

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS**

Meetings of the Board will follow a standard agenda. Items not placed on the agenda may be considered at the meeting upon agreement of the membership present.

The Board allows public participation at its meetings, but at the same time has the responsibility for conducting its business in an orderly fashion. Undue interruption or other interference with the orderly conduct of the School Board business cannot be allowed. Defamatory or abusive remarks are always out of order. The presiding officer may terminate the speaker's privilege of address if, after being called to order, he/she persists in improper conduct or remarks.

In addition, the School Board requests that during the duration of the meeting no member of the public audience interrupt the conversation or mechanics of the meeting. The Chair will provide the audience with an opportunity to speak to any topic relating to items that are on the agenda during the public input portion of the meeting. At this point in time, the audience will only be granted through the consent of the Chairperson who has the unilateral authority to limit duration of the input from the public.

Comments from visitors must be informational in nature and should address the entire board rather than one particular member. The School Board cannot engage in a discussion or debate during this time, but will take the information and find answers if that is appropriate. As part of the Board protocol, it is unacceptable for any speaker to slander or engage in character assassination at a public School Board meeting.

At a public meeting of the School Board, no person shall orally initiate charges or complaints against individual employees of the School District or challenge instructional materials used in the District. All such charges, if presented to the Board directly, shall be referred to the Superintendent for investigation and report.

No action will be taken on any item not considered a part of the agenda, unless action is considered necessary by a majority of the Board.

## **WRITTEN COMMUNICATION**

Visitors wishing to present items for the Board's consideration should present a written request to the Superintendent at least five days prior to the meeting. Visitors who have not presented a written request, yet have an item of immediate urgency, may make such request at the time that the agenda is presented for approval; however, the item must have the unanimous consent of the Board Members present and no action can be initiated until the next meeting unless it is an emergency where great importance exists.

Citizens not wishing to communicate at School Board meetings are encouraged to prepare written documents that are to be submitted to the School Board by the Superintendent of Schools and/or Board Chair. Written communication may be sent to the following address:

Christopher D. Sonju, Superintendent of Schools  
Glencoe-Silver Lake Public Schools  
1621 East 16th Street  
Glencoe, MN 55336



## **Glencoe-Silver Lake Public Schools**

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Independent School District #2859

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*Proudly serving the communities  
of Biscay, Brownton, Glencoe,  
New Auburn, Plato, and Silver Lake*

# **SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS**

January 2026



## MISSION STATEMENT

Creating an environment where education is valued, excellence is expected and lifelong learning thrives.

## VISION STATEMENT

To Connect To Lead To Inspire

## CORE VALUES

- o All students can learn
- o All students are valued
- o All students can be successful
- o All students have gifts and talents
- o All students have the right to a safe and positive learning environment
- o All members of the district are valued stakeholders

## MEETING PROCEDURES

Welcome to the meetings of the School Board of Glencoe-Silver Lake Public Schools, ISD #2859. We are pleased that you have decided to attend this meeting, and we invite you to attend future meetings.

This pamphlet has been prepared to familiarize you with the function and the organization of the Board and to outline for you the procedures to be followed if you wish to actively participate in the meeting.

## BOARD MEMBERS

**Jason Lindeman**, Chair  
**Alicia Luckhardt**, Vice Chair  
**Jonathan Lemke**, Clerk  
**Kayla Keenan**, Treasurer  
**Jamie Alsleben**, Director  
**Randy Gores**, Director

The Board is composed of six members elected to serve overlapping terms. The Superintendent of Schools serves as the ex-officio member of the Board without the right to vote. The election of Board members occurs during the General Election in November of even years and all members are elected at large. New Board members take office effective the first meeting in January following the election.

## MEETINGS

The School Board meets regularly the second Monday of the month. If a second meeting is called, it is usually held the fourth Monday of the month. The meetings are held at 6:00 p.m. in the GSL HS Community Room #443/444, unless otherwise noted.

Meetings of the School Board are open to the public. In instances when a special meeting must be called to consider official School District business which needs immediate attention and cannot be postponed to the next regularly scheduled meeting, notification will be given in the "school board" area of the School District's website at [www.gsl.k12.mn.us](http://www.gsl.k12.mn.us) and will be posted in the District Office, 1621 East 16th Street, Glencoe, MN 55336

## ACTIONS

The Board must have a quorum, or four members, present before it can take official action. Most Board actions may be approved by a simple majority of the membership present.

The Board has complete and final control over local school matters subject only to the limitations imposed by state law, regulations of the Minnesota Department of Education and, of course, the will of the local residents as expressed in School District elections.