

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2859
PLACE: Lincoln Meeting Room (Room 124)
DATE: September 14, 2015
TIME: 7:00 p.m.

Board Chair Christianson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: Lindeman, Alsleben, Kuester, VonBerge, Christianson, and Twiss. In addition, Superintendent Chris Sonju; Business Manager Michelle Sander; Principals Bill Butler and Paul Sparby; IT Director Jeff Jenson; FFA Member Tyler Siewert; 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, Oct. 12th, 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 14th 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.

Superintendent Sonju acknowledged the Community Education 12-year-old Baseball Team's "Real Winning Team" award, which they received for their sportsmanship during the Minnesota Sports Federation (MSF) State Tournament held in Owatonna. The award was presented to the team on August 20, 2105 by Mark Hendricks of Youth 1st, in partnership with the Minnesota Sports Federation and the Minnesota Twins. The Real Wining Team was selected by umpires based on the conduct and sportsmanship exhibited by coaches, players and fans. The team received a plaque, personalized certificates, plus tickets for the players and coaches to attend the Minnesota Twins game at Target Field.

Superintendent Sonju acknowledged all of our students and staff for a really, really great start to the year.

No public input relating to the agenda was given.

Business Manager Sander reported to the Board.

Principals Butler and Sparby reported to the Board.

Superintendent Sonju reported it was a great start to the school year and thanked all of the families; thanked the Board members who participated in the construction manager interviews, and said once approval is given to hire a construction manager, he will move into negotiations with the new contractor; announced the public hearing to close Helen Baker was held tonight before the Board meeting; said we will continue to hold user group meetings, and it has been fun to see the design progressing as we get into more and more detail; reminded the Board about the World's Best Workforce work session on September 22nd at 7:30 p.m., and said the draft report has been run by the District Advisory Group as well as the Executive Cabinet; told the Board the enrollment numbers in Infinite Campus are up compared to the physical count of students because there may still be students in Infinite Campus whose location is unknown, but the count is about where we thought it would be; said we are working on the 2016-2017 calendar and he will keep the Board posted; said we could start early again because of the construction project; thanked Stevens Seminary Foundation for the "Get To 2.0" t-shirts they funded, and reported the first "Get To Day" was on Friday; explained how students received a t-shirt by signing a pledge, and said there will be a "Get To Day" each month; reported he had a former student who lives in the GSL School District with a problem, said they worked it out, and he received a thank you from her which included a comment about the wonderful teachers in our district.

Director Alsleben moved to approve the agenda. Director Kuester seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Twiss moved to approve the consent agenda with the addition of a leave request.

Bills:

August bills are on file and available for review at the Superintendent's Office, 1621 East 16th Street, Glencoe.

Minutes:

Regular Board Meeting minutes of August 10, 2015.

Hirings:

Carol Silus as Fitness Instructor at Panther Field House through September 24, 2015.
Kayla O'Donnell as 8-hour-a-day Health Aide at GSL High School/Lincoln Junior High School (replaces Jess Neid who resigned).

Oriann Johnson as 1.0 FTE 3rd Grade Teacher at GSL Lakeside Elementary School (replaces Jen Chrast who transferred to another position).
Geraldyn Broderius as 6.5-hour-a-day Paraprofessional in Special Education at Helen Baker Elementary School (replaces Jenn Brinkmann who transferred to another position).
Josh Metcalf as 1.0 FTE Phy Ed Teacher at Helen Baker Elementary School (replaces Kirsten Guentzel who resigned).
Natalie Caouette as 6.5-hour-a-day Paraprofessional in Special Education at GSL Lakeside Elementary School (replaces Larisa Kosek who resigned).

Transfer:

Jen Chrast from 3rd Grade Teacher to 4th Grade Teacher at GSL Lakeside Elementary School (replaces Scott Picha who transferred to another position).

Resignations:

Larisa Kosek as 6.5-hour-a-day Paraprofessional in Special Education at GSL Lakeside Elementary School.
Kirsten Guentzel as 1.0 FTE Phy Ed/Adapted Teacher at Helen Baker Elementary School.
Shawn Fettig as Assistant Wrestling Coach.
Wanda Collins as High School Yearbook Advisor.
Mona Ewald as 8-hour-a-day Activities/Attendance Secretary at GSL High School effective September 18, 2015.

Leave Requests:

Emily Foss, Kindergarten Teacher at Helen Baker Elementary School, for Maternity Leave from on or around December 10, 2015, through March 2, 2016.
Brittany Johnson, 5th Grade Teacher at GSL Lakeside Elementary School, for maternity leave from on or around March 16, 2016, through the end of the 2015-2016 school year (May 20, 2016).

Extracurricular Assignments:

Shirley Luhmann as Assistant Fall Musical Director (replaces Dawn Peterson who resigned).
Kayla O'Donnell as JV Gymnastics Coach (replaces Kim Bender who resigned).
Tom Schoper as History Club/Government Advisor (new position).
Whitney Herrmann as Junior Class Advisor (replaces Afton Gamst who resigned).
David Frasier as Varsity Reserve Boys' Basketball Coach (no one previously held this position).
Josh Otto-Fisher as JV Baseball Coach (replaces Dave Sell who resigned).

Director Lindeman seconded. Approved unanimously.

A public hearing was held before the Board meeting regarding the necessity and practicability of closing the Helen Baker Elementary school building in Glencoe. Director Kuester moved to adopt the "Resolution Closing a Schoolhouse." Director Lindeman seconded. Approved unanimously.

IT Director Jenson reported on a proposed Bring Your Own Device Policy. Director Lindeman moved to adopt the new Bring Your Own Device Policy and to waive a second reading so that it can be used right away at GSL. Director Twiss seconded. Approved unanimously.

Requests for proposals for pre-construction and construction management services for the building project were due on August 20th. Seven proposals were received. Four firms were interviewed on September 9th. Director Alsleben moved to hire Donlar Construction Co. to provide pre-construction and construction management services for the building project pending contract negotiations. Director VonBerge seconded. Approved unanimously.

Member Twiss introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE GLENCOE-SILVER LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT
TO CONDUCT BUSINESS ON COLUMBUS DAY**

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

That public business may be conducted on Columbus Day, the second Monday in October, in accordance with M.S. 645.44, Subd. 5.

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

The following voted against the same: None

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Principal Sparby proposed a change in 7-12 parent teacher conferences for the 2015-2016 school year to include:

- One night of parent teacher conferences fall trimester
- One night of parent teacher conferences winter trimester
- Use the remaining nine hours for staff to do “targeted conferences” with three hours used each trimester outside of the contract day to connect with and/or call parents and to provide documentation to the building principal including the date, student/parent contacted, and time.

Director VonBerge moved to approve the changes in 7-12 parent teacher conferences and to approve the revised 2015-2016 calendar. Director Twiss seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Alsleben moved to approve two, two-year agreements with Service Employees International Union Local #284 (Paraprofessionals, Health Assistants, Interpreter, Library Aides, and Office Secretaries: Principal’s Secretary, ECFE Secretary, Activities/Attendance Secretary, and Counselor’s Secretary) from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017, and from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019. Director Kuester seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Lindeman moved to approve a two-year contract with the GSL Principals’ Association from July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2017. Director Twiss seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Lindeman moved to approve a two-year contract with Tina Schauer, Community Education/Panther Field House Director, from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017. Director Twiss seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Kuester moved to approve the Crisis Plan as revised for the 2015-2016 school year. Director Lindeman seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director VonBerge moved to approve the Joint Powers Agreement with Minnesota State University, Mankato, for Post Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) services from August 24, 2015 until May 6, 2016. Director Kuester seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Twiss moved to approve the agreement with Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc. for services provided to work with migrant students including identifying eligible migrant students, collecting and reporting data for migrant students, collecting and reporting grades and credit accrual for migrant high school students, and sending designated GSL staff to attend two trainings on migrant eligibility and the required data reporting. Director Alsleben seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Twiss moved to enter into the Concurrent Enrollment Program Agreement Between Southwest Minnesota State University and GSL to cover our College in the Schools program, which remains in effect until terminated by either party by a 30-day written notification. Director VonBerge seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Lindeman moved to approve the contract with Soliant Health for Speech-Language services from August 31, 2015 through October 16, 2015 to cover a maternity leave for an employee working in the Early Childhood Learning Center. Director Twiss seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Alsleben moved to increase pay for junior high volleyball officials from \$45 to \$60 per event in order to be consistent with other junior high sports officials’ pay. Director Kuester seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director VonBerge moved to approve the 2015-2016 teacher overloads:

English

Sharon Iverson – 3 tri overload
Wanda Collins – 2 tri overload
Chris Bick – 1 tri overload

Math

Shawn Fettig – 3 tri overload

Social Studies

Brea Wiblemo – 2 tri overload

Director Lindeman seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Alsleben moved to certify the maximum amount permitted by law for the preliminary levy for the 2016-2017 school year. Director Kuester seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Kuester moved to approve hiring an additional 6.5-hour-a-day Paraprofessional in Special Education at GSL Lakeside Elementary School because of the requirements of a new student’s IEP. Director VonBerge seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Twiss moved to change the hours of two Paraprofessionals in Special Education at GSL Lakeside Elementary School for the rest of the year in order to provide supervision on Special Ed Bus #43: Cathay Rosenau from 6.75 to 8 hours a day, and Amy Polifka from 8 to 6.75 hours a day. Director Kuester seconded. Approved unanimously.

Member VonBerge introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A DONATION

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

That the following donation be accepted with appreciation:

Donor	Item Donated	Designation
Brian Kluever	Alto Saxophone - value of \$950.00	GSL Band Program

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

The following voted against the same: None

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Superintendent Sonju asked any Board members who are interested in serving on the SW/WC Service Cooperative Board to let him know.

Director Lindeman moved to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Director VonBerge seconded. Approved unanimously.

Approved (Date) _____

Clerk _____

Chairman _____