

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2859  
PLACE: GSL High School Media Center  
DATE: December 12, 2011  
TIME: 7:00 p.m.

Board Chair Christianson called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m. The following members were present: Alsleben, Lindeman, Kuester, Schreifels, Christianson, and Twiss. In addition, Superintendent Chris Sonju; Business Manager Michelle Sander; Principals Bill Butler and Michelle Wang; many teacher representatives from Education Minnesota: GSL including President Jim Waters, Chris Bick, Sharon Iverson, Barb Lamp, Kim Borka, and Stephanie Freund, along with members of the teachers' families; Technology Staff Mike Morris; 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, Jan. 9, at 7:00 p.m. in the GSL High School Media Center. It will be the annual organizational meeting of the School Board.

**Board Work Session:** The School Board will hold a work session on Monday, Dec. 19, at 5:00 p.m. in the Superintendent's Conference Room at Lincoln Junior High School. [The time was changed to 6:00 p.m.]

No acknowledgements were made.

Education Minnesota: GSL representatives Jim Waters, Chris Bick, Sharon Iverson, Barb Lamp, Kim Borka, and Stephanie Freund addressed the Board about teacher negotiations.

At 7:27 p.m., Director Twiss left the meeting along with the majority of teachers and their families.

Business Manager Sander reported to the Board.

Director Twiss returned to the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Principals Butler and Wang reported to the Board. Business Manager Sander presented Principal Sparby's report to the Board.

No Student Government/Student Activities report was given.

Superintendent Sonju reported that there will be a School Board Work Session about the facilities plan on Monday, Dec. 19, and the meeting time will be changed to 6:00 p.m.; said he's trying to put a framework down for what to do but he comes full circle back to the plan we had because the needs are still there; told the Board when you start committing to the Helen Baker facility, you are putting it back in our long-range plans; reported he has been working with teacher negotiations and "work to rule;" said he attended a conference in the Cities today on technology and said there's so much more we can do; told the Board Jeff Jenson and Mike Morris have been looking at this stuff; reminded Board members they need to start thinking about committee assignments for the organizational meeting in January; reported the next Community Schools meeting will be on Thursday, Jan. 5, and said good things are coming out of this group including the human anatomy class touring the MiroMatrix facility in Glencoe as a direct result of Community Schools.

Committee reports were given by Director Alsleben about the Community Education Advisory Committee; by Board Chair Christianson about the Helen Baker and Lakeside Leadership Teams; and Board Chair Christianson reported about mediation with Education Minnesota: GSL on November 30 and said no additional meetings have been scheduled.

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

Director Kuester moved to approve the consent agenda. Director Lindeman seconded. Approved unanimously.

***Bills:***

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

***Minutes:***

Regular Board Meeting minutes of November 14, 2011.

**Name LEA Representative for District-level AYP Plan:**

It is the recommendation of Superintendent Sonju that he be named the Local Education Agency (LEA) Representative for school year 2011-2012 in reviewing and filing the District-level AYP Improvement Plan. As LEA Representative, Superintendent Sonju will participate as a member of the improvement team and will be ensuring the school district maintain compliance with the appropriate federal statutes, regulations and procedures and act as the responsible authority in all matters relating to the review and administration of this improvement plan. He will work in collaboration with the regional center and/or MDE providing technical assistance through the AYP Statewide System of Support.

The school district held its annual Truth in Taxation Hearing before the Board meeting at 6:00 p.m. The final levy needs to be certified to the home county auditor no later than December 28, 2011. The full levy amount is \$2,525,991.73, or an increase of 7.60 percent. Business Manager Sander presented information at the Truth in Taxation Hearing about potential areas for reductions. Director Lindeman moved to set the final 2011 levy payable 2012 at \$2,414,586.72, or an increase of 2.8565 percent. Director Schreifels seconded. Approved unanimously.

Kim Hillberg, our auditor from LarsonAllen, LLP, provided an overview of the audit summary and financial statements for the school district for the 2010-2011 school year at the October 6 meeting. Director Schreifels moved to accept the audit summary and financial statements for the 2010-2011 school year as prepared by LarsonAllen, LLP. Director Alsleben seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Twiss moved to approve the contract with Brenda Wurm, LPN at GSL High School, from July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2013. Director Alsleben seconded. Approved unanimously.

Policy 534 Restrictive Procedures received its first reading at the November 14 Board meeting. Director Lindeman moved to adopt Policy 534 Restrictive Procedures. Director Twiss seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Alsleben moved to approve Lakeside Elementary School's request to conduct a "Pennies for Patients" fundraiser by students in grades 3-6 during January to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Director Schreifels seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Twiss moved to approve the Crisis Plan as revised for the 2011-2012 school year. Director Lindeman seconded. Approved unanimously.

Member Schreifels 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>
Russ Runck	\$25.00	FFA
Plato American Legion Post #641	\$1,600.00	Close-up
Silver Lake Knights of Columbus	\$25.00	Close-up
Plato American Legion Post #641	\$500.00	U.S. Military History Field Trip
Ziegler Cat	\$100.00	Gymnastics
Glencoe Lions Club	\$375.54	Quest
Panther Boosters	\$500.00	Daneline
Brian O'Donnell	\$100.00	Youth Recreation
Terrence Ide	\$100.00	Youth Recreation
Tom Longhenry	\$100.00	Youth Recreation
New Auburn VFW Post #7266	\$350.00	Close-up

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

The following voted against the same: None

At 8:38 p.m., the Board Chair declared a recess to clear the room for the purpose of closing the meeting to discuss negotiations strategy.

Director Schreifels moved to close the meeting at 8:39 p.m. to discuss negotiations strategy. Director Twiss seconded. Approved unanimously. After a 10-minute recess to clear the room, those present during the closed meeting were: Superintendent Sonju, Board Chair Christianson, Directors Twiss, Alsleben, Lindeman, Kuester, and Schreifels, and Superintendent's Secretary Peterson.

Director Alsleben moved to open the meeting at 9:53 p.m. Director Twiss seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Schreifels reminded the Board to support the GSL Panther Association and attend their production of *Nuncrackers* at the Glencoe City Center in December.

Director Alsleben moved to adjourn at 9:55 p.m. Director Schreifels seconded. Approved unanimously.

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

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Clerk

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Chair