

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2859  
PLACE: Lincoln Meeting Room (Room 124)  
DATE: August 10, 2015  
TIME: 7:00 p.m.

Board Chair Christianson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. The following members were present: Kuester, VonBerge, Lindeman, Alsleben, Christianson, and Twiss. In addition, Superintendent Chris Sonju; Business Manager Michelle Sander; Principals Bill Butler, Joy Freitag, and Paul Sparby; Mark Larson, Glencoe City Administrator; Justin Black, Glencoe City Engineer from SEH; Rich Glennie; Technology Staff Mike Morris; and Superintendent's Secretary Dawn Peterson were in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The following announcement was made:

**Next School Board Meeting:** The next regular School Board meeting will be on Monday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in the Lincoln Meeting Room (Room 124).

Superintendent Sonju acknowledged the custodial and grounds staff for their hard work this summer; the cooks for the summer meal program; and the transportation staff for transporting our students this summer.

No public input relating to the agenda was given.

Mr. Larson and Mr. Black gave a presentation to the Board entitled, "Glencoe Northeast Drainage Improvements." No School Board action was taken.

Business Manager Sander presented to the Board.

Principals Butler, Freitag, and Sparby presented to the Board.

Superintendent Sonju told the Board the technology department has been busy this summer; the school district's August "back-to-school" newsletter is out to families; said we are in the process of selecting a construction manager for the building project and RFPs have been sent out with a return deadline of August 27<sup>th</sup>; then we will need to determine who to interview; said interviews will take place at 6:00 p.m. on September 9<sup>th</sup>, and said if all goes well, we could have a recommendation at the September 14<sup>th</sup> Board meeting; talked about selling the Helen Baker facility, said a public hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. on September 14, 2015 in Lincoln Room 124, and told Board members they could go ahead and move forward to draft a motion to close the facility that night or the next month; reported on the workshop schedule and said August 24<sup>th</sup> is the start of the workshop, August 25<sup>th</sup> is staff day, and August 31<sup>st</sup> is the first day of school; said Board members are invited to serve breakfast at the high school the morning of the 25<sup>th</sup>; provided a negotiations update: said the principals' group met today and Local #284 will meet tomorrow night; reminded Board members they need to let him know when they view the MSHSL video for recordkeeping purposes; said our kindergarten numbers are up to 102; told the Board he has been working on the strategic plan draft and tweaking it; the District Advisory Group met on August 3<sup>rd</sup> and now the next step is for the Board to talk more about the strategic plan and then finalize and approve it.

A work session was scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on September 22<sup>nd</sup> in Lincoln Room 124 to review the strategic plan.

Committee reports were given by Director Christianson about negotiations with the principals' group earlier in the evening and the Education Minnesota: GSL settlement.

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

Director VonBerge moved to approve the consent agenda with the addition of a hiring and an increase in hours.

***Bills:***

July 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 July 13, 2015.

***Hirings:***

Ashly Casteel as 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher at Helen Baker Elementary School (replaces Cari Glaeser who transferred to the RtI Teacher position).

Marilyn Novitski as 6.75-hour-a-day Paraprofessional in the Special Education Program at GSL High School (replaces Diane Hlavka, who retired).

Duane Stensvad as 6.75-hour-a-day Paraprofessional in the Special Education Program at GSL High School (replaces Tyler Peterson who passed away).

Marian Riemenschneider as 6.75-hour-a-day Paraprofessional in the Special Education Program at GSL High School (replaces Julie Rose who resigned).  
Megan Nelson as Early Childhood Family Education Teacher in the Early Childhood Learning Center (replaces Becky Shogren who resigned).

***Transfer:***

Scott Picha, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher at GSL Lakeside Elementary School, to 1.0 FTE Title I Math Interventionist/Technology Teacher (half new position; half replaces Mary Eckhoff).

***Resignation:***

Jess Neid as 8-hour-a-day Health Assistant at GSL High School/Lincoln Junior High School.

***Leave Requests:***

Alissa Carlson, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies Teacher at Lincoln Junior High School, for Maternity Leave from on or around November 6, 2015, through January 15, 2016.

Ashlee Zimmermann, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher at GSL Lakeside Elementary School, for Maternity Leave from on or around December 16, 2015 through late February, 2016 (12 weeks).

***Increase in Hours:***

Increase in Helen Baker Elementary School Health Assistant Chelsey Thoele's hours from 6.5 to 7.0 hours per day. This will provide 15 minutes of coverage before and after school and will give her the same number of hours as Michelle Woods, the Health Assistant/LPN at GSL Lakeside Elementary School.

***Extracurricular Activities:***

Mary Arnold as Assistant Tennis Coach (replaces Josh Otto-Fisher who resigned).

***Winter and Spring Assignments:***

The Master Agreement between the school district and Education Minnesota: GSL requires coaches and supervisors to receive a letter of assignment for extra duty assignments prior to September 1 for winter and spring sports each year.

**WINTER ACTIVITIES**

Boys' Basketball

Head – Robb DeCorsey

VR – Open

JV – Scott Tschimperle

9th Grade – Michael Haefs

8th Grade – Terry Becker

7th Grade – Open

Girls' Basketball

Head – Zach Otto-Fisher

JV – Jeff Monahan

9th Grade – Dave Prehn

8th Grade – Sarah Schoon

7th Grade – Open

Dance Team

Head – Bertina Miller

Asst. – Open if needed

Gymnastics

Head – Kim Hahn

Assistant – Open

Junior High – Open

Knowledge Bowl

Head – Vicky Harris

Junior High – Open

One Act Play

Director – Pat Hiltner

Robotics

Mike Sundblad

Speech

Wanda Collins

Wrestling

Head – Lance Wurm

Assistant – Shawn Fettig

Junior High – Jeff Delwiche

Mock Trial

Tom Schoper

**SPRING ACTIVITIES**

Baseball

Head – Dean Schwirtz

JV – Dave Sell

9th Grade – Paul Lemke

8th Grade – Chris Bick

7th Grade – Josh Otto-Fisher

Golf

Head – Boys' – Chad Koenen

Head – Girls' – Open

JV – Tanya Reichow

Junior High – Open

Softball

Head – Steve Davis

JV – Dave Prehn

9th Grade – Open

8th – Open

7th – Open

Spring Play

Director – Pat Hiltner

Track

Head – Boys' – Josh Metcalf

Head – Girls' – Robb DeCorsey

Assistant – Jeff Delwiche

Assistant – Shawn Fettig

Junior High – Mike Maresh

Junior High – Open

Junior High – Open

Trapshooting

Head – Doug Fegley

SuperMileage

Mike Sundblad

Director Twiss seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Kuester moved to approve the bid for gas and diesel from Super America – SA Fleet for cost plus \$.01 plus freight and applicable taxes from August 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. Director VonBerge seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Lindeman thanked Education Minnesota: GSL negotiators for being very professional. Director Christianson said negotiations were very congenial and he appreciated them having good leaders with Paul Lemke and Brook Magnuson. Director Lindeman moved to approve the two-year agreement with Education Minnesota: GSL from July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2017. Director Twiss seconded. Approved 5-1 (Director Kuester abstained).

As part of the negotiations with Education Minnesota: GSL, agreement has been reached to add a new advisor position to the salary schedule. The responsibilities of this position include overseeing Government Day, the Page program, Boys’ and Girls’ State, the Voice of Democracy and Patriots’ Pen essay competitions, and coordinating activities through local VFW and American Legion posts. Director Twiss moved to approve adding the History Club/Government Advisor position to Group V of the Extra Activity Schedule as part of the new two-year agreement with Education Minnesota: GSL. Director Kuester seconded. Approved unanimously.

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 School Board action was taken.

Director Lindeman moved to approve the 10-year Long-term Facility Maintenance Plan as presented and submit it to the Minnesota Department of Education as required by legislation. Director Alsleben seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Twiss moved to adopt the “Resolution Providing for a Public Hearing on Closing a Schoolhouse” as part of the process the School District is following in order to close and sell the Helen Baker Elementary School building, and scheduled a public hearing for 6:00 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> in the Lincoln Meeting Room (Room 124). Director VonBerge seconded. Approved unanimously

Member Alsleben 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
Crow River Cutter	\$250.00	Trap Shooting
New Auburn Lions’ Club	\$50.00	Lakeside Quest Program
Silver Lake Lions’ Club	\$250.00	Lakeside Quest Program
Glencoe Lions’ Club	\$650.00	Supermileage
Glencoe Lions’ Club	\$650.00	Robotics
Brownton Lions’ Club	\$170.00	Lakeside Quest Program

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

The following voted against the same: None

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Director VonBerge moved to adjourn at 8:57 p.m. Director Lindeman seconded. Approved unanimously.

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

Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_