

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2859
PLACE: GSL High School Media Center
DATE: December 9, 2013
TIME: 7:00 p.m.

Board Chair Christianson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: Lindeman, VonBerge, Kuester, Alsleben, Christianson, and Twiss. In addition, Superintendent Chris Sonju; Business Manager Michelle Sander; Principals Paul Sparby, Bill Butler, and Diane Schultz; Industrial Technology Teacher Mike Sundblad and students Eric Villnow, Alek Foss, and Gustavo Villalobos; Girls' Basketball Coach Zach Otto-Fisher and team member Sam Lange; Teacher Tom Schoper; Donovan Dose; 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, Jan. 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the Lincoln Meeting Room (Room 124). It will be the annual organizational meeting of the School Board.

No public input relating to the agenda was given.

Mr. Sundblad gave a demonstration of the 3D printer we have on loan from St. Cloud State University the month of December, and then again in March and May. Students Foss and Villalobos reported on their experience with the 3D printer.

Business Manager Sander reported to the Board.

Principal Sparby reported to the Board and left the meeting at 7:25 for the High School Choir Concert. Principals Butler and Schultz reported to the Board.

No Student Activities or Student Government reports were presented.

No committee reports were given.

Superintendent Sonju reported to the Board that the GSL Early Learning Center is scheduled to open on January 2nd and he thanked all of the people who have been involved from start to finish; announced national speaker Murray Banks will be here on February 12th at 1:30 p.m.; Superintendent Sonju has been working with our local businesses and has spoken to people at the Southwest Initiative Foundation about sponsorship; Mr. Banks will be speaking to students that day, too; told the Board he has been working on the World's Best Workforce initiative – schools have to develop that plan which is mandated by legislation; issued a special thank you to staff and students for the 2,432 pounds of food donated to the Food Shelf and would especially like to commend the staff and students at Lakeside for the enormous amount of food donated there; noted there will be a national PLC conference on June 11-13 in Minnetonka and we have been working with the Hutchinson School District to view it though a satellite so that we can offer the conference to most or all of our staff; reported the administration has already started to talk about next year; reminder the Board that the Minnesota School Boards Association's Leadership Conference will be held on January 16-17; said the Board meeting next month will be back in the Lincoln Meeting Room (Room 124); said the resignation of the school nurse is on the consent agenda and we have been working with McLeod Public Health and Glencoe Regional Health Services to find a replacement; and said it will be difficult, but we will find someone.

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

Director Kuester moved to approve the consent agenda.

Bills:

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

Minutes:

Regular Board Meeting minutes of November 12, 2013.

Hirings:

Lisa Sullivan-Stender as 6.75-hour-a-day Paraprofessional in the Special Education Program at GSL High School/Lincoln Junior High (replaces Stacy Olson who resigned).

Sharon Christensen as 6.5-hour-a-day Paraprofessional in the Special Education Program at Helen Baker Elementary School (replaces Renata Fisher who declined the position/new position).

Kyle Panning as long-term substitute Phy Ed Teacher at GSL Lakeside Elementary School (during Joyce Peterson’s Medical Leave from November 18, 2013, through January 5, 2014.
Brenda Schultz as Front Desk Worker at the Panther Field House (replaces Theresa Janke who resigned).
Fernando Leon as Front Desk Worker at the Panther Field House (replaces Theresa Janke who resigned).
Zach Otto-Fisher as Fundraising Coordinator at Helen Baker Elementary School (replaces Kim Ruschmeier who resigned).

Resignations:

Kim Ruschmeier as Fundraising Coordinator at Helen Baker Elementary School.
Andrea Kuenzel as School Nurse, effective January 1, 2014.
Theresa Janke as Front Desk Worker at the Panther Field House, effective November 29, 2013.

Leave Request:

Maggie Busse, 6.75-hour-a-day Paraprofessional in the Special Education Program at GSL High School, requests an unpaid leave of absence on Mondays and Wednesdays only from January 13th through May 7th, 2014.

Director Twiss seconded. Approved unanimously.

The school district held its annual Truth in Taxation Hearing at 6:01 p.m. today. Director Kuester moved to set the final 2013 levy payable 2014 at \$1,946,963.40. Director Lindeman seconded. Approved unanimously.

Policy 510 – Activities had its first reading at the October 14th Board meeting. The Southwest/West Central Service Cooperative sent it to an attorney for a review and, after making some changes based on the attorney’s recommendation, it is being brought back to the Board for approval. Director Twiss moved to adopt Policy 510 – School Activities. Director VonBerge seconded. Approved unanimously.

Superintendent Sonju thanked organizations and individuals for their donations. Director VonBerge said the donations are being given from all communities throughout the District. Member VonBerge 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 American Legion Post #641	\$1,800	Close-Up
Silver Lake American Legion Auxiliary Unit #141	\$100	Close-Up
Craig Romano	\$200	Football Donation
3M Foundation	\$250	Volunteer Match –
Community Education		
Glencoe Lions Club	\$100	Close-Up
GFWC of Silver Lake	\$200	Lakeside Library Books
Church of Peace, Glencoe	\$100	Activity Scholarships
State Farm – Anderson Insurance and Financial Services, Inc.	\$50	Robotics
New Auburn Fire Department	\$350	Robotics
Silver Lake American Legion Post #141	\$200	Robotics
Thomson Reuters	\$1,000	Girls’ Soccer
Silver Lake American Legion Post #141	\$200	Close-Up
New Auburn VFW Post #7266	\$400	Close-Up
Seneca Foods Corporation	\$500	Robotics
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New Auburn VFW Post #7266	\$200	Robotics
Silver Lake American Legion Auxiliary Unit #141	\$50	Robotics
Plato Lions Club	\$100	Robotics
Glencoe VFW Post #5102	\$50	Robotics

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

The following voted against the same: None

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Girls’ basketball team member Lange reported on the girls’ basketball game on December 20th against Lester Prairie. It will be their “Cancer Night” and funds will be raised for the Tim Orth Memorial Foundation and American Cancer Society. Team members will wear pink t-shirts, socks, and headbands.

Director Lindeman moved to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Director Twiss seconded. Approved unanimously.

Approved (Date) _____

Clerk

Chairman