

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2859
PLACE: GSL Lakeside Elementary School, Silver Lake
DATE: November 14, 2011
TIME: 7:00 p.m.

Board Chair Christianson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. The following members were present: Kuester, Schreifels, Lindeman, Alsleben, Christianson, and Twiss. In addition, Superintendent Chris Sonju; Business Manager Michelle Sander; Principals Bill Butler, Paul Sparby, and Michelle Wang; Teachers Kristal Wendt, Lynn Monger, and Patty Fleischacker; Student Government/Student Activities Representatives Mercy Rakow, Ashley Wieseler, and Caitlin Miller; 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, Dec. 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the GSL High School Media Center.

Truth in Taxation Hearing: The Glencoe-Silver Lake School District will hold its Truth in Taxation Hearing prior to the regularly-scheduled December 12th School Board meeting in the GSL High School Media Center beginning at 6:00 p.m. The School Board meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Superintendent Sonju acknowledged all of the voters who came out and voted on November 8th.

No public input relating to the agenda was given.

Business Manager Sander had nothing to report.

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

Student Government/Student Activities Representatives Rakow, Wieseler, and Miller reported to the Board.

Superintendent Sonju reported a food drive challenge is being conducted throughout the entire district with the goal of having everyone bring in one item; said another Community Schools meeting was held last week and out of that meeting the High School Human Anatomy class will have some tours of the MiroMatrix plant; told the Board our goal is to have businesses in the community involved in our schools, and said the next meeting is on January 4th; said we are moving forward with our summer school program, "Books on the Bus" program, and "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten" program; extended his thanks to the ladies in the District Office and said it's amazing how much time is involved with an election; told the Board he is very grateful for the passage of the operating levy and said he wanted to make sure people from the school district know how much we appreciate its passage, but he was very sad to learn of the building bond results; told the Board people have asked what's next and his answer is that he's not sure because the building concerns are still there; and concluded by saying he appreciated everybody who voted.

Committee reports were given by Director Twiss about the ECFE Advisory Committee; by Board Chair Christianson about the Elementary Leadership Team and he reported the negotiations mediation date has been changed to November 30th at 3:30 p.m. in the District Office.

Director Twiss moved to approve the agenda with the addition of approval of Gail VanLith's LPN contract. Director Lindeman seconded. Approved unanimously.

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

Bills:

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

Minutes:

Regular Board Meeting minutes of October 10, 2011, and Special Board Meeting minutes of October 6, 2011.

Resignation:

Jan Mackenthun as Assistant Knowledge Bowl Coach.

Hiring:

Andrea Birkholz as Long-term Substitute Physical Education/DAPE Teacher for Joyce Petersons' Medical Leave from November 16, 2011, through January 3, 2012.

Leave Requests:

Megan Nelson, Ag/Industrial Tech Teacher at GSL High School, requests Family Leave from on or around March 1, 2012, through the remainder of the school year.

Mark Wigern, Paraprofessional in the Special Education Program at GSL High School (and licensed teacher), requests leave from his position from October 12, 2011, through December 2, 2011, so that he can be a Long-term Substitute Health Teacher at Lincoln Junior High School for Jann Savre's Medical Leave.

Extracurricular Assignments:

Mike Coddington as Assistant Wrestling Coach (replaces Mark Wigern).

Brian Heimerl as Junior High Wrestling Coach (replaces Jacob Zierden who resigned).

Rebecca Bartholomay-Suko as Spelling Bee Advisor (replaces Kaye Link who retired).

Boys' Basketball Coaching Reassignments (per the coaches): Head – Robb DeCorsey; Varsity Reserve – Dan Meier; JV – Scott Tschimperle; 9th Grade – Terry Becker; 8th Grade – Dean Schwirtz; and 7th Grade – Mike Haefs.

Mallory Godel as 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach (replaces Mike Gunderson who resigned).

Clare Nolan as half-time Assistant Knowledge Bowl Coach (replaces Jan Mackenthun who resigned).

Wanda Collins as Speech Coach (replaces Jane Wallace who was terminated and non-renewed last year).

Superintendent Sonju reported on the November 8th special election. A total of 3,381 voters of the school district voted on two questions: 1) to extend an operating levy for seven years; and 2) to approve authorizing a building bond. The summary of election totals was as follows:

Question #1 (renewal of the operating levy)		
Yes		2,163
No		1,212
Under votes		<u>6</u>
Total Votes		3,381

Question #2 (authorizing a school building bond)		
Yes		1,544
No		1,833
Under votes		<u>4</u>
Total Votes		3,381

Director Schreifels moved to approve the Resolution Canvassing Returns of Votes of School District Special Election for the November 8th operating levy and building bond special election. Director Lindeman seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Alsleben moved to adopt the Education Minnesota: GSL seniority list for the 2011-2012 school year. Director Schreifels seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Alsleben moved to adopt the Local #284 seniority list for the 2011-2012 school year. Director Schreifels seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Lindeman moved to adopt the resolution supporting the district application to the Minnesota State High School League Foundation for reimbursement of activity fees from students who qualify for free and reduced lunches as submitted by Activities Director Wilson. Director Twiss seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Kuester moved to approve the position of Junior High Dance Coach due to the numbers of students participating in the program. Director Twiss seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Twiss moved to approve an additional math section in the junior high with two-thirds of an overload given to Sue Bautch. Total cost to the School District is \$5,210.47 (including TRA and FICA) with funds from Jobs Bill dollars. Director Schreifels seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Alsleben moved to approve the contracts with Community Education employees Don Bohnert, Jane Goettl, and ReNae Jenson from July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2013. Director Kuester seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Twiss moved to approve the contract with Gail VanLith, LPN at GSL Lakeside Elementary School, from July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2013. Director Kuester seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Lindeman moved to bring back Policy 534 – Restrictive Procedures for adoption at the next School Board meeting. Director Kuester 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>
New Auburn VFW Post #7266	\$425.30	U.S. Military History Field Trip
Glencoe VFW Post #5102	\$100.00	U.S. Military History Field Trip
Northern Star Council, Boy Scouts of America	Learning games	Glencoe Elementary Schools
Senske Electric, Biscay	Donation of installation of play clocks for football	

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

The following voted against the same: None

Superintendent Sonju reminded Board members about the MSBA Leadership Conference on January 12th and 13th and said a decision can be made next month about who will be attending the conference.

After discussion, the Board set the date for a Board Work Session on December 19th at 5:00 p.m. in the Superintendent's Conference Room at Lincoln Junior High School.

Director Twiss moved to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. Director Lindeman seconded. Approved unanimously.

Approved (Date) _____

Clerk

Chair