

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2859
PLACE: Lincoln Meeting Room (Room 124)
DATE: January 13, 2014
TIME: 7:00 p.m.

Interim 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, Diane Schultz, and Dan Svoboda; Mock Trial Advisors Tom Schoper and Joe Morcomb and Mock Trial Team members Danielle Mathews (captain), Oakley Clark (captain), Mary Roach, Katie Twiss, Brandon Potter, Derek Ortloff, Alfredo Peña, Ellie Forcier, and guest moderator Shannon Twiss; Page Program participants Mariah Guldemann-Chiarelo, Taylor Venir, and Christopher Lemke; Student Government/Student Activities representatives Lindsay Wedin and Emily Popelka; Kristin Roepke; Technology Staff Mike Morris; and Superintendent's Secretary Dawn Peterson were in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Interim Chairperson Christianson requested nominations for Chairperson. Director Twiss moved to nominate Director Christianson for the position of School Board Chairperson. Director VonBerge moved to nominate Director Alsleben for the position of School Board Chairperson. Directors Twiss, Lindeman, and Christianson voted for Director Christianson. Directors VonBerge, Kuester, and Alsleben voted for Director Alsleben. No majority was reached.

A second vote was taken to elect a Chairperson. Directors Twiss, Lindeman, and Christianson voted for Director Christianson. Directors VonBerge, Kuester, and Alsleben voted for Director Alsleben. No majority was reached.

Director VonBerge moved to nominate Director Christianson for the position of School Board Vice Chairperson. Director Christianson declined the nomination.

Director Alsleben moved to nominate Director Twiss for the position of School Board Clerk. After the third call for nominations, Acting Chairperson Christianson closed the nominations for office and declared the candidate elected by acclamation.

Director Alsleben moved to nominate Director Kuester for the position of School Board Treasurer. After the third call for nominations, Acting Chairperson Christianson closed the nominations for office and declared the candidate elected by acclamation.

The following announcement was made:

Next School Board Meeting: The next regular School Board meeting will be on Monday, Feb. 10, at 7:00 p.m., in the Lincoln Meeting Room (Room 124).

Kristin Roepke addressed the Board on behalf of her husband, Rick, and herself, to ask the Board to vote yes on hiring an LPN at GSL Lakeside Elementary School.

Mock Trial Co-Advisors Schoper and Morcomb and Mock Trial team members presented to the Board. Team members present were Danielle Mathews (captain), Oakley Clark (captain), Mary Roach, Katie Twiss, Brandon Potter, Derek Ortloff, Alfredo Peña, and Ellie Forcier. Shannon Twiss served as guest moderator.

High School Social Studies Teacher Schoper told the Board there will be four GSL students participating in the High School Page program: Christopher Lemke, Taylor Venier, Mariah Guldemann-Chiarelo, and Robyn Siewert. He introduced Christopher, Taylor, and Mariah to the Board.

Business Manager Sander presented to the Board.

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

Student Government representative Popelka and Student Activities representative Wedin reported to the Board.

Superintendent Sonju reported the Early Childhood Learning Center's grand opening will be on Friday, Jan. 31st from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.; the school closings last week will be made up – January 6th on January 20th and January 7th on June 4th, and said any additional make-up days will be added to the end of the year unless the Board decides on a different option; said it is still in the planning stages, but he is working on "Get To Day" on February 12th; Murray Banks will be the guest speaker and he will speak to students at Lakeside, students in grades 7-9 and 10-12, and to staff, and said he has been working with the Southwest Initiative, Stevens Seminary, and businesses in our communities to help fund this event; reminded the Board of the Community Schools meeting on January 23rd at noon; said the MSBA Leadership Conference will be held on January 16 and 17; announced the next Family Night will be on January 16; reported we have had 75 staff members participate in the Stevens Seminary initiative which encourages staff to eat lunch with students by offering a free lunch to the staff; said he is working on

teacher evaluations and said they talked about looking into Q-Comp at a meeting held during the early release day on January 8; said he is continuing to work on the World’s Best Workforce initiative; told the Board we need to see if we can get a work session scheduled in the next month to look at the World’s Best Workforce strategic plan.

Board members discussed changing the January 6th snow day make-up day to a day other than January 20th due to a conflict with the Minnesota Twins Caravan coming to Glencoe that day, but no action was taken.

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

Director VonBerge 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 9, 2013.

Community Education Assignment:
Liz Tromborg for instruction of a variety of Community Education classes from January through March, 2014.

Director Twiss seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Kuester moved to set the regular School Board meetings on the second Monday of the month, 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 of the month. Director Lindeman seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Twiss moved to set the per diem rates for 2014 at the current rates as follows:

- A. Attendance at regular and special formal Board meetings \$2,000.00 per year
- B. Per committee meeting\$35.00
- C. Per negotiations meeting\$50.00
- D. Additional pay after three hours for committee and negotiations meetings..... \$35.00

Director Alsleben seconded Approved unanimously.

Director Alsleben moved to adopt the committee assignments for 2014 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 – Jason Lindeman
High School 9-12 – Donna VonBerge
Staff Development – Donna VonBerge
Technology – Donna VonBerge

Director Kuester seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Twiss 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 Lindeman 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 VonBerge seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Kuester moved to adopt the resolution directing the administration to make recommendations for reductions in programs and positions and reasons therefore for the 2014-2015 school year. Director Twiss seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Twiss moved to schedule Meet and Confer on Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2014 at 3:30 p.m. in the Lincoln Meeting Room (Room 124) at Lincoln Junior High School. Director Alsleben seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Kuester moved to hire an LPN to be the Health Assistant at GSL Lakeside Elementary School. Director VonBerge seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director VonBerge moved to approve adding a Pathways II Grant Assistant (Paraprofessional) to work in the Early Childhood Learning Center from January 14th through approximately June 1st for approximately seven hours a day for three days a week. The position will be funded by Pathways II Grant funds. Director Lindeman seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Twiss thanked the many generous donors and said we appreciate it. Member Twiss 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
Glencoe Lions Club	\$50.00	FIRST Robotics
Glencoe Lions Club	\$25.00	Jazz Band
Panther Booster Club	\$3,000.00	Trainer – Fall Activities
Olivia Chrysler Center	\$100.00	SuperMileage
Seneca Foods	\$200.00	SuperMileage
Silver Lake Lions Club	\$200.00	FIRST Robotics
Silver Lake Lions Club	\$500.00	Close-up
Plato Fire Department	\$1,000.00	Close-up
Glencoe Lions Club	\$25.00	Jazz Band
Silver Lake Knights of Columbus #1841	\$25.00	Close-up

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.

A third vote was taken to elect a Chairperson. Directors Twiss, Lindeman, and Christianson voted for Director Christianson. Directors VonBerge, Kuester, and Alsleben voted for Director Alsleben. No majority was reached. Director Christianson will continue serving as interim Board Chair until the next meeting, when another vote will be taken.

Director Alsleben moved to adjourn at 8:36 p.m. Director Lindeman seconded. Approved unanimously.

Clerk

Approved (Date) _____

Chairman