testing. Motion passed unanimously.

Action Items:

The request from Meals on Wheels was not granted due to the lack of a motion and a second.

Motion by Ed Anderson, second by Peggy Vollhaber to hire Mike Jorgensen as a regular bus driver at Step 1 for \$14.72/hour. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Ed Gehlert, second by Barb Woltjer to approve an additional bus route due to increased enrollment. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Jerry Geerdes, second by Ed Anderson to hire Rob Koisti as a regular bus driver for the additional route at Step 1 for \$14.72/hour. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Ed Gehlert, second by Peggy Vollhaber to approved the lease of space at the Old School Center for a Chiropractic Clinic. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Jerry Geerdes, second by Ed Gehlert to hire Chase Pink as a substitute custodian. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Barb Woltjer, second by Ed Gehlert to approve increasing Nicole Persons' hours temporarily to 20 hours/week in order to prepare for the Community Library grand opening on October 6. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Ed Gehlert, second by Barb Woltjer to close the meeting at 9:25 p.m. for Education MN-Kelliher negotiations strategy as permitted by Minnesota statutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Ed Gehlert, second by Peggy Vollhaber to open and adjourn the meeting at 10:01 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

The next regular board meeting will be held October 6, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the school media center.

Clerk, Ind. School District #36

Date