

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2859  
PLACE: Lincoln Meeting Room, Room 124  
DATE: September 10, 2012  
TIME: 7:00 p.m.

Board Chair Christianson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: Alsleben, Schreifels, Lindeman, Kuester, Christianson, and Twiss. In addition, Superintendent Chris Sonju; Business Manager Michelle Sander; Principals Bill Butler, Michelle Wang, and Paul Sparby; ECCE Coordinator Jan Mackenthun; Custodial Manager Brady Flaherty and Dashir President Mike Nelson; Teacher Jane Kloeckl; Student Government/Student Activities students Mackenzie Mrkvicka, Kaitlyn Boesche, and Joe Fehrenbach; 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. 8 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 10<sup>th</sup> School Board meeting in the Lincoln Meeting Room beginning at 6:01 p.m. The levy will be certified at the regular Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. that same evening.

Superintendent Sonju acknowledged Jan Mackenthun and the GSL School Readiness Program for earning a Four Star Parent Aware Rating from the Minnesota Department of Human Services for using best practices for preparing children for kindergarten. He presented a Certificate of Success to Ms. Mackenthun on behalf of the School Board.

No public input relating to the agenda was given.

Custodial Manager Flaherty reported to the Board and introduced Dashir President Mike Nelson.

Business Manager Sander reported to the Board.

Principals Butler, Wang, and Sparby reported to the Board.

Student Government/Student Activities students Mrkvicka, Boesche, and Fehrenbach reported to the Board.

Superintendent Sonju reported to the Board that it's been a very, very wonderful couple of weeks of school; told the Board the National Walk to School Day is October 3<sup>rd</sup> and we will continue to promote kids walking to school; announced the first Community Schools meeting will be held on September 27; told the Board that because our football team lost to Hutchinson on Friday night he is going to the Hutchinson School District this coming Friday to hand out candy because he lost a bet with the Hutchinson Superintendent; reported our kindergarten enrollment numbers are now at 138 kids and said if there was space available we would be coming to the Board to request adding a teacher; since there is no space, which is a good problem, and if the referendum had passed, we would have been opening our doors to the new facility; now we need to watch numbers to make sure they are stable and we may hold a special Board meeting to address this issue or it may be discussed at the October meeting; in the meantime, we will continue to look at options; said the high school ESL numbers are around 27 kids which is a very high number and said we will continue to keep an eye on the numbers; told the Board we may need an additional board meeting to look at this situation; announced the enrollment is about the same as where we finished last year (1,659), but a shift has taken place to increased kindergarten numbers but a loss in other grades throughout the district and said we have a balancing act because kindergarten receives less funding than the other grades; added that we need to do what is best for kids and said we will watch the numbers to see what happens in the next couple of weeks; reported it's a wonderful problem but physically we don't have space at Helen Baker; and commented that the building project has been talked about again because this is a lot of kids in the kindergarten classrooms.

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

Director Kuester moved to approve the consent agenda.

***Bills:***

August 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 August 13, 2012.

**Hirings:**

Traci Schwarzrock as 6.5-hour-a-day Paraprofessional in the Special Education Program at GSL Lakeside Elementary School (replaces Lindsay Vaughn who was terminated).  
Carol Silus as 6.0-hour-a-day Paraprofessional in the Special Education Program at GSL Lakeside Elementary School (replaces Sue Rolf who retired).  
Adelheid (Heidi) Nelson as 6.5-hour-a-day Paraprofessional in the Special Education Program at Helen Baker Elementary School (replaces Sonia Ewald who resigned).  
Jennifer Brinkmann as 6.5-hour-a-day Paraprofessional in the Special Education Program at Helen Baker Elementary School (replaces Tammy Farenbaugh who resigned).  
Anne Taylor as 1 FTE English Language Learners (ELL) Teacher at GSL Lakeside Elementary School (replaces Tammy Bukowski who resigned).

**Resignations:**

Brandy Barrett as K-2 Fundraising Coordinator.  
Tammy Farenbaugh as 6.5-hour-a-day Paraprofessional in the Special Education Program at Helen Baker Elementary School.  
Tammy Bukowski as 1 FTE ELL Teacher at GSL Lakeside Elementary School.  
Sonia Ewald as 6.5-hour-a-day Paraprofessional in the Special Education Program at Helen Baker Elementary School.  
Ma Del Carmen Frank as 6.75-hour-a-day Paraprofessional in the ELL Program at Lincoln Junior High School/GSL High School.

**Extracurricular Activities:**

Rochelle Drahos as FCCLA Advisor (replaces LuAnn Hanson who resigned).  
Colin Kerslake and Randy Wilson as Co-Head Boys' Varsity Soccer Coaches (replace Jeff Jensen who resigned).

Director Alsleben seconded. Approved unanimously.

Fuel bids were to have been received by noon on September 5, 2012. At that time, Business Manager Sander received one bid from Cenex – Glencoe Co-op Association. Director Schreifels moved to accept the fuel bid for gas and diesel from Cenex – Glencoe Co-op Association for five cents off pump price. Director Kuester 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 Schreifels, and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Alsleben, Schreifels, Lindeman, Kuester, Christianson, and Twiss

The following voted against the same: None

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

The November Board meeting is scheduled for November 12, which is the day that Veterans' Day will be observed. Director Schreifels moved to change the November School Board meeting to Tuesday, Nov. 13 at 7:00 p.m. and to canvass the election results during that meeting. Director Lindeman seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Twiss moved to enter into the PSEO agreement with Ridgewater College, Willmar and Hutchinson, for the 2012-2013 school year. Director Kuester seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Twiss moved to approve combining the Helen Baker Fundraiser Coordinator position with a new Elementary Volunteer Coordinator position. A stipend would be paid for the Fundraiser Coordinator portion of the position according to the extracurricular activities schedule in the Education Minnesota: GSL Master Agreement and the stipend paid for the Elementary Volunteer Coordinator portion of the position would be covered by Title funds. Director Lindeman seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Kuester moved to approve adding an LPN at GSL Lakeside Elementary School to work nine hours per week to provide care to a preschool student. Director Twiss seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Alsleben moved to approve LPN Dawn Heuer’s contract from July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013. Director Schreifels seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Lindeman moved to certify the maximum amount permitted by law for the preliminary levy for the 2013-2014 school year. Director Twiss seconded. All members voted in favor of the motion except for Board Chair Christianson who voted against the motion.

Member Schreifels 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
Pheasants Forever, McLeod County	Busing for 4 <sup>th</sup> grade field trip	
Mark Rudy – matching contribution from Wells Fargo Foundation	\$79.95	“A” account
Shopko	\$2,500.00	“A” account
Pizza Ranch	60 staff meals	
Miller Manufacturing	\$255.50	School supplies
Dawn Peterson	\$40.00	Elementary school supplies
GSL Panther Association	\$5,000.00	Road access project

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

The following voted against the same: None

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Director Schreifels moved to adjourn at 8:39 p.m. Director Alsleben seconded. Approved unanimously.

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

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Clerk

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Chair