

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2895
PLACE: GSL Schools Community Room #443/444
DATE October 9, 2017
TIME: 7:00 p.m.

Board Chair Christianson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The following board members were present: VonBerge, Lindeman, Twiss, Alsleben, and Kuester. In addition, Superintendent Chris Sonju; Business Manager Michelle Sander, Mary Reedy/CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP, Mike Morris/GSL Technology Staff, School Principals: Bill Butler, Joy Freitag, Paul Sparby, Administrative Assistant Brenda Langanki, Lisa Gray/Chartwells, Katie Ballalatak/McLeod County Chronicle. Also in attendance were members of the community: Dan Ehrke/City of Glencoe, Lynn Ekstad, Beth Jerabek, Doug Krueger, Al Roebke, and, John Schrupp.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Announcements The following announcement was made: The next regular School Board meeting will be on Monday, November 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. - Location GSL Schools Community Room #443/444.

Lisa Gray - Chartwells Regional Director of Operations, was in attendance, Ms. Gray was in town from Chicago working with Business Manager Sander. She also provided samples of the yogurt parfaits that are offered in the GSL cafeteria, to the board and meeting attendees. She talked about the possibility of adding a coffee bar, muffins, and scones, to the cafeteria offerings and also mentioned expanding the catering menu for school/district meetings and gatherings.

Truth in Taxation Hearing: The Glencoe-Silver Lake School District will hold its Truth in Taxation Hearing prior to the regularly-scheduled December 11th School Board meeting in the GSL Schools Community Room #443/444 beginning at 6:00 p.m. The levy will be certified at the regular Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. that same evening.

Acknowledgements

Superintendent Sonju complimented and appreciated the continuing work of the IT staff, Brady Flaherty and the custodial teams. Thanks to the Glencoe-Silver Lake Boosters, Glencoe-Silver Lake Panther Association, and Stevens Seminary for their continued support and donations to the schools and community.

Reports/Presentations

Principals Sparby, Butler and Freitag reported to the board.

Director Twiss reported that she attended the ECFE Advisory Committee meeting September 18th, and noted that the Preschool numbers are strong and Early Childhood programs are growing. More people are attending events for the Preschool age, as well as increased participation in the ECFE programs, classes, and events. She acknowledged and expressed gratitude for the funding contributions from the United Way going toward new playground equipment.

Superintendent Sonju reported a turnout of about 300 parents and community members that came for the open house on Friday October 6th, there was also a good turnout for the Community Schools lunch meeting on October 5th, many of the attendees to these events toured the facilities and enjoyed a light snack/lunch. He thanked Bernie Getzlaff/Chartwells, for providing the Open House treats and for catering the Community Schools luncheon.

Business Manager Sander introduced Mary Reedy/CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP who then presented the results of the completed yearly audit.

Public Input Relating to the Agenda

No public input relating to the agenda.

Director Alsleben moved to approve the agenda with addendum, Director Kuester seconded, Approved unanimously. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Director Kuester to approve the Consent Agenda with Addendum, motion seconded by Director Twiss. Approved unanimously. Motion carried.

Bills:

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

Minutes:

Regular Board Meeting minutes of September, 2017.

Hirings:

- *Ashley Casteel - 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach, replacing Josh Otto-Fisher*
- *Krysten Dane – Junior Class Advisor, re-hired*
- *Taylor Jones – 8th Grade Girls Softball, replacing Jake Heitz*

Resignations:

- *Amber Hlavka - GSL District Spelling Bee Coordinator*
- *Mark Wigern – Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach*
- *Matt Muenchow – Junior Varsity Girls Track Coach*

Leave Requests

- *Chelsey Busse, LPN - Maternity leave, from approximately March 15, 2018, through the end of the school year.*
- *Beth Jerabek, District Nurse – Maternity leave from approximately April 10, 2018 through May 31, 2018*
- *Stephanie Zajicek-Speech Language Pathologist, Early Childhood Special Education – Maternity leave from approximately February 12, 2018 to May 21, 2018 (14 weeks)*

Extracurricular Assignment:

- *Terry Becker – 2017-2018 8th Grade Basketball Coach*
- *Steve Davis – 2017-2018 Head Softball Coach*

Community Ed assignments

- *Trisha Fenske – 2017-2018 Panther Paws Team Head Coach*

OLD BUSINESS

None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Director Alsleben to approve the changes to the ECFE/School Readiness Director contract and job description to better reflect the job duties performed by Alicia Beste. The program has changed with increased time spent on ECFE Director Responsibilities, and less time in the Parent Educator role. Contract effective October 10, 2017 – June 30, 2018. Motion seconded by Director Alsleben. Approved unanimously, motion carried.

Director Twiss motioned to approve the 2017-2019 Principals contract, seconded by Director Lindeman. Approved unanimously, motion carried.

Director Alsleben motioned to approve the change in Lincoln Elementary Paraprofessional hours. The additional time is based on busing schedules and student need.

Paraprofessional	Previously Approved Hours	Proposed increase of hours	change
Holly Albrecht	24 hours per week	25 hours per week	1 hour per week
Chelsey Busse	7.0 hours per day	7.25 hours per day	15 minutes per day
Mae Hansch	25 hours per week	28 hours per week	3 hours per week
Dulce Hernandez	6.5 hours per day	6.75 hours per day	15 minutes per day
Sally Jasken	6.5 hours per day	6.75 hours per day	15 minutes per day
Amy Lemke	6.5 hours per day	8.0 hours per day	1.5 hours per day
Kathy Lindback	7.0 hours per day	7.25 hours per day	15 minutes per day
Amy Polifka	6.75 hours per day	7.0 hours per day	15 minutes per day
Carrie Rose	6.5 hours per day	6.75 hours per day	15 minutes per day

Motion seconded by Director VonBerge. Approved unanimously, motion carried.

Motion made by Director Kuester to approve the Education Minnesota: GSL Seniority list to be posted for 20 days to provide employees with an opportunity to identify potential inaccuracies in the list. Seconded by Director Twiss. Approved unanimously, motion carried.

Motion made by Director Alsleben to approve the SEIU Local 284 Seniority list to be posted for 20 days to provide employees with an opportunity to identify potential inaccuracies in the list. Seconded by Director Kuester. Approved unanimously, motion carried.

Director Alsleben motioned to approve the authorization to continue limited K-8 Student transportation during the winter months. In previous years the GSL School District furnished a limited expansion of the student transportation for K-6 students living greater than one-half mile from (Previously Helen Baker school) now Lincoln Elementary and for students in grades 7 and 8 living greater than one mile from GSL Junior High School. It is proposed to implement expanded transportation services again during the 2017-2018 school year beginning on November 21, 2017 and ending on March 24, 2018 under the conditions specified for this year only at no additional cost to the school district.

Helen Baker Purchase Proposals – Discussion. The district has received two proposals for the purchase of the Helen Baker property. One from Mr. Kenneth Polifka, and another from the City of Glencoe

The City of Glencoe proposal is for the purchase of the property for \$1. The city would acquire the property and then proposes to partner with the school district on the redevelopment of the property. The city would lead the redevelopment activities. Once those activities are complete the property would be sold to the Glencoe Multi Family, LLC to develop the site into a housing project. This proposal does create a Tax Increment District (TIF) that allows the School district and the City to recoup tax increment. The redevelopment costs to the school district are not to exceed \$300,000.00.

The proposal from Mr. Polifka for is to purchase the Helen Baker school property for \$2.00. If no interest is expressed in rehabilitation of the building, he will proceed to remove all asbestos from the building, demolish the building, haul away the debris and return the land to green space. The school district shall not be responsible for any of these costs. He would take possession of the building January 1, 2018. All utilities may be turned off at the discretion of the school district.

Board members discussed pros and cons of the proposals. A motion was made by Director Alsleben to approve the Polifka purchase agreement, seconded by Director Kuester. A vote was taken. The following board members voted, in favor: VonBerge, Alsleben and Kuester. Member voted not in favor: Twiss, Lindeman, and Christianson. Motion did not pass. No action was taken.

Director Alsleben motioned to accept the following donations:

Donor	Item Donated	Designation
Plato Lions Club	\$ 100.00	GSL Quest Program
Security Bank & Trust	\$ 10,000.00	Scoreboard/Softball Field
Stevens Seminary Foundation	\$ 13,944.15	College in the Classroom
Stevens Seminary Foundation	\$ 13,000.00	Learning Initiative
Stevens Seminary Foundation	\$ 8,000.00	“Get-to” T-Shirts
Faith Presbyterian Women’s Association	\$ 150.00	Silver Lake Students
VFW Post 5012	\$ 300.00	Military History
VFW New Auburn	\$ 125.00	Military History
American Legion-Silver Lake	\$ 325.00	Military History
Northern Metal Recycling	\$ 132.80	Supermileage

Director Alsleben extended gratitude/appreciation for the support from the donors for funding/supporting a variety of activities and club in the Glencoe-Silver Lake schools. Motion seconded by Director VonBerge. Approved unanimously. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous - None at this time.

Director Alsleben made motion to adjourn at 8:25 p.m., seconded by Director Twiss. Approved unanimously. Motion carried.