

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2895  
PLACE: GSL Schools Community Room #443/444  
DATE March 12, 2018  
TIME: 7:00 p.m.

Board Chair Alsleben called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. The following board members were present: Alsleben, Christianson, Kuester, Lindeman, Twiss, and VonBerge. In addition, Superintendent Chris Sonju; Business Manager Michelle Sander, Lincoln Elementary Principal Bill Butler, GSL Jr./Sr. High School Principal Paul Sparby, Administrative Assistant Brenda Langanki, Mike Morris/GSL Technology Staff, Mike Sunblad, Lori Copler and Jakob Kounkel of the McLeod County Chronicle.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Announcements** The next regular School Board meeting will be on Monday, April 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the GSL Schools Community Room #443/444.

**Acknowledgments** Director Christianson acknowledged/complimented staff at Lakeside Elementary on the presentation of the Science Fair. He shared that the atmosphere was great and that all did a great job sharing information.

No public input to the agenda was given.

**Reports/Presentations**

Mike Sunblad presented to the board about the LYFT (Launch Your Future Today) Grant. This is a grant that was awarded by SWWC for career/technology education. The \$50,000.00 LYFT grant will serve three districts: Glencoe-Silver Lake, Lester Prairie and BOLD. Funds will be used for training and purchasing equipment that will rotate between the three districts by trimester – dictated by course schedule. Some of the equipment noted; vinyl cutter and printer for making signs, sublimation printer for printing t-shirts and mugs that can be used for events and fundraising, a 16 x 20 laser engraver, and a trailer. The second application of the grant will hopefully apply to the purchase of a CNC (Computer Numerical Control) router.

Principal's Butler and Sparby reported to the board.

Business Manager Sander reported to the board.

There were no student government reports.

Director Twiss attended the ECFE committee meeting February 26. She reported that the United Way grant will be used to fund an outdoor classroom. ECFE participation is going great, they had a great turn out for the Pizza & Play and Happy Heart events. They are looking to partner with local daycares for an "ECFE on Wheels" program. Registration for ECFE is open online.

Superintendent Sonju reported to the board and spoke about election timelines. Levy expires in 2 years, so a decision needs to be reached about if/when an election is to be set. He also noted that there has not been an increase of the levy (other than inflationary) since 2001. A packet about “Art Month” was distributed to board members for review– Shanda Landes will have a presentation at the April 6<sup>th</sup> board meeting. A tour of the schools for law enforcement agencies will take place on Thursday March 15<sup>th</sup>. A school board work session will need to be scheduled sometime at the end of March or in April, to discuss budget.

Director Lindeman moved to approve the agenda, the motion was seconded by Director Twiss. All approved, motion carried.

Motion made by Director Christianson to approve the Consent Agenda with addendum, seconded by Director Lindeman. All in favor, motion carried.

**Bills:**

February bills are on file and available for review at the Superintendent’s Office, 1621 East 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Glencoe.

**Minutes:**

Regular Board Meeting minutes of February 12, 2018.

**Hirings:** Katie Glansman as Special Education Paraprofessional replacing Megan Hoffman, Emily Forberg as Head Girls Golf coach, replacing David Fraiser, Kim Jacoway as Long Term substitute for High School Social Studies for Alissa Carlson. Carrie Rose - addition of fifteen minutes per day to accommodate assisting special education students’ needs.

**Resignations:** Emily Forberg as 7<sup>th</sup> Grade JV Golf coach, Kathy Korth as 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher at Lincoln Elementary. Rebecca Dahl as District Office MARSS Coordinator.

**Leave Requests:** Mary Kohr, high school Special Education Paraprofessional, from March 15 to April 16 for medical reasons.

**No Old Business**

**New Business**

- A. Director VonBerge motioned to approve the contract with SWWC Service Cooperative for the 2018-2019 school year, The Glencoe-Silver Lake School District utilizes several services provided by the SWWC Service Cooperative. The following services are recommended by the administration:

<u>Contract or Service</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
<b><i>Child Count on Contracts (based on October 1<sup>st</sup> count)</i></b>	<b><i>1,601</i></b>	<b><i>1,610</i></b>
1. Service Cooperative Membership Dues	\$250.00	\$25.00
2. Health & Safety Management Assistance	\$2,340.98	\$2,340.98

3. Regional Management Information Center and MARSS/Other Revenue Reporting Services	\$24,882.70	\$25,449.50
4. Basic Technology Services	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00
5. Special Education Services (Behavior Services – Option B)	\$247,218.39	\$213,590.57

Business Manager Sander provided information about the contracts to the board.

Seconded by Director Twiss, all voted in favor to approve the contract with SWWC Service Cooperative for the services as listed above for the 2018-2019 school year. Motion carried.

- B. Director Lindeman motioned to approve the agreement with 4.0 Services for ground management services from April 1, 2018 through November 15, 2019. Seconded by Director Christianson. All voted in favor, motion carried.
- C. Director Twiss motioned to approve the Teacher Workshop make up day for the day missed March 5, 2018, due to snow day cancellation. The date scheduled for the make-up day will be June 1, 2018. Seconded by Director VonBerge. All voted in favor, motion carried.

D. EXTRACT OF MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD  
OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2859  
(GLENCOE-SILVER LAKE PUBLIC SCHOOLS), GLENCOE, MINNESOTA

HELD: MARCH 12, 2018

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 2859 (Glencoe-Silver Lake Public Schools), Glencoe, Minnesota, was duly called and held at the Glencoe-Silver Lake Schools Community Room #443/444, 1621 East 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Glencoe, Minnesota on Monday, the 12th day of March, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose, in part, of approving a Resolution to Fully Fund Special Education Services (Minnesota)

The following directors were present: Alsleben, Christianson, Kuester, Lindeman, Twiss, and VonBerge, and the following were absent: none

Director VonBerge introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO FULLY FUND  
SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES (MINNESOTA).

WHEREAS, local boards of education place a very high priority on ensuring that ALL students receive high quality special education programs and instruction; and

WHEREAS, in 1975 Congress enacted the Education for All Handicapped Children Act (P.L. 94-142) now known as The Individuals with Disabilities Act IDEA to: improve access to education for children with disabilities by guaranteeing a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) in the least restrictive environment; assure that the rights of children with disabilities and their parents are protected; assist States and school systems to provide for the education of all children with disabilities; and to assess and assure the effectiveness of efforts to educate all children with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, when IDEA became law in 1975, the federal government promised to fund 40 percent of the additional cost of educating children with disabilities; and yet the federal government has failed to adequately fund the mandated programs and services arising under IDEA, never providing more than 15 percent of the additional cost; and

WHEREAS, sufficient federal funding for IDEA would significantly enhance the ability of local school systems to provide an excellent education for all students; and

WHEREAS, the special education cross-subsidy continues to be a major obstacle for Minnesota School Districts to grapple with, due to the growing number of students receiving special education, more specialized services and rising costs associated with those services and inadequate funding; and

WHEREAS, the state special education funding system has not kept pace with the rising cost of mandated services and support for students with special needs; and,

WHEREAS, the cross-subsidy for Minnesota school districts for FY2016 is \$679 million; a 5.6 percent increase from FY2015; and

WHEREAS, between rising need and insufficient state and federal aid, the amount of funding school districts as a whole in Minnesota will be forced to pay for special education costs will reach an average of \$815 per student in FY17;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Glencoe-Silver Lake School District #2859 urges the Governor and Legislature to strenuously advocate for significant increases in federal special education funding and meaningful special education reforms at the federal and state levels; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that there is an urgency for the Minnesota Legislature to convene a task force to work on special education funding, specifically with a focus on the impacts of the new special education funding formulas, the projected cross-subsidy and recommendations with a timeline to eliminate the cross-subsidy.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Director Christianson, and upon vote being taken thereon,

the following voted in favor thereof: Alsleben, Christianson, Kuester, Lindeman, Twiss, and VonBerge, and the following voted against the same: none

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted

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The following directors were present: Alsleben, Christianson, Kuester, Lindeman, Twiss, and VonBerge, and the following were absent: none

Director Twiss introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO FUND SWWC SERVICE COOPERATIVE FEDERAL SETTING IV FACILITIES SERVING  
STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS (AUTISM, MENTAL HEALTH, SEVERE EMOTIONAL  
BEHAVIORAL).

WHEREAS, local Boards of Education place a high priority on ensuring that ALL students receive high quality educational programs and instruction in facilities designed to meet their needs; and,

WHEREAS, the need for appropriate educational programs and specialized instruction for students with special needs (autism, mental health, severe emotional and behavioral needs) in federal setting IV programs has grown at an unprecedented rate; including the dramatic increase in the number of students, as well as, the severity of issues for those students with special needs; and,

WHEREAS, school districts depend on the SWWC Service Cooperative to provide federal setting IV educational programs and specialized instruction for students with special needs in facilities for such purpose; and,

WHEREAS, the SWWC Service Cooperative has, and continues to study, the need for federal setting IV educational programs and specialized instruction in the region; including, access to appropriate facilities designed for students with special needs; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of these studies, the SWWC Service Cooperative has identified a capital investment of \$40 to \$50 million dollars needed to meet the federal setting IV facility needs for students and programs with special needs in our region;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Glencoe-Silver Lake ISD 2859 urges the Governor and Legislature to advocate for significant state investment in funding for the development of Federal Setting IV Educational Facilities for the SWWC Service Cooperative in their efforts to provide educational programs and specialized instruction for students with special needs in well-designed, appropriate facilities in Southwest and West Central Minnesota.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member VonBerge, and upon vote being taken thereon,

the following voted in favor thereof: Alsleben, Christianson, Kuester, Lindeman, Twiss, and VonBerge, and the following voted against the same: none

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Director Christianson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

#### RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT DONATIONS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District #2859, Glencoe-Silver Lake, as follows:

That the following donations be accepted with appreciation:

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Item Donated</u>	<u>Designation</u>
Glencoe Regional Health Services	\$ 500.00	Community Ed
Seneca	\$ 450.00	Robotics
Seneca	\$ 500.00	Supermileage
Miller Manufacturing	\$ 250.00	Robotics
Panther Boosters	\$ 386.21	Basketball T-Shirts
Panther Boosters	\$ 6,000.00	Winter/Spring Activities
Mark & Andrea Janke	\$ 250.00	Robotics

The motion for the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Director Lindeman, and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Kuester, Alsleben, Lindeman, Christianson, VonBerge and Twiss. The following voted against the same: None.

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Chairman Alsleben moved to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Director Twiss seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

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Clerk

Approved (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

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Chairman