

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2137 – Monday, April 19, 2021.

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 via Zoom on Monday, April 19, 2021.

Call to Order: Board Chair Jackie Horsman called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. Roll call was taken. Present were Board Chair Jackie Horsman, Gwen Howard, Maranda Emig, Pamela Freet, and Kyle Rader; Absent Natasha Howard. Also in attendance were HS Principal/Superintendent James Hecimovich, ES Principal Scott Klavetter, Business Manager Amber Uhlenhake, and Athletic Director Mark Fitzpatrick. All present via teleconferencing.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions to the Agenda: None

Fleet moved to approve the following consent items as presented. **Board Agenda:** as presented; **Minutes:** April 5, 2021 (Work Session). **Approved the first reading of policies:** 618, 619, 623, 624. **Policy Adoption-second reading (scheduled):** 611, 612.1, 614, 615, 534. **Staffing Updates: Resignations:** Anne Jo Vorhees- PreK Teacher; **New Hires** Brad Reiter- JH Baseball Coach; Catherine Paul- JH Softball Coach.

Public Thank You and Recognition: Anonymous Donation of \$1000.00 for SACC snacks; Charles and Maranda Emig Donation of \$150.00 for Dance Team; Kingsland School Parents Donation of \$500.00 for new playground slide; Polly Lentz on behalf of Land O’ Lakes, INC and

The Blackbaud Giving Fund Donation of \$1,000 to the Elementary Library; Spring Valley EDA and Spring Valley Area Foundation Donation of Gift Cards to staff. Moved by Emig. Seconded by Freet. Aye- 5, Nay-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments: none

Reports submitted and discussed: Jason Thompson, Building and Grounds; Becky Bicknese, Community Education; Judy Tart, Food Service; Dustin Tart, Transportation; Amber Uhlenhake, Business Manager; Mark Fitzpatrick, Activities Director; Scott Klavetter, PK-6 Principal; and James Hecimovich, Superintendent/7-12 Principal.

Old Business was discussed: including Rebranding (Logo Contest) – reviewed and discussed; Strategic Planning Update – reviewed and discussed; School Board Self-Evaluation - reviewed and discussed; Learning Model Update and Related Issues - reviewed and discussed.

New Business was discussed: Adopt resolution directing superintendent to make recommendations for adjustments in curriculum, programs, and staff for the following school year, if needed-moved to workshop-reviewed and discussed; LTFM-IAQ Settlement- reviewed and discussed; Recommendations for Tenure- Scott Eckelkamp, Mark Fitzpatrick, Jasper Oeltjen, and Anne Pendl- reviewed and discussed.

Announcements and Meeting Dates: The next Regular Board Meeting (Work Session) will be Monday, May 3, 2021, at 6:00 PM in the KPS Choir Room. The next Regular Board Meeting will be Monday, May 17, 2021, at 6:00 PM in the KPS Choir Room.

Call for motion made by Horsman to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Moved by Emig. Seconded by G. Howard. Roll call: Aye-5, Nay-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted.

Kyle Rader, Clerk- submitted 4/19/2021 at 1900.