

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2859
PLACE: Lincoln Meeting Room (Room 124)
DATE: June 8, 2015
TIME: 7:00 p.m.

Board Chair Christianson called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. The following members were present: Kuester, Alsleben, Lindeman, Christianson, and Twiss. Director VonBerge was absent from the meeting. In addition, Superintendent Chris Sonju; Business Manager Michelle Sander; Principals Bill Butler and Dan Svoboda; Michael Sundblad, Industrial Technology/Engineering Teacher and Supermileage Advisor, and student Kole Polzin; Mike Nelson from Dashir Management Services, Inc., and Facilities Manager Brady Flaherty; Food Service Director Bernie Getzlaff; Peter Gepson, High School Band Director; Technology Director Jeff Jenson; Jeff Seeley, Municipal Advisor from Ehlers; 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, July 13th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Lincoln Meeting Room (Room 124).

No input relating to the agenda was given.

Kole Polzin gave a presentation to the Board about the engineering/Supermileage trip to Kansas City, KS, May 7th-9th.

Facilities Manager Flaherty and Mike Nelson from Dashir reported to the Board.

Food Service Director Getzlaff reported to the Board.

Band Director Gepson reported to the Board about the proposed February 2016 band and choir trip.

Business Manager Sander reported to the Board.

Principals Butler and Svoboda reported to the Board.

Superintendent Sonju told the Board he wanted to acknowledge our staff and students for all they did this year and said we are proud of them; told the Board the second design team meeting for the building project was held and said our architect will be working with us on an RFP for a construction manager position; said it is overwhelming with all of the things happening now, but in two years, we will be able to see the work that has been finished; announced we are at 93 in kindergarten for this fall and said that is a great number; reported a survey was conducted of our junior parents and 92 percent of them preferred a May 20 graduation date; told the Board Education Minnesota: GSL negotiations were held before the Board meeting tonight and Local #284 negotiations will take place on Wednesday; reminded the Board to let him know when they watch the MSHSL "WHY WE PLAY" video; said Celebration Day was held on May 15th, said it was a special time with all of our kids, and thanked the Technology Department for their assistance with the program; told the Board graduation was very special, as was the staff recognition breakfast, and thanked all who were involved; said it was fun to be able to recognize people from the community during the recognition program, and to be able to thank the retired teachers and staff who are moving on.

Director Christianson reported he and Director Lindeman met with Education Minnesota: GSL today for negotiations and said the next meeting date will be on June 24th at 4:00 p.m.

Director Lindeman moved to approve the agenda with the addition of closing the meeting to discuss negotiations strategy. Director Alsleben seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Twiss moved to approve the consent agenda.

Bills:

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

Minutes:

Regular Board Meeting minutes of May 11, 2015, and Special Meeting Minutes of May 18, 2015.

Hirings:

Migrant Summer School Staff: Coordinator: Lori Moore; Liaison: John McBride; Lead Elementary: Kim Bender; Lead Secondary/OSY: Wanda Collins; RTI/Data: Emily Forberg; Grades 7-8: Amanda (Peterson) Kottke/plus another individual to be hired; Grades 4-6: Mary Patterson;

Grades 2-3: Misie May-Helget; Grades K-1: Sarah Arandia; Secretary/Data Clerk: Dulce Hernandez; Paraprofessional/Bus Supervision: Mary Kohr; Paraprofessionals: Carol Silus, Zac Otto-Fisher, Linda Matousek, Brigit Helmbrecht-Kilgore and Linda Urban.

ESY Summer School Staff: Teachers: Jamie Dop, Mary Christeson, Jason Schmitz, and Samantha Jung; Paraprofessionals: Holly Albrecht, Connie Duenow, Jean Horrmann, Trisha Schilling, Amy Lemke, Geralyn Broderius, Amber Alsleben, Emily Lawrence, and Traci Schwarzrock.

Elementary Targeted Services Staff: Lead Teacher: Joy Freitag; Teachers: Teresa Kuester, Angi Grimes, Bertina Miller, Jessica Schmitz, Brandy Barrett, and Brittany Johnson; Paraprofessionals: Heidi Nelson, Emily Wurm, and Mona Ewald.

Secondary Targeted Services Staff: Junior High - Alissa Carlson and Sue Bautch; High School - Terry Becker, Michael Haefs, Roxanne Stensvad, Paul Lemke, Chris Bick, and Ann Lamecker.

Kelly Johnson as 1.0 FTE School Psychologist (new position).

Chelsey Thoele as 6.5-hour-a-day Health Assistant at Helen Baker Elementary School (replaces Rosa Schiroo who resigned).

Joy Freitag as Elementary Assistant Principal/Curriculum Coordinator at GSL Lakeside and Helen Baker Elementary Schools (replaces Diane Schultz who resigned).

Nicole Gepson as School Readiness Preschool Teacher for up to 17.5 hours per week (new position).

Tristin Sprengeler as School Readiness Preschool Paraprofessional for up to 16.25 hours per week (new position).

Leave Request:

Cheryl Templin, 8-hour-a-day Counselor's Secretary at GSL High School, is asking to update her Medical Leave request. She is anticipating her leave will now be from June 15 through September 15, 2015.

Retirements:

Mary Ann Drew, 40-hour-a-week Principal's Secretary at GSL High School, effective June 30, 2015.

Scott Eckhoff, 1.0 FTE Science Teacher at Lincoln Junior High School, effective at the end of the 2014-2015 school year.

Resignations:

Kate Quam, 1.0 FTE Special Education Teacher at GSL Lakeside Elementary School.

David Titus as 1.0 FTE Special Education Teacher at Helen Baker Elementary School.

Alissa Carlson as Junior High Track Coach.

Lori Cacka as 7th-8th Grade Softball Coach.

Mary Eckhoff as BPA Advisor.

Kay Wilson as Fall Musical Director.

Dawn Peterson as Assistant Fall Musical Director.

Joy Freitag as Rtl Teacher at GSL Lakeside and Helen Baker Elementary Schools in order to accept the Assistant Principal/Curriculum Coordinator position at Lakeside and Helen Baker.

Scott Eckhoff as Head Girls' Golf Coach.

Jess Neid as Assistant Golf Coach.

Kim Bender as Co-JV Gymnastics Coach.

Extracurricular Activities:

Josh Metcalf as Head Girls' Cross Country Coach (replaces Jann Savre, who is retiring).

Director Lindeman seconded. Approved 3-2 (Directors Lindeman, Christianson and Twiss voted in favor; Directors Kuester and Alsleben voted against).

Jeff Seeley, Municipal Advisor from Ehlers, presented information about the sale of bonds for the building project. Director Lindeman moved to adopt the "Resolution Providing for the Sale of General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 2015A; and Covenanting and Obligating the District to be Bound by and to Use the Provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55 to Guarantee the Payment of the Principal and Interest on these Bonds" for the sale of the building project bonds. Director Twiss seconded. Approved unanimously.

Technology Director Jeff Jenson provided information about the updated Technology Plan. Director Kuester moved to approve the Technology Plan for July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018. Director Alsleben seconded. Approved unanimously.

Business Manager Sander provided information about the 2015-2016 preliminary budget and said it must be approved by July 1. Director Alsleben moved to approve the 2015-2016 preliminary budget:

	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
General Fund	\$16,830,633.00	\$17,084,741.00
Food Service	\$958,974.00	\$957,353.00
Community Service	\$764,943.00	\$789,429.00
Building Construction	\$24,002,000.00	\$2,000,000.00
Scholarship Account	\$2,900.00	\$13,700.00
Internal Service Fund	\$1,400.00	-

Director Kuester seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Twiss moved to approve the meal prices for 2015-2016 as listed below:

Milk - .40 – Same – No increase
 Kindergarten milk – \$11.00/year – No increase
 Grades 1-6 milk – \$25.00/half year or \$50.00 full year – No increase
 Snack Cart – Grades 1-6 – \$29.00/half year or \$58.00 full year – No increase
 Lunch – K- 6 – \$2.40
 7-12 – \$2.60
 Adult – \$3.60
 Continue with free breakfast

} Increase of .10

Director Lindeman seconded. Approved unanimously.

Business Manager Sander provided information about activities fees, which haven’t been increased since 2007. Director Lindeman moved to increase all 7-12 activity fees by \$10.00 for 2015-2016. Director Kuester seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Kuester moved to approve renewal of the property and liability insurance with Hanover through Marsh and McLennan Insurance Agency with liability limits of \$2,000,000/\$4,000,000 for a premium of \$70,905.88, and to stay with SFM for workman’s comp insurance with a premium of \$37,610.00. Director Twiss seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Lindeman moved to offer voluntary student insurance for medical coverage purchased by the parents through Special Markets Insurance Company. Their coverage is written with Gerber Life Insurance Company. Director Twiss seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Twiss moved to approve the GSL Band and Choir Trip to New Orleans, LA, for band and choir students in grades 9-12 from February 24-29, 2016. Director Alsleben seconded. Approved unanimously.

Because of the construction scheduled to start in the spring of 2016, we have been given approval by the Minnesota Department of Education to start school before Labor Day. Director Kuester moved to approve the revised 2015-2016 school calendar with a start date for students of August 31, 2015, and an end date for students of May 20, 2016. Director Alsleben seconded. Approved unanimously.

The Fundraising Report for the 2014-2015 school year was provided. No School Board action was taken.

Director Twiss moved to approve the requests for Fundraisers to be held during the 2015-2016 school year as presented. Director Alsleben seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Lindeman moved to approve the parent/student handbooks for the 2015-2016 school year. Director Twiss seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Twiss moved to approve the staff handbooks for the 2015-2016 school year. Director Lindeman seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Kuester moved to approve membership in the Minnesota State High School League for the 2015-2016 school year. Director Lindeman seconded. Approved unanimously.

The School Board will be conducting a formal evaluation of Superintendent Sonju. An evaluation report will be made by the Personnel Committee (Director Christianson and Director Twiss) at the July 13th Board meeting. No School Board action was taken.

Member Lindeman 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>
Plato American Legion Post #641	\$1,300.00	BPA
Plato American Legion Post #641	\$100.00	Robotics
Plato Fire Department	\$250.00	BPA

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, Alsleben, Lindeman, Christianson, and Twiss

The following voted against the same: None

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

At 9:10 p.m., a recess was declared in order to clear the room.

Director Lindeman moved to close the meeting at 9:16 p.m. in order to discuss negotiations strategy. Director Twiss seconded. Approved unanimously.

Present during the closed meeting were: Superintendent Sonju and Board Directors Christianson, Twiss, Kuester, Lindeman, and Alsleben, and Superintendent's Secretary Peterson.

Director Kuester moved to open the meeting at 9:38 p.m. Director Twiss seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Twiss moved to adjourn at 9:39 p.m. Director Lindeman seconded. Approved unanimously.

Approved (Date) _____

Clerk _____

Chairman