

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2859
PLACE: Lincoln Meeting Room (Room 124)
DATE: February 9, 2015
TIME: 7:00 p.m.

Board Chair Christianson called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. The following members were present: Lindeman, Alsleben, VonBerge, Kuester, Christianson, and Twiss. In addition, Superintendent Chris Sonju; Business Manager Michelle Sander; Principals Bill Butler and Paul Sparby; Student Activities Representative Kole Polzin and Student Government Representative Katie Twiss; Jerry Belcher; 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, March 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the Lincoln Meeting Room (Room 124).

Superintendent Sonju acknowledged Board members with a certificate and thanked them for their service on the occasion of School Board Recognition Week – February 16-20, 2015.

No public input relating to the agenda was given.

Business Manager Sander reported to the Board.

Principals Butler and Sparby reported to the Board.

Student Activities Representative Polzin and Student Government Representative Twiss reported to the Board.

Superintendent Sonju reported School Board Recognition Week will be the theme next week; he recognized Shopko Foundation for a recent donation of \$1,750, which will be used for an ECFE snack program and some scholarship stuff; reported he and Business Manager Sander are working to put together a schedule for the election, which will kick off at the Glencoe Expo on February 22nd; explained the school district is moving forward with a "GSL Digital Day" or "Different Day" and looking ahead to a staff training day on March 2nd using Google Classroom; said not everything has to be digital, but in the end this will be a good pilot; told the Board information about "Digital Day/Different Day" will be presented during the March 9th Board meeting, and then if we have a school day cancelled, we would be ready; and told the Board we will learn a lot from this and are ready to move forward with it.

Committee reports were given by Director Twiss about the MSBA Leadership Conference last month and an ECFE Advisory Committee meeting; by Director Christianson about the February 4th Meet and Confer, the recent Community Schools meeting, and the MSBA Leadership Conference; by Director VonBerge about a recent Technology Committee meeting and a High School Leadership Team meeting; and by Director Alsleben about a recent Community Education Advisory Board meeting.

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

Director Lindeman moved to approve the consent agenda.

Bills:

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

Minutes:

Regular Board Meeting minutes of January 12, 2015.

Hirings:

Lori Peterson, Part-time Accounts Payable Clerk in the District Office, to be hired as After School/Night Supervisor for up to 15 hours per week (new position).
Julie Fillbrandt as 6.5-hour-a-day Paraprofessional in the Special Education Program at Helen Baker Elementary School (replaces Kelly Otto who resigned).
Luz Duvall as 7-hour-a-day LPN at GSL High School (replaces Kasey Athmann who resigned).

Revised LPN Contract:

Michelle Woods, 7-hour-a-day LPN at GSL Lakeside Elementary School, has had her contract revised to align with Luz Duvall's contract.

Resignations:

Tamra Smertneck as 1 FTE FACS Teacher at GSL High School.
Josh Otto-Fisher as JV Tennis Coach.

Change in Paraprofessional Hours:

Tyler Peterson, Paraprofessional in the Special Education Program at GSL Lakeside Elementary School, from 8 to 6.5 hours per day (reduction of bus rider time).

Amy Trippel, Paraprofessional in the Special Education Program at GSL Lakeside Elementary School, from 6.5 to 8 hours per day (addition of bus rider time).

Extracurricular Assignment:

Ken Kantack as Geography Bee Coordinator at Lincoln Junior High School (replaces Lois Teply who retired).

Director Kuester seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Lindeman moved to set the years of bond repayment for the building project at 30 years with the final repayment date of February 1, 2045 and an average interest rate of 4.25% for a building project cost of \$23,610,000 with a total project cost of \$24,190,000. Director Twiss seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Twiss moved to approve the ballot language for the May 12, 2015 special bond election without changes. The question will be:

Shall the school board of Independent School District No. 2859 (Glencoe-Silver Lake Public Schools) be authorized to issue its general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$24,190,000 to provide funds for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities in order to relocate grades K-2 to the existing 7-12 campus in Glencoe, to improve safety, to repurpose program space within the current Lincoln Junior High School and GSL High School facilities, and to complete window upgrades at the Lakeside Elementary School facility in Silver Lake?

BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

Director Christianson seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Lindeman moved to approve the Review and Comment for the building project and to submit it to the Commissioner of Education. Director Twiss seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Lindeman moved to set the voting hours for the May 12, 2015 Special Election between the hours of 10:00 o'clock a.m. and 8:00 o'clock p.m. and to designate the combined polling places as listed (eliminating the Hassan Valley Town Hall polling place for voters of Biscay and Hassan Valley Township and adding those voters to the Lincoln School location):

Combined Polling Place #1: Lincoln School

1621 E. 16th Street, Glencoe

City of Glencoe; and Glencoe Townships; City of Biscay; and Hassan Valley Township; McLeod County

Combined Polling Place #2: Lakeside School

229 Lake Avenue, Silver Lake

City of Silver Lake; and Hale, Rich Valley, Hutchinson and Winsted Townships; McLeod County; and Stockholm Township; Wright County

Combined Polling Place #3: New Auburn City Hall

8402 4th Avenue, New Auburn

City of New Auburn; and Green Isle and New Auburn Townships; Sibley County

Combined Polling Place #4: Plato Fire Hall

112 2nd Avenue N.E., Plato

City of Plato; and Helen and Bergen Townships; McLeod County; and Young America Township; Carver County

Combined Polling Place #5: Brownton Community Center

310 2nd St. N., Brownton

City of Brownton; and Penn, Sumter, Collins and Round Grove Townships; McLeod County

Director Kuester seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Twiss moved to adopt the Resolution Relating to the Issuance of School Building Bonds and Calling an Election Thereon as prepared by Attorney Tom Deans. Director Lindeman seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Kuester moved to bring back the policies listed below for adoption at the next School Board meeting:

- 205 Open Meetings and Closed Meetings
- 206 Public Participation in School Board Meetings/Complaints About Persons at School Board Meetings and Data Privacy Considerations
- 406 Public and Private Personnel Data
- 421 Gifts to Employees and School Board Members
- 501 School Weapons Policy
- 511 Student Fundraising
- 533 Wellness Policy
- 610 Field Trips

Director Twiss seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director VonBerge moved to adopt the two versions of the 2016-2017 school calendar – one with school starting before Labor Day and one with school starting after Labor Day – as recommended by Meet and Confer. Director Kuester 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
Glencoe Lions Club	\$100.00	Close-Up
Plato American Legion Post #641	\$1,800.00	Close-Up
Plato American Legion Post #641	\$500.00	Military History
Ismael Calderon-Garcia	\$46.65	Robotics
Anderson Insurance and Financial Services, Inc. – Larry Anderson	\$75.00	Robotics
Silver Lake Lions Club	\$250.00	Robotics
New Auburn VFW Post #7266	\$150.00	Robotics
Glencoe Study Club	\$40.00	Robotics
UFC – Winthrop	\$50.00	Trapshooting
Silver Lake Lions Club	\$150.00	Page Program
Stevens Seminary Foundation	\$6,000.00	Close-Up
Stevens Seminary Foundation	\$200.00	Robotics
Midwest Industrial Tool Grinding, Inc.	\$250.00	Robotics
Plato Fire Department	\$1,000.00	Close-Up
Silver Lake Civic Association	\$500.00	Close-Up
Brownton Lions Club	\$500.00	Close-Up
Brownton Lions Club	\$100.00	CPR/AED Training
Lemke Welding – Jon Lemke	\$360.00	Labor Donation – Athletic Field

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

The following voted against the same: None

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Director Alsleben requested an administrative report at the next meeting about how the teacher evaluations are going this year.

Director Lindeman moved to adjourn at 8:28 p.m. Director Christianson seconded. Approved unanimously.

Approved (Date) _____

Clerk

Chairman