

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING (WORK SESSION) OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2137 – September 9, 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.

A duly posted regular meeting (work session) of the Board of Education, Independent School District No. 2137 was held via teleconferencing on Monday, September 9, 2020.

Board Chair Jackie Horsman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken for board members in attendance; Maranda Emig, Noella Lund, Kyle Rader, Natasha Howard and Tiffany Mundfrom. Also, in attendance was Superintendent-Jim Hecimovich, Elementary Principal-Scott Klavetter, Activities Director Mark Fitzpatrick and Community Education Director Becky Bicknese. All present via teleconferencing and in-person attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Policy Review:

First reading (scheduled) included: 620, 518, 519, 520 w/form

Second reading (scheduled) included: 101, 101.1, 102, 103, 104, 422, 522 and 808.

Policies 104 and 620 will be pulled until a later date pending the outcomes of further research and the strategic planning process.

Consent Items: Staffing Updates

Hires: Terry Allard, PT Custodian; Tanna Farnsworth, Para; Tanya Carlson, Preschool Para; Cathy Armstrong, Adm. Asst. to the HS Principal; Andrea Hare, Adm. Asst. to the Supt.; Aaron Thauwald, CC Asst.; Zach Queensland, SACC Asst.; Kourtne Long, SACC Asst., John Fenske, JH FB Coach**;

Michael Hutsell, JH Asst. FB Coach; Megan Lipkie, FT Custodian.

**Note: The JH FB Coaching position was pulled from the consent agenda and will be added as a discussion item under new business.

Resignations: Hailey Nolte, Para; Connie Morger, Adm. Asst. to the Supt.; Linda Wangsness, Art Teacher.

Reports: Building and Grounds, Community Education, Food Service, Transportation, Business Manager, Athletic Director, PK-6 Principal, Superintendent/7-12 Principal, SMEC Update

Old Business: County Road 1 update- Still awaiting delivery; rebranding (Logo contest) – currently delayed until October; Strategic Planning – Need additional public names for committee.

New Business for Review: Full-time substitute teacher position; applicant was interviewed and tentative contract offered pending final board approval at the next meeting. **Certify proposed**

levy; an annual requirement to approve at the next meeting. The proposed levy will be certified at the maximum allowable rate. Increase fixed assets to \$5,000. Current level for fixed assets is \$1,000. Increase pending final board approval at the next meeting.

Community Outreach and Engagement: Website discussion (Tabled 20200518)

-The next **regular Board meeting** will be held on Monday, September 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Choir room..

- The next **regular Work Session meeting** will be held on Monday, October 5, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Choir room.

Lund moved and Rader seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m. Motion carried with a roll call of 6 Aye-0 Nay vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Kyle Rader