

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2137 – Monday, May 17, 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, May 17, 2021.

Call to Order: Board Chair Jackie Horsman called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Roll call was taken. Present were Board Chair Jackie Horsman, Gwen Howard, Maranda Emig, Pamela Freet, Kyle Rader, and 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 19, 2021, March 18, 2021, February 18, 2021, and May 3, 2021. **Approved the first reading of policies:** 415, 506&FRM, 514, 522, 524&FRM, 616, 806. **Policy Adoption-second reading (scheduled):** 618, 619, 623, 624. **Staffing Updates: Resignations:** Bailly Zinish – 4th Grade Teacher; Al Williams- Substitute Bus Driver; **New Hires** Cierra Ulwelling – PreK Teacher. Motion seconded by Emig. Roll Call to approved. Aye-6, Nay-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Thank You and Recognition:

Casey's Loyalty Donation of \$133.60 (\$117.60 – KES/\$16.00 – KHS) Emig moved to approve the donations. Seconded by Freet. Aye- 6, Nay-0. Motion carried unanimously. American Legion & Auxiliary Post 68 and VFW & Auxiliary Post 4114 – Staff treats for Teacher Appreciation Day, Tom and Fran Lawson, for the generous donation of a fridge to KPS, and Fillmore County Public Health – COVID-19 Support and Resources.

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; Rader motioned to approve the Strategic Plan. Motion seconded by Emig; Roll Call to approved. Aye-6, Nay-0. Motion carried unanimously; Learning Model Update and Related Issues - reviewed and discussed.

New Business was discussed: Resolution relating to the termination and nonrenewal of a probationary teaching contract. Moved by Horsman. Aye-6, Nay-0. Motion carried unanimously; **LTFM-IAQ Settlement-** Moved by Horsman, seconded by Emig. Aye-6, Nay-0. Motion carried unanimously; **Approve Administrative Contracts for Scott Klavetter and James Hecimovich.** Moved by G. Howard, seconded by Freet. Aye-6, Nay-0. Motion carried unanimously; **Approve Graduates for the Class of 2021.** Motioned by Freet, seconded by Emig. Aye-6, Nay-0. Motion carried unanimously. **Approval of Capital Outlay – SY2021-2022.** Moved by N. Howard, seconded by G. Howard. Aye-6, Nay-0. Motion carried unanimously; **Approval of IEA Contract.** Moved by Emig, seconded by G. Howard. Aye-6, Nay-0. Motion carried unanimously; **Approval to Rescind Facemask Mandated advised in Executive Order 20-81 and Executive Order 21-21.** Moved by Rader, seconded by G. Howard. Aye-6, Nay-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Announcements and Meeting Dates: The next Regular Board Meeting (Work Session) will be Monday, June 7, 2021, at 6:00 PM in the KPS Choir Room. The next Regular Board Meeting will be Monday, June 21, 2021, at 6:00 PM in the KPS Choir Room. Board Team Building Night will be Monday May 24, 2021, at 6:00 PM in the High School Campus. Staff Luncheon will be Friday June 4, 2021, at 11:00 AM in the Café.

Call for motion made by Horsman to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m. Moved by Emig. Seconded by N. Howard. Roll call: Aye-6, Nay-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted.

Kyle Rader, Clerk- submitted 5/17/2021 at 1852.