

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2137 – Wednesday, January 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.

A duly posted regular meeting of the Board of Education, Independent School District No. 2137 was held via Zoom on Wednesday, January 20, 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, 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. All present via teleconferencing.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions to the Agenda: None

Rader moved to approve the following consent items as presented. **Board Agenda:** as presented; **Minutes:** December 21, 2020 (Regular Board Meeting), December 21, 2020 (Truth In Taxation Meeting), December 31, 2020 (Special Board Meeting), January 4, 2021 (Organizational Meeting), January 4, 2021 (Work Session), and January 12, 2021 (Special Board Meeting).

Approved the first reading of policies: 601, 602, 603, 604, 412, 412.1FRM, 808. **Policy Adoption-second reading (scheduled):** 905, 906, 213. **Staffing Updates: Medical Leave (FMLA):** Bailly Zanish, Fourth Grade Teacher; **Resignations:** Ron Neis, Van Driver; Brent Kohn, Head Golf Coach; **New Hires:** Skylar Boley, Full-time Day Custodian; Cori Ronnenberg, 2nd

Semester Full-time Sub. Motion seconded by Natasha Howard. Roll Call to approved. Aye-6, Nay-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Thank You and Recognition: Janet Kappers' Family and Midwest Dairy – Thank you for treating all of our staff to the meat and cheese trays and the assortment of gifts including hats, blankets, and Subway gift cards.

Resolution Accepting Donations: Nathan Redman – \$100.00 donated to GBB Fund 30; Casey's - \$18.00 donated to HS Student Council; Casey's - \$101.20 donated to Elem Student Council; Chuck & Maranda Emig - \$500.00 donated to Robotics. The following resolution was moved by Gwen Howard and seconded by Freet at the regular school board meeting on Wednesday, January 20, 2021. Roll call to approve: Aye-6, Nay-0. Motion carried unanimously.

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 will discuss more in February; Strategic Planning Update – reviewed and discussed.

New Business was discussed including Leading for the Future (Leaf) Series; Review Student Enrollment Projections; Attend MSBA Leadership Conference; Adopt Resolution Directing Superintendent to Make Recommendations for Adjustments in Curriculum, Programs, and Staff for the Following School Year, if needed; MSHSL Payment; LTFM-IAQ Close-out, discussed and tabled until April Work Session; Discussion of High School academic performance is being collected by Jim to be shared at later date; Spring Valley - Proposed TIF District No. 1-15; MSBA Director's Award. Call for motion made by Horsman to Approve MSHSL Non-Payment. Moved by Emig. Seconded by Gwen Howard. Roll call to approve: Aye-6, Nay-0. Motion carried unanimously. Call for motion made by Horsman to Approve Resolution Directing The Administration to Make Recommendations For Reductions In Programs and Positions and Reasons Therefor. Moved by Gwen Howard. Seconded by Emig. Roll call to approve: Aye-6, Nay-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Announcements and Meeting Dates: The next Regular Board Meeting (Work Session) will be Monday, February 1, 2021, at 6:00 PM in the KPS Choir Room. The next Regular Board Meeting will be Wednesday, February 17, 2021, at 6:00 PM in the KPS Choir Room.

Call for motion made by Horsman to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. Moved by Emig. Seconded by Gwen Howard. Roll call: Aye-6, Nay-0. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted.
Kyle Rader - Clerk