

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2859
PLACE: Lincoln Meeting Room (Room 124)
DATE: January 14, 2013
TIME: 7:00 p.m.

Board Chair Christianson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: VonBerge, Lindeman, Kuester, Alsleben, Christianson, and Twiss. In addition, Superintendent Chris Sonju; Business Manager Michelle Sander; Principals Bill Butler, Michelle Wang, and Paul Sparby; Girls' Basketball Coaches Cullen Ober and Zach Otto-Fisher and team representatives Clarissa Ober and Taylor Breidenbach; Mock Trial Coach Tom Schoper and team members Mitch Polzin (also Student Government representative), Shannon Twiss, Ellie Forcier, Josie Kjenstad, Gustavo Villalobos, and Derek Ortloff; Student Activities representative Shelby Rolf; many students from the 9th grade Civics class; Technology Staff Mike Morris; and Superintendent's Secretary Dawn Peterson were in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Interim Board Chair Christianson administered the Oath of Office to Directors Kuester, Alsleben, and VonBerge. School Board members Kuester and Alsleben were re-elected and School Board member VonBerge was newly elected in November.

Officers were elected for 2013. Interim Chairperson Christianson requested nominations for Chairperson. Director Twiss moved to nominate Interim Board Chair Christianson for the position of School Board Chairperson. After the third call for nominations, 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 School Board Vice Chairperson. Director Kuester moved to nominate Director Alsleben for the position of School Board Vice Chairperson. After the third call for nominations, Board Chair Christianson declared the candidate elected by acclamation and directed the acting clerk to so record in the minutes.

Board Chair Christianson requested nominations for School Board Clerk. Director Christianson moved to nominate Director Twiss for the position of School Board Clerk. After the third call for nominations, Board Chair Christianson declared the candidate elected by acclamation and direct the acting clerk to so record in the minutes.

Board Chair Christianson requested nominations for School Board Treasurer. Director Alsleben moved to nominate Director Kuester for the position of School Board Treasurer. After the third call for nominations, Board Chair Christianson declared the candidate elected by acclamation and directed the 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. 11, at 7:00 p.m., in the Lincoln Meeting Room (Room 124) (unless the Board changes the meeting date and time).

No public input relating to the agenda was given.

Mock Trial Coach Schoper provided information about Mock Trial. Team members Polzin, Twiss, Forcier, Kjenstad, Villalobos, and Ortloff gave a presentation to the Board.

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

Student Government/Student Activities representatives Polzin and Rolf reported to the Board.

Girls' Basketball Team members Ober and Breidenbach reported the basketball cancer fundraiser event raised over \$5,600.

Business Manager Sander reported to the Board.

Superintendent Sonju reported to the Board that the Commissioner of Education, Brenda Cassellius, is coming to visit the GSL School District on January 24th; said Commissioner Cassellius will be here at 11:00 for approximately three hours and will attend Community Schools and tour some of our facilities; invited the media to join us; said a meeting will be held with service organizations to talk about school security and our crisis plan; told the Board Sarah Lipke, Scott Picha, Michelle Wang, and Mike Morris will be attending the Minnesota School Boards Association's Leadership Conference on January 17th and 18th to take part in the "Show and Tell" and to present about our third and fourth grade iPad initiative; said we will continue to have conversation about our Farm to School project; thanked Stevens Seminary for their support of the initiative program that encourages staff to dry different things; announced McLeod for Tomorrow will hold Winterfest from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on February 2nd at the McLeod County

Fairgrounds; announced “Glencoe Family Center” is the official name of the new Early Childhood Family Education facility and said he and some ECFE representatives will be traveling to Willmar tomorrow and possibly Dassel-Cokato School Districts to get ideas on how to make the new ECFE facility better.

Committee reports were given by Director Twiss about the ECFE Advisory Council meeting last week; by Director Alsleben who heard the Commissioner of Education speak in St. Paul on Saturday, and by Board Chair Christianson about a site leadership reorganizational meeting held at Helen Baker and all school meetings he attended at Lakeside and Helen Baker.

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

Director Kuester moved to approve the consent agenda.

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 10, 2012.

Hirings:

Nathaniel Byrne as Long-Term Substitute for Emily Foss’ FMLA Leave Request beginning on or around February 14, 2013.

Ashley Boyer as Long-Term Substitute for Angie Mellies’ FMLA Leave Request beginning on January 2, 2013.

Tristan Sprengler as five-hour-a-day Paraprofessional in the Special Education Program at GSL High School (replaces Deb Rudy who resigned).

Leave Request:

Britta Aldrich, School Readiness Preschool Teacher, requests Child Care Leave for the months of September through December of the 2013-2014 school year. She will resume teaching preschool classes in January of 2014.

Retirement:

William Kittel, Special Education Teacher at GSL High School, submits notice of his retirement effective at the end of the 2012-2013 school year.

Extracurricular Activities:

Cassie Helmbrecht as Junior High Gymnastics Coach (replaces Lisa Eischens who resigned).

Marielle Gatenby as JV Softball Coach (replaces Tom Lemke who resigned).

Director Lindeman seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Kuester 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. (The November meeting will be on Tuesday because of Veterans Day).

Director Alsleben seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Twiss moved to leave the per diem rates for 2013 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 Lindeman seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Alsleben moved to adopt the committee assignments for 2013 as specified by the School Board.

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 – Donna VonBerge
 High School 9-12 – Jason Lindeman
Staff Development – Donna VonBerge
Technology – Donna VonBerge

Director Kuester seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Kuester 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 Lindeman 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 Alsleben moved to adopt the resolution directing the administration to make recommendations for reductions in programs and positions and reasons therefor for the 2013-2014 school year. Director Lindeman seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Twiss moved to schedule Meet and Confer on Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2013 at 3:30 p.m. in the Lincoln Meeting Room (Room 124) at Lincoln Junior High School. Director Alsleben second. Approved unanimously.

Director Alsleben moved to adopt the following policies:

104	School District Mission Statement
202	School Board Officers
206	Public Participation in School Board Meetings/Complaints about Persons at School Board Meetings and Data Privacy Considerations

Director VonBerge seconded. Approved unanimously.

GSL High School Spanish Teacher Teri Windschitl made a presentation to the Board at the December 10th meeting about a nine-day trip abroad to Peru at the end of the 2013-14 school year. Director VonBerge moved to approve GSL High School Spanish Teacher Teri Windschitl's nine-day trip abroad to Peru at the end of the 2013-14 school year. Students participating in the trip will be required to pay approximately \$3,200 and there will be at least two chaperones present. Students are required to do curriculum work before, during, and after the trip. Director Twiss seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Lindeman moved to adopt the resolution to amend the Glencoe-Silver Lake ISD #2859 Flexible Benefits Plan in order to add a health savings account optional benefit for eligible employees, effective January 1, 2013. Director Kuester seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Alsleben moved to approve revising the 2012-2013 budget as presented by Business Manager Sander:

	Original	Revised
General Fund Revenues	\$15,775,596	\$15,551,524
General Fund Expenditures	\$16,197,910	\$16,271,872

Director Twiss seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Lindeman said the donations list is quite a list of wonderful individuals and organizations in our school district – thank you very much. 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
Kurt and Shirley Luhmann	\$250.00	Theater Department
Silver Lake American Legion Post #141	\$200.00	Close-up
Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center	\$1,000.00	Supermileage
Plato Lions Club	\$100.00	Close-up
Silver Lake Lions Club	\$100.00	Quest – 7 th Grade Health
Michelle Gilbertson		Toys for ECSE
Carol and John Siefert		Toys for ECSE
Crow River Sno Pros	\$1,000.00	Close-up
Crow River Sno Pros	\$800.00	FFA
Thompson Reuters – Pat Chiariello	\$1,000.00	Activities Scholarships
Silver Lake American Legion Post #141	\$200.00	Robotics
Brownston Lions Club	\$500.00	Close-up
New Auburn Lions Club	\$200.00	Close-up
Plato Fire Department	\$200.00	National FFA Convention
New Auburn Fire Department	\$300.00	National FFA Convention

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

The following voted against the same: None

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Director Twiss moved to adjourn at 8:26 p.m. Director VonBerge seconded. Approved unanimously.

Approved (Date) _____

Clerk

Chair