

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2859  
PLACE: Lincoln Meeting Room (Room 124)  
DATE: October 12, 2015  
TIME: 7:00 p.m.

Board Chair Christianson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: Kuester, VonBerge, Alsleben, Lindeman, Christianson, and Twiss. In addition, Superintendent Chris Sonju; Business Manager Michelle Sander; Principals Bill Butler and Dan Svoboda; Student Government Representative Katie Twiss; FFA Members Kirsten Barott and Kole Polzin; Auditor Kim Hillberg from CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP; Common Cup Ministries Representatives Bev Bonte, Cheryl McDougall, and Ralph Johnson; Technology Staff Mike Morris; and Superintendent's Secretary Dawn Peterson were in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The following announcements were made:

**Next School Board Meeting:** The next regular School Board meeting will be on Monday, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Lincoln Meeting Room (Room 124).

**Truth in Taxation Hearing:** The Glencoe-Silver Lake School District will hold its Truth in Taxation Hearing prior to the regularly-scheduled December 14<sup>th</sup> School Board meeting in the Lincoln Meeting Room (Room 124) beginning at 6:00 p.m. The levy will be certified at the regular Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. that same evening.

No public input relating to the agenda was given.

A presentation about Common Cup Ministries was given by Ms. Bonte, Mrs. McDougall, and Mr. Johnson.

Ms. Barott reported on her experience of serving as an FFA State Fair Ambassador in August.

Auditor Hillberg presented the audit report.

Business Manager Sander reported to the Board.

Principals Butler and Sparby reported to the Board.

Superintendent Sonju reported the first construction manager meeting will be held next week and things will really start moving with the project; information about selling the Helen Baker building will be included in the next school district newsletter; told the Board the next District Advisory Group meeting will be from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. on October 28, 2015 at Lincoln; a survey for the special education fiscal monitoring audit has been distributed; he attended a Legislative hearing last week which looked at changing the requirement for College in the Schools (CIS) teachers to be required to have a masters in their subject area in order to be qualified to teach a CIS class, and said this change could affect more than 84,000 students in the State of Minnesota; said the regulation is scheduled to take effect in 2017; and said CIS has been an extremely successful program in Minnesota, and hopefully we can continue to offer these classes; and said the people who approve accreditation for colleges will make the decision; reminded the Board that the district's strategic plan will always be changing and said it is a work in progress; acknowledged Stevens Seminary Foundation for its support of the CIS program and for providing "Get To" shirts, iPADS, and supporting the GSL Learning Initiative for our staff to use to develop programs for students "outside the box;" said he talked to a RAP group today about wasting food and meal requirements; and announced "WE DAY" will be coming on November 3 and said we have 20 students qualified right now and he is hoping we will receive more tickets.

Director Twiss reported the Policy Committee met before the Board meeting; Director VonBerge reported on a High School Leadership Committee meeting; and Director Christianson reported that Meet and Confer met recently.

Director Alsleben moved to approve the agenda with the addition of a request to hold a fundraiser. Director Kuester seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director VonBerge moved to approve the consent agenda:

***Bills:***

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

***Minutes:***

Special Board Meeting minutes of September 14, 2015, and Regular Board Meeting minutes of September 14, 2015.

**Hiring:**

Jon Koehler as 6.5-hour-a-day Paraprofessional in Special Education at GSL Lakeside Elementary School (new position).

**Transfer:**

Angela Templin from 6.75-hour-a-day Paraprofessional in Special Education to 8-hour-a-day Attendance/Activities Secretary at GSL High School (replaces Mona Ewald who resigned).

**Resignation:**

Mike Sundblad as SuperMileage Advisor.

**Leave Request:**

Chris Johnson, Math Teacher at Lincoln Junior High School, requests Child Care leave beginning on or around April 16, 2016 for four weeks.

**Extracurricular Assignments:**

Wanda Collins and Karol Kiefer as High School Co-Yearbook Advisors (replace Wanda Collins as Head Coach).

Tom Schoper and Wanda Collins as Co-Head Mock Trial Advisors (was not included on the list previously approved by the Board).

Ann Lamecker as Assistant Knowledge Bowl Coach (was not included on the list previously approved by the Board).

Ashly Casteel as 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Softball Coach (replaces Jessica Schmitz who resigned).

Mike Sundblad and Shawn Fettig as Co-Head SuperMileage Advisors (replace Mike Sundblad who resigned).

Mark Wigern as JV Wrestling Coach (replaces Shawn Fettig who resigned).

Director Twiss seconded. Approved unanimously.

At the September Board meeting, approval was given to hire Donlar Construction Co. to provide pre-construction and construction management services for the building project pending contract negotiations. Director Twiss moved to approve the negotiated contract with Donlar Construction Co. for pre-construction and construction management services for the building project. Director VonBerge seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Lindeman moved to approve the three-year contract with Superintendent Sonju from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019. Director Twiss seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Kuester moved to approve the two-year contracts with Community Education employees Jane Goettl, ReNae Jenson, and Don Bohnert from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017. Director Alsleben seconded. Approved unanimously.

The School Board approved two calendar options for the 2016-2017 school year on February 9, 2015 because it was unknown at the time whether or not the Legislature would approve an early start for school districts. Meet and Confer was held on September 30<sup>th</sup> to review the calendar options and to make a recommendation to the School Board on a final calendar for 2016-2017. Director Twiss moved to approve the 2016-2017 school calendar as recommended by Meet and Confer. Director Kuester seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director VonBerge moved to approve and submit the Assurance of Compliance as required by statute. Director Lindeman seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Kuester moved to post the Education Minnesota: GSL seniority list for 20 days. Director Alsleben seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Alsleben moved to post the SEIU Local #284 seniority list for 20 days. Director VonBerge seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Twiss moved to adopt the resolution supporting the district application to the Minnesota State High School League Foundation for reimbursement of activity fees from students who qualify for free and reduced lunches as submitted by Activities Director Schwartz. Director VonBerge seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Alsleben moved to adopt the limited expansion of the school district's transportation for students in K-6 (residing greater than one-half mile from their school and from Lincoln Junior High School), and junior high students (residing greater than one mile from their school), under the conditions specified for the 2015-2016 school year only beginning on November 23, 2015, and concluding on March 24, 2016, at no additional cost to the school district. Director Kuester seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Twiss moved to approve the "District Strategic Plan – 2015 and Beyond (World's Best Work Force Plan)," post it on the district website, include it in the Panther Newsletter and submit a summary to

the Minnesota Department of Education, and also to update the Mission Statement in Policy 104 School District Mission Statement to match the strategic plan. Director VonBerge seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director VonBerge moved to approve Activities Director Schwartz’s request to hold a school-wide Panther clothing sale fundraiser. Funds raised will go to the Activities Department. Director Lindeman seconded. Approved unanimously.

Member Kuester 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:

Donor	Item Donated	Designation
Midwest Industrial Grinding	\$500.00	SuperMileage
Miller Manufacturing	\$500.00	SuperMileage
Glencoe Lions’ Club	\$518.09	Lakeside Lions Quest
McLeod Co. Corn & Soybean Assoc.	\$2,000.00	SuperMileage
Silver Lake American Legion Post #141	\$500.00	High School Military History Class
Zoetis – Glencoe Vet Clinic	\$99.00	FFA
Glencoe VFW Post #5102	\$200.00	High School Military History Class
Brownton Lions’ Club	\$75.00	Dictionary Project
Brownton Lions’ Club	\$50.00	Write-off Contest
Thomsen Reuters	\$1,000.00	Girls’ Soccer
Stevens Seminary Foundation	\$8,000.00	Teacher Learning Initiative
Stevens Seminary Foundation	\$10,000.00	iPads for Students
Stevens Seminary Foundation	\$8,000.00	“GET TO” T-shirts
Stevens Seminary Foundation	\$14,540.00	College in the Schools Program

The motion for the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Twiss, and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Kuester, VonBerge, Alsleben, Lindeman, Christianson, and Twiss

The following voted against the same: None

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Director Twiss moved to adjourn at 8:47 p.m. Director Alsleben seconded. Approved unanimously.

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

Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_