

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF Independent School District No. 2137 - Friday, January 21, 2022

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: The Special Board Meeting (Special Session) of Independent School District No. 2137 is called to order on Friday, January 21, 2022, at 6:03 p.m., by Jackie Horsman, Board Chair.

Roll Call:

Present: Jackie Horsman, Board Chair; Kyle Rader, Vice Chair; Maranda Emig, Member; Natasha Howard, Treasurer; Gwen Howard, Member; and Cindy Seabright, Clerk.

Absent: None

Guests: James Hecimovich, High School Principal/Superintendent

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited

Additions to the Agenda: None

New Business:

- A thorough discussion and review of the previous six scenarios for selecting administrative replacements and reorganization was held. Scenario 6 was agreed upon and further discussion regarding the role and duties of a Dean of Students.
- Following agreement of scenario 6, focus turned to search efforts and cost. The Minnesota School Board Association can assist in the search. Three options were discussed. The second option was agreed upon.
- Further discussion regarding other organizations where the search can be listed for free.

Announcements and Meeting Dates:

- Next Regular Board Meeting – Wednesday, February 23, 2022 - 6:00 PM - KES Conference Room/Zoom.
- Next Work Session - Monday, February 7, 2022 – 6:00 PM - KES Conference Room/Zoom.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Gwen Howard to adjourn; seconded by Maranda Emig. Roll call approved 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy S. Seabright
Electronically signed 1/25/2022 at 11:45 a.m.