

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

Interim Board Chair Christianson called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 Paul Sparby; Mock Trial Co-Advisors Tom Schoper and Wanda Collins and Mock Trial team members Katie Twiss, Robin Swift, Ellie Forcier, Sarah Schmieg, Aubrey Giesen, Mariah Koester, and Freddy Pena; Chartwells employees retiring District Manager John Durtschi, new District Manager Katy Bazzett, and Food Service Director Bernie Getzlaff; Dennis Twiss; Technology Staff Mike Morris; and Superintendent's Secretary Dawn Peterson were in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Interim Board Vice Chair Alsleben administered the Oath of Office to re-elected School Board members Christianson, Lindeman, and Twiss.

Interim Chairperson Christianson requested nominations for Chairperson. Director Twiss moved to nominate Director Christianson for the position of Chairperson. There were no other nominations, so the Interim Chairperson declared the candidate elected by acclamation and directed the acting clerk to so record in the minutes.

Board Chair Christianson requested nominations for Vice Chairperson. Director Lindeman moved to nominate Director Alsleben for the position of Vice Chairperson. There were no other nominations, so the Chairperson declared the candidate elected by acclamation and directed the acting clerk to so record in the minutes.

Board Chair Christianson requested nominations for Clerk. Director Kuester moved to nominate Director Twiss for the position of Clerk. There were no other nominations, so the Chairperson declared the candidate elected by acclamation and directed the acting clerk to so record in the minutes.

Board Chair Christianson requested nominations for Treasurer. Director Alsleben moved to nominate Kuester for the position of Treasurer. There were no other nominations, so the Chairperson declared the candidate elected by acclamation and directed the acting clerk to so record in the minutes.

The following announcement was made:

Next School Board Meeting: The next regular School Board meeting will be on Monday, Feb. 9, at 7:00 p.m., in the Lincoln Meeting Room (Room 124) (unless the Board changes the meeting date and time).

Superintendent Sonju acknowledged Mr. Durtschi's retirement from Chartwell's and reported this is his final School Board meeting.

No public input relating to the agenda was given.

Mr. Durtschi and Ms. Getzlaff gave a food service report. They introduced Ms. Bazzett, who will be taking Mr. Durtschi's place at Chartwells.

Mr. Schoper reported on Mock Trial. The students provided a Mock Trial demonstration.

Business Manager Sander reported to the Board.

Principals Butler and Sparby reported to the Board.

Superintendent Sonju congratulated National Honor Society Advisor Carol Silus and the NHS students for the outstanding installation event on Sunday; thanked Jan and Merlin Mackenthun for applying for a farm grant and being awarded \$2,500 to enable GSL to expand some of the Early Childhood playground equipment; reported he is looking forward to attending the Minnesota School Boards Association's Leadership Conference on January 15th with a group of students and to hearing our high school band perform; the next Community Schools meeting will be on January 22nd and the McLeod for Tomorrow Leadership group will be coming; an informal job fair will be held and there should be close to 80 people in attendance; reported a normal instructional day will be held on January 14th and a snow day make-up will be held on January 19th (Martin Luther King Day); told the Board from an administrative standpoint, he would like to pilot a "Digital Day" – having school but just not being in school – and accessing some of our technology that we have in place; said we are not ready to roll it out yet, but maybe in late February or early March.

Director Alsleben moved to approve the agenda with the addition of a change to the school calendar and adding more fundraisers. Director Kuester seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Kuester moved to approve the consent agenda with an additional hiring.

Bills:

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

Minutes:

Regular Board Meeting minutes of December 8, 2014.

Hirings:

Jodi Michaelis as 17-5-hour-a-week Substitute Paraprofessional in the Early Childhood Special Education Program in the Early Childhood Learning Center for Holly Albrecht's Maternity Leave beginning on or around March 30, 2015 for eight weeks.

Michelle Willhite as 6.75-hour-a-day Paraprofessional in the Special Education Program at GSL High School (replaces Maggie Busse who resigned).

Danielle Hellberg as part-time Panther Adventure Club (PAC) Adult Assistant at Helen Baker (replaces Stacy Schuch who resigned).

Carrie Chap as Lakeside Walk and Fit Site Supervisor, a Community Education position, for three hours per week for eight weeks.

Carol Silus as Fitness Instructor at the Panther Field House through March, 2015.

Resignations:

Kasey Athmann as 7-hour-a-day LPN at GSL High School effective January 9, 2015.

Jeff Delwiche as Junior High Wrestling Coach.

Leave Request:

Cheryl Templin, Counselor's Secretary at GSL High School, requests Medical Leave from on or around January 15, 2015 through April 15, 2015.

Extracurricular Assignments:

Mark Wigern as Junior High Wrestling Coach (replaces Jeff Delwiche who resigned).

Amber Hlavka as Spelling Bee Coordinator (replaces Taylor Melius who resigned).

Director Twiss seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Alsleben moved to set the regular School Board meetings on the second Monday, beginning at 7:00 p.m. and meet in the Lincoln Meeting Room (Room 124), with a second meeting, if necessary, to be held on the fourth Monday. Director Lindeman seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Alsleben moved to set the per diem rates for 2015 at the current rates:

- A. Attendance at regular and special formal Board meetings\$2,000.00 per year
- B. Per committee meeting \$35.00
- C. Per negotiations meeting..... \$50.00
- D. Additional pay after three hours for committee and negotiations meetings \$35.00

Director VonBerge seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Alsleben moved to adopt the same committee assignments for 2015 as were specified for 2014:

Board Committees

Operations (Facilities, Food Service and Transportation) – Jamie Alsleben and Jason Lindeman

Finance – Jamie Alsleben and Kevin Kuester

Negotiations – Kevin Kuester and Jamie Alsleben (Support)
Clark Christianson and Jason Lindeman (Certified)

Personnel (includes Meet & Confer) – Anne Twiss and Clark Christianson

Policy (includes Wellness) – Anne Twiss and Donna VonBerge

Board Representatives

MSBA Legislative Liaison – Kevin Kuester

Minnesota State High School League – Clark Christianson

Board Liaisons to District Committees

Community Education – Jamie Alsleben

Community Schools – Clark Christianson

Curriculum – Donna VonBerge and Jason Lindeman

ECFE – Anne Twiss

Field House – Clark Christianson

Health & Safety – Jason Lindeman
Insurance – Donna VonBerge
Little Crow ITV Board – Kevin Kuester
Leadership Teams
 Helen Baker K-2 – Clark Christianson
 Lakeside 3-6 – Anne Twiss
 Lincoln 7-8 – Jason Lindeman
 High School 9-12 – Donna VonBerge
Staff Development – Donna VonBerge
Technology – Donna VonBerge

Director Lindeman seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director VonBerge moved to authorize Michelle Sander, Business Manager, to make payment (prior to School Board approval) of claims that cannot be deferred until the next Board meeting without loss to the district of discount privileges and, further, authorize Michelle Sander to initiate and transact electronic transfers for the purpose of investing excess monies and for payment of bond principal and interest as provided by M.S. 1996, Section 123.35, Subd. 15. Director Kuester seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Twiss moved to delegate the following statutory duties of the Clerk to the administrative staff: the keeping of the book of minutes of all School Board meetings, the preparation of reports that shall include the condition and value of school property, receipts and disbursements in detail and such other financial matters as may be called for by the Minnesota Department of Education, the length of the school term and the enrollment and attendance by grades, and the names and post office addresses of all directors and other officers, and such other items of information as may be called for by the Commissioner of Education. Director Kuester seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Lindeman moved to adopt the resolution directing the administration to make recommendations for reductions in programs and positions and reasons therefore for the 2015-2016 school year. Director Twiss seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Kuester moved to schedule Meet and Confer on Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2015 at 3:30 p.m. in the Superintendent's Conference Room at Lincoln. Director Alsleben seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director VonBerge left the room.

Director Twiss moved to add two additional fundraisers to the list of fundraisers to be approved for the second half of the 2014-2015 school year. Director Lindeman seconded. Approved 5-0.

Director VonBerge returned.

Director Twiss moved to approve the fundraising requests for the second half of the 2014-2015 school year as submitted. Director VonBerge seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Twiss moved to approve hiring a part-time After School/Night Supervisor for 12 to 15 hours per week. Director Lindeman seconded. All members voted in favor of the motion except for Director Alsleben, who voted against it.

Director Kuester moved to lease the 44.2 acres of agriculture land located north of the high school for two years at \$130.00 per acre in 2014 and 2015 for a total of \$5,746.00 each year. Director Alsleben seconded. Approved unanimously.

Business Manager Sander presented information about the building project election. The Board discussed:

- Square footage/plan/building
- Tax impact
- Ballot question(s)
- Polling places
- Review and Comment

No School Board action was taken. It is anticipated that a special Board meeting will be held later in January.

Director Kuester moved to change the 2014-2015 school calendar to make the scheduled two-hour early dismissal for staff development on January 14th a regular instructional day. Director Alsleben seconded. All members voted in favor of the motion except for Director Twiss, who voted against it.

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:

Donor	Item Donated	Designation
Glencoe American Legion Post #95	\$200.00	Robotics
Crow River Sno Pros	\$1,000.00	Close-up
3M Foundation	\$5,000.00	Robotics
United States Tennis Association, Inc.	\$15,000.00	Tennis Courts
Joel & Elynn Lepel	\$600.00	Softball, Volleyball, and Gymnastics
Harpel Bros. (Headway Marketing, LLC)	\$500.00	Youth Baseball
Crow River Sno Pros	\$1,000.00	Trap Team
Silver Lake American Legion Post #141	\$200.00	Close-Up
New Auburn VFW Post #7266	\$150.00	Close-Up
Security Bank & Trust Co. – Hoese Family	\$20,000.00	Tennis Courts
New Auburn Lions Club	\$50.00	CPR/AED Training
Anonymous Donor (donation of 50 shares of Medtronics stock)	\$3,630.72	Robotics

The motion for the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Kuester, 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

At 10:12 p.m., Board Chair Christianson declared a five-minute recess for the purpose of clearing the room so that the Board can close the meeting to discuss a Data Privacy Issue.

Director Twiss moved to close the meeting at 10:20 p.m. in order to discuss private educational data related to a student disciplinary proceeding. This is pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.05, subdivision 2 (a) (3). Director Lindeman seconded. Approved unanimously.

Present at the meeting: Principal Sparby, Superintendent Sonju, Superintendent's Secretary Peterson, Board members Twiss, VonBerge, Christianson, Alsleben, Lindeman, and Kuester.

Director Lindeman moved to open the Board meeting at 10:34 p.m. Director Kuester seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director VonBerge moved to adopt the "Resolution Expelling/Excluding the Pupil Identified in the Attachments Hereto." Director Twiss seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director VonBerge moved to adjourn at 10:36 p.m. Director Alsleben seconded. Approved unanimously.

Clerk

Approved (Date) _____

Chairman