

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2859
PLACE: Lincoln Meeting Room (Room 124)
DATE: December 8, 2014
TIME: 7:00 p.m.

Board Chair Christianson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. The following members were present: Alsleben, Kuester, Lindeman, VonBerge, Christianson, and Twiss. In addition, Superintendent Chris Sonju; Business Manager Michelle Sander; Principals Bill Butler, Diane Schultz, and Dan Svoboda; Randall Thalmann, Rich Glennie, and Jerry Belcher; Technology Staff Mike Morris; and Superintendent's Secretary Dawn Peterson were in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The following announcement was made:

Next School Board Meeting: The next regular School Board meeting will be on Monday, Jan. 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the Lincoln Meeting Room (Room 124). It will be the annual organizational meeting.

No public input relating to the agenda was given.

Principals Svoboda, Butler, and Schultz reported to the Board.

Business Manager Sander reported to the Board.

Mr. Thalmann left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Superintendent Sonju reported we have had a very successful fall with activities and are now into our second trimester; said a follow-up meeting from We Day has been held; congratulated everyone involved with GSL's production of "Shrek The Musical;" told the Board we are looking at trying to partner with businesses to meet the needs of our community for skilled workers and said that from a big picture standard we have all of the components from career and technical aspects; said that we are looking into holding a job fair type of event; told the Board he didn't know where this would go, but it is an exciting partnership that will develop; said the next District Advisory Group meeting will be on December 22nd; reminded the Board that the Minnesota School Boards Association's Leadership Conference will be on January 15th and 16th at the Minneapolis Convention Center, and told Board members the high school band has been selected to play at the Conference on January 15th.

Committee reports were given by Director Twiss about an ECFE Advisory Committee; by Director Alsleben about the new Community Education catalog; and by Director VonBerge about a High School Leadership Committee meeting.

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

Director Twiss moved to approve the consent agenda with the addition of a leave request and a hiring.

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 13, 2014.

Hirings:

Lynn Baumgarten as 6.5-hour-a-day Paraprofessional in the Special Education Program at GSL Lakeside Elementary School (replaces Katrina Clark who was terminated).

Dulce Hernandez as 6.5-hour-a-day Paraprofessional in the Special Education Program at Helen Baker Elementary School (new position approved by the Board).

Elizabeth Maurer as Front Desk Worker at the Panther Field House (replaces Sharon Maresh who resigned).

Luz Duvall as Front Desk Worker at the Panther Field House (replaces Deb Walford who resigned).

Cassandra Morris as 1 FTE LD Teacher in the Special Education Program at GSL High School effective December 1, 2014 (replaces Jamie Fredericksen who resigned).

Tamera Williams as Long-Term Paraprofessional Substitute for 6.5 hours a day in the Special Education Program at GSL Lakeside Elementary School (replaces Larisa Kosek during her Maternity Leave) through April 15, 2015.

Resignations:

Tom Schoper as Head Mock Trial Coach.

Kelly Otto, 6.5-hour-a-day Paraprofessional in the Special Education Program at Helen Baker Elementary School, effective December 17, 2014.

Leave Requests:

- Julie Rose, 6.75-hour-a-day Paraprofessional in the Special Education Program at GSL High School, requests Medical/Maternity/Family Leave from September 4, 2014, through January 19, 2015.
- Holly Albrecht, 17.5-hour-a-week Paraprofessional in the Early Childhood Special Education Program at the Early Childhood Learning Center, requests Maternity Leave from the end of March, 2015 for eight weeks.
- Megan Nelson, ECFE/SR Secretary, requests extended Family Leave through the end of the 2014-2015 school year.

Extracurricular Assignments:

- Tom Schoper as Co-Mock Trial Coach (with Wanda Collins).
- Kim Bender and Lisa Tschimperle as Co-Assistant Gymnastics Coaches (replace Cassie Helmbrecht who resigned).

Director VonBerge seconded. Approved unanimously.

The school district held its annual Truth in Taxation Hearing at 6:01 p.m. Director Kuester moved to set the final 2014 levy payable 2015 at \$1,948,460.90, or an increase of .08 percent. Director Alsleben seconded. Approved unanimously.

Facilities were discussed during the School Board Work Session held on November 24th. An additional Work Session was scheduled for December 16th at 5:00 p.m. in the District Office to continue the facilities discussion. Director Lindeman moved to move forward in addressing facilities needs by conducting a special election on May 12, 2015; and to direct the Superintendent to proceed with the special election. Director Twiss seconded. Approved unanimously.

With Labor Day falling on September 7th in 2015, a survey was recently conducted to find out what staff and family members' preferences are for the 2015-2016 school year. Out of 262 responses, 182 or 69.20 percent said they would prefer an August 31, start date; 81 or 30.80 percent did not prefer it. For the spring break question, 38.49 percent supported a week long spring break – 102 responses; 61.51 percent – 163 responses – supported a long weekend around Easter break. Director Kuester moved to approve the Resolution Authorizing a Pre-Labor Day Start in order to begin the legislative process required to change the start of the 2015-2016 school year to August 31, 2015. Director Twiss seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Twiss moved to adopt the policies listed below:

- 701 Establishment and Adoption of School District Budget
- 701.1 Modification of School District Budget
- 702 Accounting
- 703 Annual Audit
- 704 Development and Maintenance of an Inventory of Fixed Assets and a Fixed Asset Accounting System
- 705 Investments
- 706 Acceptance of Gifts
- 712 Video Surveillance Other than on Buses
- 713 Student Activity Accounting
- 714 Fund Balances

Director VonBerge 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
Central Minnesota Sportsman Alliance	\$250.00	Trapshooting
Silver Lake Lions Club	\$250.00	Close-Up
Glencoe Lions Club	\$173.12	7 th and 8 th Grade Quest
Glencoe Lions Club	\$1,214.94	6 th Grade Quest
Coborn's	Grocery Bags for	1 st Grade Arty Party
New Auburn Fire Department	\$600.00	FFA National Convention

Glencoe American Legion Post #95	\$150.00	Red Cross CPR Classes
GFWC of Silver Lake	\$200.00	Lakeside Library Books
Silver Lake Knights of Columbus	\$25.00	Close-Up
Medtronic	\$5,000.00	Robotics
Silver Lake American Legion Auxiliary #141	\$100.00	Close-Up

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

The following voted against the same: None

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Mr. Belcher, a volunteer at Helen Baker Elementary School, addressed the Board on the subject of needs at Helen Baker.

Director Lindeman moved to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. Director Kuester seconded. Approved unanimously.

Approved (Date) _____

Clerk _____

Chairman _____