

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2137 – July 20, 2020.

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 in the High School conference room on Monday, July 20, 2020.

Call to Order: Board Chair Jackie Horsman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with those present via teleconferencing. Board chair, Jackie Horsman, Maranda Emig, Noella Lund, Kyle Rader, and Tiffany Mundfrom (absent at start of motion). Absent was Natasha Howard. Also, in attendance were HS Principal/Superintendent James Hecimovich, ES Principal Scott Klavetter; Business Manager, Amber Uhlenhake; Building & Grounds Director, Jason Thompson; and Community Ed, Becky Bicknese and Rich Wicks from FCJ.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Emig moved to approve the following consent items as presented. **Board Agenda:** as presented; **Minutes:** June 18, 2020 and WS July 6, 2020; **Financial:** July 2020 bills. **Approved the first reading of policies;** 511, 512, 513, 515/form and 517. **Policy Adoption-second reading (scheduled);** 507, 508, 509, 510, and 524. **Staffing:** Hires: Mark Fitzpatrick-Athletic Director. Resignation: Jordan Beck -7th grade boys basketball. Further consent items included the approval of SY2020-2021 **Substitute pay:** Non-Licensed \$10.00/hr., Licensed \$110.00/day. **Athletic/Extra-Curricular Fess:** Participation \$65, MSHSL Act. Fee \$25. Participation fees for athletics were approved at \$65 for both junior high and senior high, game tickets remained the same at students \$3 and adults \$5 and season pass fees remained the same as well. **SACC** fees were set as presented and **facility rental fees** remained the same at Café - \$60/half day and \$80/day. \$200/day if admission is charged. \$300/day for both if admission is charged. Classroom - \$15/day. **Meal prices:** Elementary breakfast:

K - Free, grades 1-5 at \$1.45, grades 6-8 at \$1.55, grades 9-12 at \$1.65 and adult at \$2.40; lunch was set at K - \$2.85, elementary 1-5 at \$2.45, grades 6-8 at \$2.55, 9-12 at \$2.65 and adult at \$4.15; **board member compensation** was set at 0.0514% of Teachers' Master Agreement BA Step 1 Salary; **mileage reimbursement** remained at \$0.36/mile; our **official newspapers** is now the Fillmore County Journal; **Banks** of Official Depositories of School District Funds is Minnwest Bank/MSDLAF+; authorization was granted for **payment of monthly bills** for utilities and contracted services; authorization for the **superintendent to invest** in school district funds as per law was granted; authorization for the **district to use electronic funds** 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 was granted; **miscellaneous fees** for copies stayed the same: faxes \$3/1st page, \$1/extra, copies .10 each, returned checks \$10.; **memberships** for MSBA, MREA, SSC, SEMNET, STEM Forward (RAMSP), Kiwanis and SEC were approved; **law firm** was designated as Rupp, Anderson, Squires & Waldspurger, P.A.; designated **posting places** will be the district website, district office, KES and KHS entryways. Seconded by Lund. Roll call: Aye-4, Nay-0. Motion carried with Horsman, Rader, Emig and Lund approving.

Thank You: Mark & Jody Hagan for donating decorations to the Decades project.

Public Comment: None.

Reports: HS Principal/Superintendent Hecimovich, ES Principal, Business Manager, Building and Grounds Manager, Community Ed.

Old Business: Motion by Emig and seconded by Rader to **approve the handbooks** as presented. Roll call: Aye-5, Nay-0. Motion carried with Horsman, Rader, Emig, Mundfrom and Lund approving. Motion by Lund, seconded by Mundfrom authorizing administration to move **forward with the rebranding (logo) contest**. Roll call: Aye-5, Nay-0. Motion carried with Horsman, Rader, Emig, Mundfrom and Lund approving.

New Business: Strategic Planning and Board Self-Evaluation is going forward.

Community Outreach and Engagement: Website tabled. Ag Days is going forward depending on what the city does. Thank you to community was forwarded to FCJ for publication.

Announcements: Regular board meeting (work session) will be Monday, August 3, 2020 at 6:00 PM in the KHS conference room (teleconferencing). The Regular Board Meeting will be held Monday, August 17, 2020 at 6:00 PM in the KHS conference room (teleconferencing).

Motion by Mundfrom, seconded by Emig to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 PM. Roll call: Aye-4, Nay-0. Motion carried unanimously with Horseman, Mundfrom, Rader and Emig approving.

Respectfully submitted.
Kyle Rader - Clerk