

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING (WORK SESSION) OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2137 – Monday, July 7, 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 (work session) of the Board of Education, Independent School District No. 2137 was held in the Kingsland Public School choir room on Monday, July 7, 2021.

Call to Order: Board Chair Jackie Horsman called the meeting to order at 6:00 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.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions to the Agenda: None.

Consent Agenda items discussed: Board Agenda: as presented; **Review Meeting Minutes:** June 23, 2021. (Regular Board Meetings); **Policy Review – First Reading (Scheduled):** 301, 302, 303, 304, Recordings. **Policy Adoption – Second Reading (Scheduled):** 907, 901, 714, 427.

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; James Hecimovich, Superintendent/7-12 Principal; and School Board Reports and Updates, including

Meet and Confer, MSHSL/KABC, District Operations, Special Needs/ALC/SMEC, Legislative, Systems Accountability/WBWF, SV/Wykoff Liaison, and Negotiations.

Old Business: Rebranding (Logo Contest) – reviewed and discussed.

New Business for Review: First Reading of Handbooks, reviewed and discussed; Approve Long-Term Facilities Maintenance 10-Year Plan, reviewed and discussed; Resolution Establishing Dates for Filing Affidavits of Candidacy, reviewed and discussed; Superintendent Evaluation, reviewed and discussed; Approve SY2021-22 Substitute Pay, reviewed and discussed; Approve Athletic/Extra-Curricular Fees, reviewed and discussed; Set SY2021-22 School Aged Care Fees, reviewed and discussed; Set SY2021-22 Preschool Fees, reviewed and discussed; Set Facility Rental Fees, reviewed and discussed; Set SY2021-22 Student/Adult Meal Plan, reviewed and discussed; Set SY2021-22 Board Member Compensation, reviewed and discussed; Set SY2021-22 Mileage Rate, reviewed and discussed; Name Official Newspaper, reviewed and discussed; Name Banks of Official Depositories of School District Funds, reviewed and discussed; Authorize Payment of Monthly Bills for Utilities and Contracted Services, reviewed and discussed; Authorize the Superintendent to Invest School District Funds as per Law, reviewed and discussed; Authorize the District to Use Electronic Funds Transfer for: State and Federal Taxes, PERA, TRA, BCBS, MN Child Support, P-Card, Life Insurance, Workman’s Compensation Insurance, AFLAC Insurance; TSA and Select Account, reviewed and discussed; Approve SY2021-22 Miscellaneous Fees, reviewed and discussed; Approve Memberships, reviewed and discussed; Designation of Legal Firm: Rupp, Anderson, Squires & Waldspurger, P.A., reviewed and discussed; Designation of Posting Places, reviewed and discussed; Appoint a Board Member to SMEC Board, reviewed and discussed; Communications/PR Committee or Position, reviewed and discussed; Renew E-Learning for SY2021-22, reviewed and discussed; Other- SMEC Levy Option, reviewed and discussed.

Announcements and Meeting Dates: The next Regular Board Meeting will be Monday, July 19, 2021, at 6:00 PM via in the choir room. The next Regular Board Meeting (Work Session) will be Monday, August 2, 2021, at 6:00 PM via Zoom.

Call for motion made by Horsman to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m. Moved by Freet. Seconded by N. Howard. Roll call: Aye-5, Nay-0. Absent- G. Howard. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted.

Kyle Rader – Clerk Electronically signed 2026, 7/7/2021