

## **OFFICIAL MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF Independent School District No. 2137- Monday, October 18, 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.

**Call to Order:** Board Chair Jackie Horsman called meeting to order at 6:00pm. Roll call was taken. Present were Board Chair Jackie Horsman, Gwen Howard, Kyle Rader, Maranda Emig, Natasha Howard, and Pamela Freet. Also in attendance was HS Principal/Superintendent James Hecimovich, Business Manager Amber Uhlenhake and Activities Director Laurie Hendrickson

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **Additions to the agenda- none**

**Consent Agenda items discussed: Board Agenda:** as presented. **Review Meeting minutes:** September 20 (Regular Meeting) and Work Session from October 4, 2021. **Policy Review - First Reading (Scheduled):**516, 565,613 **Policy Adoption - Second Reading (Scheduled):**701, 701.1, 702, 799.

**Staff Updates:** New Hires: Melissa McConnell- SACC Coordinator; Beverly Seibert- SACC Assistant; Sasha Bicknese- Student SACC Aide; Antony Becker- Custodian Substitute; Melanie Kurth- Full Time Custodian; Laurie Hendrickson – Interim Activities Director; Sarah Mlinar- Heath Aide; Sarah Freet- Custodian; Audrey Ericksen- Election Judge; Shirley Gangstad- Election Judge.

**Resignations:** Sue Wilson- JH Softball Coach; Skylar Boley – Full Time Custodian; Mark Fitzpatrick – Activities Director; Samantha Siskow – JV Volleyball Coach; Brailey Becker – Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

**FMLA Leave Requests:** Cathy Armstrong (Late December through March)

**Motion to approve consent items:** Moved by Rader, seconded by N. Howard.

Roll Call Approved 6-0 **Motion to approve Hiring of Sarah Freet:** Moved by Rader, seconded by N Howard. Roll Call Approved 5-0-1 with Pam Freet Abstaining

**Public Comment:** FFA update of activities given by 2 FFA members

**Public Recognitions and Thank You:** Thank you to Bonnie Hamand for the stools in the ticket booths. Thank you to Kurt Langeslag for his time and knowledge with helping Kristal Brogan's classroom over the summer. Thank you to Mike Rainey and Valley Home Improvement for donating the forklift in maneuvering the machines over the summer. Thank you to Bonnie Kruegel for the \$2,500 donation to the Band Boosters. Thank you to Kim Kaster \$ 500 donation for division between Student Council HS and Elementary.

**Motion to approve Resolution Accepting Donations:** Moved by Emig, seconded by G Howard. Roll Call Approved 6-0

**Reports:** Jason Thompson Building and Grounds, Becky Bicknese Community Education, Judy Tart Food Service, Dusty Tart Transportation, Amber Uhlenhake Business Manager, Laurie Hendrickson Activities Director, Scott Klavetter PK-6 Principal, James Hecimovich Superintendent/7-12 Principal

**Old Business-** Rebranding (tabled for a later date)

**New Business was discussed:** Superintendent Evaluation, Review of Student Enrollment Figure Review Audit Report, if received (tabled, for time being), At-Will Pay Scale Increase

**Motion to approve adjustment Community Education wage table starting November 1 without Retro-payment as presented:** Moved by G Howard, seconded by P Freet. Approved by Roll Call 5-0-1 with Emig Abstaining;

Election Update. Canvass Results Meeting Date Scheduled for Nov 5, 2021, Communication (tabled for November), Approve Special Election hourly wages

**Motion to approve the Election Judges hourly wage to \$12:** Moved by Emig, seconded by G Howard. Roll Call Approved 6-0, Spanish Trip for 2023 **Motion to approve the Spanish Trip for Summer 2023** Moved by Rader, seconded by P Freet. Roll Call Approved 6-0, Business Manager Contract **Call for motion to approve Business Manager Contract with SMS:** Motion by Freet, seconded by N Howard. Approved by Roll Call 6-0

**Announcements and Meeting Dates** Regular Board Meeting–Monday, November 15, 2021–6:00 PM-KES Conference Room/Zoom. Work Session–Monday, November 1, 2021–6:00 PM-KES Conference Room/Zoom, Election Canvassing Meeting November 5, 2021 at 700am

**Adjournment:** Moved by Rader, seconded by G Howard to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call Approved 6-0

Submitted Kyle Rader 10/18/2021 at 1847

Approved: 20211123