

## **OFFICIAL MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2137 – October 19, 2020.**

**Please Note:** Due to COVID-19, the board chair and superintendent will conduct teleconferencing with the remaining five (5) board members to mitigate exposure to COVID-19. Minnesota School Boards Association provided the following guidance (<http://www.mnmsba.org/COVID-19/MeetingsByConferenceCall>):

On Friday, March 13, Gov. Walz issued Executive Order 20-01, which declared a peacetime state of emergency pursuant to his powers under Minnesota Statutes Chapter 12: Emergency Management. This step allows school boards to meet by conference call or other electronic means under [Minnesota Statutes 13D.021](#).

The following conditions must be met for the board to meet by conference call:

1. The “presiding officer, chief legal counsel, or chief administrative officer” of the school board “determines that an in-person meeting...is not practical or prudent because of a health pandemic or an officially-declared emergency”;
2. All school board members can hear one another and hear all discussion;
3. The public present at the regular meeting location can hear all discussion and all votes, unless attendance at the regular meeting location is not feasible due to the health pandemic or emergency declaration;
4. At least one member of the school board, chief legal counsel, or chief administrative officer is physically present at the regular meeting location, unless unfeasible due to the health pandemic or emergency declaration; and
5. All votes are recorded by roll call ([Minnesota Statutes 13D.021](#)).

Note that items three and four have a disclaimer for a health pandemic.

Kingsland Public Schools adopted a resolution on Monday, April 6, 2020 allowing the school board to meet by conference (teleconference) call.

A duly posted regular meeting of the Board of Education, Independent School District No. 2137 was held in the Kingsland Public School choir room on Monday, October 19, 2020.

**Call to Order:** Board Chair Jackie Horsman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Kingsland Public School choir room. Roll call was taken. Present were Board Chair Jackie Horsman, Noella Lund, Natasha Howard, Maranda Emig, and Kyle Rader. Tiffany Mundfrom was present via teleconferencing. Also, in attendance were HS Principal/Superintendent James Hecimovich; Business Manager Amber Uhlenhake; and Athletic Director Mark Fitzpatrick.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Additions to the Agenda:** None

Emig moved to approve the following consent items as presented. **Board Agenda:** as presented; **Minutes:** August 17, 2020 (Regular Board Meeting), August 31, 2020 (Special Board Meeting), September 9, 2020 (Work Session), September 21, 2020 (Regular Board Meeting), and October 5, 2020 (Work Session). **Approved the first reading of policies:** 521FRM, 523, 525, 526, 527FRM, 620. **Policy Adoption-second reading (scheduled):** 518, 519, 520FRM. **Staffing Updates:** **Hires:** Michael Green, Evenings, Full-time, Maintenance Specialist; Derek Mensink, Football Coach, 7/8th Grade. **Resignations:** Matt Peterson, Custodian. **Approve SY2020-2021 Non-Licensed Substitute Pay:** Currently \$10.00 per hour going to \$10.08 per hour to align with the state. Motion seconded by Rader. Roll Call to approved. Aye-6, Nay-0. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Thank You and Recognition** were discussed: Rita Hartert – Thank you goes out to William Jahn and Hunter Lee - both helped unload the Channel One food delivery truck here in Spring Valley early in the morning on Thursday, October 15.

**Resolution Accepting Donations:** Bruce & Rita Hartert - \$20.00 to Art Club; Mark Sonnenberg Memorial - \$775.00 to Band Boosters; Emily Leonard/Spring Valley Ministerial Council - For providing snacks and supplies to upgrade our elementary staff lounge space; and SV Area Sportsmen's Club - \$3321.23 to Trap Team. The following resolution was moved by Horsman and seconded by Emig at the regular school board meeting on Monday, October 19, 2020. Roll call to approve: Aye-6, Nay-0. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Reports were discussed:** Building and Grounds: Jason would like to thank the Board for the staff development course at SSC for district department heads; Jason provided a report that includes an update on the roof leak in the gym, the leaky roof in the computer lab, the installation of the washer and dryer in the Ag Shop, the new garbage enclosures for our trash cans used at outdoor sporting events, they have been busy fixing broken exit signs and putting protective cages to prevent future damage, and the announcement of their new hire (Michael Green); Community Education: No new updates; Becky is back to work after having to take some time off due to a potential exposure; reviewed preschool enrollment numbers as of 10/1/2020; staffing shortages a few weeks ago but right now things are working well both here and at the church for both preschool and our SACC program; ECFE were planning some events coming up but for now some of those are on hold; Early Childhood screening had a good screening on September 28 and they were able to do virtual screenings; Summer Food Program was discussed, didn't have the updated numbers, but it has been extended tentatively through the school year although we have not received an official USDA memo indicating that at this point; Free and Reduced applications not coming in like they should be, therefore, letters will be sent out reminding parents to complete applications; Speed and Agility and Jr. Knightettes going on right now; Food Service: Extension of Summer Food Program discussed; curbside pickup is going well and will continue to be offered; things going well and staff staying healthy; Transportation: Per Dusty, things are going well and drivers are staying healthy; DOT inspection was conducted last week and we received a 98% pass rate, last year we received a 96%, overall a very good report - the only item marked against us was a headlight out on a van (a wet spot/leak was noted but was not marked against us); Business Manager: No new updates; Amber gave a brief update on the Summer Food Program extension; still waiting on final audit report; Activities Director: Derek Mensink has been hired as 7/8<sup>th</sup> grade Football Coach; first football game went well, 2 more games left; volleyball is doing well; discussed the sale of tickets and the change in the policy regarding the sale of tickets; PK-6 Principal: Report provided included Hybrid Learning update, staffing and staffing shortages, October 19<sup>th</sup> Staff Development Day, Kingsland Leadership Training update, information on the elementary staff lounge upgrade, as well as dates for upcoming activities; Superintendent/7-12 Principal: Report provided included Covid numbers and learning model parameters, leave of absence, Fillmore County CARES Dollars, and football gate fees/attendance.

**Old Business was discussed** including County Road 1 Update – the County has installed the traffic sign; Rebranding (Logo Contest) – waiting until strategic plan is done; Learning Model Update – starting October 26 our high school students will move to distance learning for at least 1 week and will be reassessed.

**New Business was discussed** including the Audit Report which, per Amber, we are still waiting for the final report; WBWF Update & Strategic Plan, WBWF will be submitted after the Strategic Planning Meeting Tuesday, October 20, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.; Full-time substitute teacher position on hold until Work Session on November 2, 2020; Fillmore County CARES Update was discussed; Letter to Neighboring Resident was discussed. Call for motion made by Horsman to **Approve Assurance of Compliance Report.** Moved by Rader. Seconded by Emig. Roll call to approve: Aye-6, Nay-0. Motion carried unanimously.

**Announcements and Meeting Dates:** Regular Board Meeting (Work Session) will be Monday, November 2, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in the KPS choir room. Strategic Planning Meeting will be Monday, November 2, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. in the KPS choir room. The Results of General Election Canvass will

be Monday, November 9, 2020 (time TBD). The Regular Board Meeting will be Monday, November 16, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in the KPS choir room.

Call for motion made by Horsman to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. Moved by Lund. Seconded by Howard. Roll call: Aye-6, Nay-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted.  
Kyle Rader - Clerk