

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2859  
PLACE: GSL Lakeside Elementary School, Silver Lake  
DATE: November 13, 2012  
TIME: 7:00 p.m.

Board Chair Christianson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: Alsleben, Lindeman, Schreifels, Kuester, Christianson, and Twiss. In addition, Superintendent Chris Sonju; Business Manager Michelle Sander; Principals Bill Butler, Michelle Wang, and Paul Sparby; Chartwells District Manager John Durtschi and Food Service Director Bernie Getzlaff; Donna VonBerge; Teachers Scott Picha, Julie Grams, and Jen Chrast; ECFE/SR Coordinator Jan Mackenthun; Andrea Ruud; Shannon Mattson; Technology Director Jeff Jenson; and Superintendent's Secretary Dawn Peterson were in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The following announcements were made:

**Next School Board Meeting:** The next regular School Board meeting will be on Monday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Lincoln Meeting Room, Room 124.

**Truth in Taxation Hearing:** The Glencoe-Silver Lake School District will hold its Truth in Taxation Hearing prior to the regularly-scheduled December 10<sup>th</sup> School Board meeting in the Lincoln Meeting Room beginning at 6:01 p.m. The levy will be certified at the regular Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. that same evening.

ECFE/SR Coordinator Mackenthun addressed the Board about the facility agenda item as it relates to Early Childhood Family Education, Early Childhood Special Education, and School Readiness.

Chartwells District Manager Durtschi and Food Service Director Getzlaff presented a food service report to the Board.

Principal Wang and Scott Picha, 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, gave a presentation to the Board about iPad usage at GSL Lakeside Elementary School.

Business Manager Sander reported to the Board.

Principals Butler, Wang, and Sparby reported to the Board.

Superintendent Sonju reported to the Board that teachers Scott Picha and Sarah Lipke, Technology Director Jenson, and Principal Wang will be presenting information about Lakeside's iPads in January at MSBA's Leadership Conference; said students will be part of a "Show and Tell" exhibit at the conference, plus we always bring GSL High School Student Government representatives to the conference as well; reported the Community Schools meeting last week was excellent; announced the Commissioner of Education will be attending the Community Schools meeting on January 24; invited the Board and business members to attend, and thanked Chartwells for the meals they serve during the Community Schools meetings; told the Board the Rotary and Lincoln Junior High students are \$94 away from their Zambia well fundraising goal; reported the school district's initiative program funds, established with dollars from Stevens Seminary, are used up; explained the program was designed to have staff look at things differently but said the \$5,000 donation didn't go very far; and told the Board it has been a phenomenal fall at school and we look forward to winter.

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

Director Twiss moved to approve the consent agenda.

***Bills:***

October bills are on file and available for review at the Superintendent's Office, 1621 East 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Glencoe.

***Minutes:***

Regular Board Meeting minutes of October 8, 2012.

***Leave Request:***

Emily Foss, Kindergarten Teacher at Helen Baker Elementary School, requests 10 weeks of FMLA Leave from on or around February 14, 2013, to April 29, 2013.

***Hirings:***

Kimberly Ruschmeier as K-6 Fundraising Coordinator/Volunteer Coordinator (replaces Brandy Barrett who resigned and new position).

Brandy Barrett as 1 FTE Kindergarten Instructional Assistant (new position).  
Kevin Peters as District School Nurse (replaces Debra Butler who resigned).

**Resignation:**

The resignation of Dawn Heuer as 6.5- to 8-hour-a-day LPN at GSL High School (hours dependent on student needs).

**Extracurricular Activities:**

Robb DeCorsey, Clare Nolan, and Kelsey Bussler as Co-Junior Class Advisors (replaces Robb DeCorsey who resigned).

Director Alsleben seconded. Approved unanimously.

Results from the November 6<sup>th</sup> General Election were provided:

Jamie S. Alsleben	3,811
Kevin L. Kuester	3,609
Donna VonBerge	3,080
Gary V. Schreifels	2,792
Total number of write in votes for this office	67

Superintendent Sonju congratulated Directors Alsleben and Kuester on their re-election to the Board and congratulated newly-elected Board member Donna VonBerge. He thanked Director Schreifels for his service to the school district. Director Lindeman moved to approve the Resolution Canvassing Returns of Votes of School District General Election. Director Twiss seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Lindeman moved to approve the Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Certificates of Election and Directing School District Clerk to Perform Other Election Related Duties. Director Twiss seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Alsleben moved to adopt the Education Minnesota: GSL seniority list for the 2012-2013 school year. Director Kuester seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Alsleben moved to adopt the Local #284 seniority list for the 2012-2013 school year. Director Kuester seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Alsleben moved to approve the contract with McLeod County Public Health Nursing Service for mentoring services to our new School Nurse, Kevin Peters. The agreement is for a minimum of four weekly hours of service and will cost up to \$4,873 for the year. Director Lindeman seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Twiss moved to add another section during the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> trimesters to use the Plato Recovery Program at GSL High School. There isn't an increase in the cost of the program; rather, the increase will be in paying an overload to a staff member for tri 2 and 3. The program will start at the beginning of tri 2 and will cost \$6,365.35. Director Kuester seconded. Approved unanimously.

Superintendent Sonju provided information about the proposed building project at Lincoln Junior High School. Director Schreifels moved to begin the process of building the Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE)/Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) addition onto the Lincoln Junior High School. Director Twiss seconded. Approved unanimously.

Member Lindeman 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:

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Item Donated</u>	<u>Designation</u>
New Auburn VFW Post #7266	\$450.00	U.S. Military History Class
Plato American Legion Post #641	\$500.00	U.S. Military History Class
Silver Lake Lions Club	\$169.00	Lakeside Reading Materials

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

The following voted against the same: None

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Superintendent Sonju thanked all the people who put on the November 12<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day program at GSL High School and thanked Jeff Jenson for the phenomenal job he did as the guest speaker.

Director Alsleben moved to adjourn at 9:22 p.m. Director Kuester seconded. Approved unanimously.

Approved (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

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Clerk

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Chair