

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2859  
PLACE: GSL High School Media Center  
DATE: January 9, 2012  
TIME: 7:00 p.m.

Interim Board Chair Christianson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: Kuester, Lindeman, Schreifels, Alsleben, Christianson, and Twiss. In addition, Superintendent Chris Sonju; Business Manager Michelle Sander; Principals Bill Butler, Michelle Wang, and Paul Sparby; Student Government/Student Activities Representatives Dustin Luhmann and Ally Hlavka; Technology Director Jeff Jenson; a large group of students from Tom Schoper's Civics class; many teacher representatives from Education Minnesota: GSL including Paul Lemke, Brea Wiblemo, and Sue Bautch; Technology Staff Mike Morris; and Superintendent's Secretary Dawn Peterson were in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The School Board elected officers for 2012. Interim Chairperson Christianson requested nominations for Chairperson. Director Twiss moved to nominate Director Christianson for the position of School Board Chairperson. Interim Chairperson Christianson declared the candidate elected by acclamation and directed the acting clerk to so record in the minutes.

Director Schreifels moved to nominate Director Alsleben for the position of School Board Vice Chairperson. Board Chair Christianson declared the candidate elected by acclamation and directed the acting clerk to so record in the minutes.

Director Alsleben moved to nominate Director Twiss for the position of School Board Clerk. Board Chair Christianson declared the candidate elected by acclamation and directed the acting clerk to so record in the minutes.

Director Alsleben moved to nominate Director Schreifels for the position of School Board Treasurer. Board Chair Christianson declared the candidate elected by acclamation and directed the clerk to so record in the minutes.

The following announcements were made:

**Next School Board Meeting:** The next regular School Board meeting will be on Monday, Feb. 13, at 7:00 p.m., in the GSL High School Media Center.

No acknowledgements were made.

Education Minnesota: GSL representatives Paul Lemke, Brea Wiblemo, and Sue Bautch addressed the Board about teacher negotiations.

Technology Director Jeff Jenson provided a technology update.

Business Manager Sander had nothing to report.

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

Student Government/Student Activities Representatives Luhmann and Hlavka reported to the Board.

Committee reports were given by Director Lindeman about a recent Operations Committee meeting with 4.0 Services regarding the grounds agreement. Director Twiss invited parents of young children to get interested in participating on the Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) Committee.

Superintendent Sonju expressed his thanks to Food Service Director Mark Robinson and Chartwells' for the meals provided for Community Schools meetings and said the next meeting date is February 23; thanked the Pamida Foundation for their donation check which was used to purchase 200 copies of "Good Night Moon" to be donated by GSL for the "Books for Babies" literacy program and said the books have been given to Glencoe Regional Health Services to be given to babies born there; reported the "Books on the Bus" program has been going well and invited anyone who has children's books to donate to get them to Superintendent Sonju; said administrators are starting to plan for next year during Executive Cabinet meetings; reminded the Board and audience that there is no school for students or staff on January 16<sup>th</sup> – Martin Luther King Day; and reported that he and Business Manager Sander are still looking at and talking about facilities and will keep the Board posted.

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

Director Twiss moved to approve the consent agenda. Director Schreifels seconded. Approved unanimously.

***Bills:***

December 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 December 12, 2011.

***Resignation:***

Lisa Style, 7-hour-a-day Paraprofessional in the Special Education Program at Lincoln Junior High School/GSL High School, effective January 18, 2012.

***Extracurricular Assignment:***

Clare Nolan as Junior High Memory Book/Yearbook Advisor (replaces Kaye Link who retired).

Director Schreifels moved to set the regular School Board meetings on the second Monday of each month, beginning at 7:00 p.m., and meet in the GSL High School Media Center, with a second meeting, if necessary, to be held the fourth Monday of the month in the morning in the District Office at Lincoln Junior High School. Director Lindeman seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Twiss moved to leave the per diem rates for 2012 as they have been since 2004: attendance at regular and special formal Board meetings – \$2,000.00 per year; per committee meeting – \$35.00; per negotiations meeting – \$50.00; and additional pay after three hours for committee and negotiations meetings – \$35.00. Director Schreifels seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Lindeman moved to adopt the committee assignments for 2012 as specified by the School Board:

**Board Committees**

Operations (Facilities, Food Service and Transportation) – Gary Schreifels and Jason Lindeman  
Finance – Gary Schreifels and Kevin Kuester  
Negotiations – Kevin Kuester and Jamie Alsleben (Support)  
Clark Christianson and Gary Schreifels (Certified)  
Personnel (includes Meet & Confer) – Anne Twiss and Clark Christianson  
Policy (includes Wellness) – Anne Twiss and Jamie Alsleben

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

Director Kuester seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Schreifels 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 Alsleben 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 therefor for the 2012-13 school year. Director Twiss seconded. Approved unanimously.

Board Chair Christianson moved to schedule Meet and Confer on Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2012, at 3:30 p.m. in the Superintendent's Conference Room at Lincoln Junior High School. Director Twiss seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Lindeman moved to approve hiring an additional 1 FTE EBD Special Education Teacher at GSL Lakeside Elementary School beginning in February. Director Twiss seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Schreifels moved to approve the contracts with Tina Schauer, Community Education Director; Kay Wilson, Activities Director; Jan Mackenthun, ECFE Coordinator; and the Principals. The contracts cover the period from July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2013. Director Twiss seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Lindeman moved to approve the two-year Maintenance Service Agreement for the Operation of the Grounds Services with 4.0 Services to cover the period from April 1, 2012, through November 15, 2013, at a cost of \$72,100 for the 2012 season and \$73,181 for the 2013 season. Director Schreifels 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
Plato Lions Club	\$100.00	Close-up
Graphic Edge	\$394.01	Cross Country
GSL Panther Boosters	\$182.10	Volunteer Coach Background Checks
GSL Panther Boosters	\$3,137.00	Balance Beam
GSL Panther Boosters	\$400.80	Mileage for Football Scouting
Pamida Foundation	\$760.51	Books for Babies
Glencoe American Legion Post #95	\$100.00	Close-up
Silver Lake American Legion Post #141	\$150.00	Close-up
Crow River Sno Pros	\$300.00	Close-up
Silver Lake American Legion Post #141	\$250.00	After Prom
Doug and Bev Elias	\$50.00	Classroom Supplies
Seneca	\$300.00	Close-up
Silver Lake American Legion Post #141	\$100.00	Close-up
McLeod Publishing	\$100.00	1,000 Books Before Kindergarten
Anderson Insurance	\$50.00	1,000 Books Before Kindergarten
Brownton Coop-Ag	\$50.00	1,000 Books Before Kindergarten
Richard Corrick	Vehicle for GSL High School Auto Tech Class	

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

The following voted against the same: None

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Director Kuester read a prepared statement in response to a couple of letters to the editor about comments made at a recent School Board work session. He wanted to voice his opposition publicly to limiting places where people can vote. He said he supports action in regards to facilities and said he was speaking for himself and not any other Board members. No action was taken.

Director Schreifels moved to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Director Lindeman seconded. Approved unanimously.

Clerk

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

Chair