

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
GLENCOE-SILVER LAKE SCHOOLS - INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2859
DATE: DECEMBER 9, 2024 TIME 5:00 p.m.
PLACE: GSL Schools Community Room #443/444

Board Chair Luckhardt called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The following board members were present: Alsleben, Christianson, Lemke, Lindeman, Luckhardt, and VonBerge. In addition, Superintendent Chris Sonju; Business Manager Michelle Sander; Principal's Bill Butler and Matt Foss; Business Services Trisha Zajicek; Administrative GSL Technology Staff Mike Morris; GSL Staff members Cierra Anderson, Sarah Lipke, Mary Christenson, Marissa Hegle; Ehlers Representative Jeff Seeley; Newly Elected Board Member Kayla Keenan.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Director Christianson motioned to approve the agenda. Director Lemke seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Announcements The next regular School Board meeting will be on Monday, January 13, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the GSL HS Community Room (#443/444).

Public Input Relating to the agenda – None

Reports/Presentations

Business Manager Sander reported to the board.
Principals Butler and Foss reported to the board.
Superintendent Sonju reported to the board.

Director Lemke motioned to approve the consent agenda and the addendum to the consent agenda. Director VonBerge seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

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 from November 12, 2024.

Hirings:

- Amy Dittmer – Varsity Softball Head Coach
- Keri Herrmann – Junior High Track Coach
- Ken Kantack – 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach
- Shannon Mattson – Elementary LTS
- Seth Tieden – Junior High Math LTS
- Piper Richter – Junior/Senior High Art LTS
- Josh Otto-Fisher – Chess Club Advisor
- Jaime Ochoa – Panther Field House Front Desk
- Al Lavender – Junior High Wrestling Coach

Resignations:

- Rebecca Dammann – Junior/Senior High Special Ed Paraprofessional
- Seth Tieden – Junior High Wrestling Coach

Termination:

- Jaime Ochoa – Panther Field House Front Desk

Old Business

None

New Business

The following donations were accepted with appreciation:

Donor	Donated	Designation
Michael Foods, Inc	\$300.00	Holiday Project
Silver Lake American Legion Aux	\$100.00	Close Up
Silver Lake Lions Club	\$1,000.00	Holiday Project
Plato American Legion	\$1,400.00	Close Up
Glencoe CO-OP Assn	\$100.00	Trunk or Treat Party
Plato American Legion Baseball	\$2,500.00	Baseball team
GSL Elementary PTO	\$200.00	2nd Grade field Trip Buses
GFWC of Silver Lake	\$200.00	Lakeside Library
Glencoe Rotary Club	\$400.00	Close Up
Silver Lake Knights of Columbus	\$100.00	Close Up
Plato Lions Club	\$100.00	Close Up
Silver Lake Lions Club	\$500.00	Close Up
Rich Valley Township	\$3,000.00	FFA
GSL Ag Promoters/FFA Alumni	\$3,000.00	FFA
Compeer Financial	\$500.00	FFA

Director Christianson motioned to adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds. Director Alsleben seconded. Roll call vote was taken, Directors Alsleben, Christianson, Lemke, Lindeman, Luckhardt, and VonBerge all voted in favor. 6 to 0 vote, motion carried.

Director Alsleben motioned to approve the agreement with 4.0 Services for grounds management services from April 1, 2025 through November 15, 2027. The new contract represents a total three year increase of 13.5%. Year one will be 13.5% and 0% in years two and three. Total contract amount is \$103,649 per year. Director Lindeman seconded. All in favor, Motion carried.

Director Lemke motioned to approve the one year contract with Dan Svoboda, Achievement and Integration Coordinator contract from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. This position is directly connected and funded with the Achievement and Integration plan through MDE. Director Christianson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

First Reading of Policies

- 212 – School Board Member Development
- 213 – School Board Committees
- 214 – Out-of-State Travel by School Board Members
- 402 – Disability Nondiscrimination Policy
- 415 – Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults
- 498 – Political Campaigns and Activities
- 524.1 – Bring Your Own Device Policy
- 529 – Staff Notification of Violent Behavior by Students
- 607.1 – Early Entrance into Kindergarten
- 630 - Telemedicine

Director Luckhardt motioned to bring back the policies listed above for adoption at the next school Board meeting. Director Lindeman seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Second Reading of Policies –Motion made by Director VonBerge to adopt the following policies, these policies received their first reading at the November 12, Board meeting.

- 608 – Instructional Services – Special Education
- 613 – Graduation Requirements
- 615 – Testing Accommodations, Modifications, and Exemptions for IEPs, Section 504 Plans and LEP Students
- 616 – School District System Accountability
- 619 – Staff Development for standards
- 620 – Credit for Learning
- 624 – Online Instruction
- 707 – Transportation of Public School Students
- 708 – Transportation of Nonpublic School Students
- 709 – Student Transportation Safety
- 806 – Crisis Management

Motion seconded by Director Christianson. All in favor. Motion carried.

Director VonBerge motioned to recess at 5:38p.m. for the Truth in Taxation Hearing. Director Alsleben seconded. All in Favor. Motion carried.

Director Alsleben motioned to reconvene the Board meeting at 7:09 p.m. Director Lindeman seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Director Christianson motioned to set the final 2024 levy payable 2025 at \$5,460,577.32. Director Lindeman seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Acknowledgements - Superintendent Sonju presented Directors Christianson and VonBerge with bells for their years of service serving on the GSL School Board. Director Christianson and VonBerge both thanked the other board members, GSL Staff and the community for continue support through the years. Director Luckhardt also thanked Directors Christianson and VonBerge for years of service.

Director Lindeman motioned to adjourn meeting at 7:33 p.m. Director VonBerge seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Clerk

Dated: January 13, 2024

Chairperson