

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2137 – Monday, January 4, 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 special meeting of the Board of Education, Independent School District No. 2137 was held in the Kingsland Public School choir room on Monday, January 4, 2021.

Call to Order: Board Chair Jackie Horsman called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. Roll call was taken. Present were Board Chair Jackie Horsman, Gwen Howard, Natasha Howard, Maranda Emig, Pamela Freet, and Kyle Rader. 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.

The meeting began with the Oath of Office of newly elected board members, Gwen Howard and Pamela Freet.

Rader moved to approve the consent agenda item which was the board agenda. Emig seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Election of School Board Officers:

Rader nominated Jackie Horsman for Board Chair. No other nominations were presented. Jackie Horsman was named Board Chair by acclamation.

Emig nominated Natasha Howard for Vice Chair. Natasha Howard nominated Maranda Emig for Vice Chair. Maranda Emig was named Vice Chair by a 4-2 roll call vote.

Emig nominated Kyle Rader for Clerk. No other nominations were presented. Kyle Rader was named Clerk by acclamation.

Gwen Howard nominated Natasha Howard for Treasurer. No other nominations were presented. Natasha Howard was named Treasurer by acclamation.

The following Sub-Committees were set into place:

Meet & Confer – Gwen Howard (Alternate: Maranda Emig)
MSHSL/KABC Designated School Rep – Natasha Howard (Alternate: Kyle Rader)
District Operations – Natasha Howard (Alternate: Kyle Rader)
(Includes: Standards/Discipline, Early Childhood/Community Education, Vocational
Ag/Industrial Tech, Transportation/Food Service/Custodial)
Special Needs/ALC/SMEC – Jackie Horsman (Alternate: Pam Freet)
Legislative Liaison Advocate – Kyle Rader
Systems Accountability/WBWF – Maranda Emig
Liaison for Spring Valley/Wyckoff – Quarterly updates and city meetings – Gwen Howard,
Pam Freet
Negotiations (Superintendent) – Jackie Horsman, Maranda Emig
Negotiations (Principals) – Jackie Horsman, Maranda Emig
Negotiations (Teachers) – Jackie Horsman, Maranda Emig
Negotiations (Classified) – Jackie Horsman, Maranda Emig
Negotiations (At-Will) – Jackie Horsman, Maranda Emig

Horsman moved to accept monthly work sessions to be held the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Elementary Conference Room and regular board meetings to be held the third Monday of each month (excluding January and February when they are held the 3rd Wednesday, after the 3rd Monday) at 6:00 p.m. in the Choir Room. Emig seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Call for motion made by Horsman to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 p.m. Moved by Emig. Seconded by Natasha Howard. Roll call: Aye-6, Nay-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted.
Kyle Rader - Clerk