

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF  
Independent School District No. 2137- Monday, December 20, 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 6:01pm. Roll call was taken. Present were Board Chair Jackie Horsman, Kyle Rader, Maranda Emig, Natasha Howard, and Pamela Freet. Absent was Gwen Howard. Also in attendance was HS Principal/Superintendent James Hecimovich, Business Manager Amber Uhlenhake, Stephanie Derby and Kaden Rath.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Recited.

**Truth and Taxation Hearing:** Amber Uhlenhake presented the data for the taxpayers.

**Additions to the Agenda:** N/A

**Public Recognitions and Thank You:** VFW Post 1216 (Austin) donated \$500 to the industrial arts program as a thank you for building the weapons case for the color guard.

**Public Comment:** Student council reported on upcoming activities.

**Consent Agenda items discussed: Board Agenda:** as presented. **Review Meeting minutes:** November 23, 2021 (Regular Meeting). **Policy Review - First Reading (Scheduled):** 707, 708, 709 w/form, 710 **Policy Adoption - Second Reading (Scheduled):** 703, 704, 705, 706. **Staff Updates:** N/A. Motion and approval (5-0) to accept consent agenda.

**Motion to approve Resolution Accepting Donations:** Accepted \$500 donation for industrial technology department. Motion and approval (5-0) to accept resolution.

**Reports:** No updates.

**Old Business:**

- Rebranding (Logo Contest) to begin in January 2022. Motion to approve contest by Emig. Second by Howard, N. Motion approved (5-0).
- Communication was reviewed from December work session.
- MSBA Leadership Conference is January 13-14, 2022. Attending are Horsman, Emig, Rader, Howard, G. and Seabright.

**New Business was discussed:**

- Accept final budget audit by Smith & Schafer Associates. Motion to accept audit by Emig. Second by Freet. Motion approved (5-0).
- Increase substitute teacher (licensed) wages from \$110 to \$125 per day beginning January 1, 2022. Motion to approve increase by Rader. Second by Howard, N. Motion approved (5-0).
- Approve continuing contract teacher seniority list. Motion to approve contest by Freet. Second by Emig. Motion approved (5-0).
- Approve the resolution establishing a combined polling place (Spring Valley Community Center). Motion to approve resolution by Rader. Second by Emig. Motion approved (5-0).
- Organizational Meeting for the school board is Monday, January 3, 2022 at 6:00 PM.

**Announcements and Meeting Dates:** Regular Board Meeting–Wednesday, January 19, 2022–6:00 PM-KES Conference Room/Zoom. Work Session/Organizational Meeting–Monday, January 3, 2022–6:00 PM-KES Conference Room/Zoom.

**Adjournment:** Moved by Howard, N., seconded by Emig to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call Approved 4-1. Freet voted against adjournment.

Electronically Signed 1841 by Kyle Rader 12/20/2021

Board Approved: 01/19/2022