

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

Board Chair Christianson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: Schreifels, Kuester, Lindeman, Alsleben, Christianson, and Twiss. In addition, Superintendent Chris Sonju; Business Manager Michelle Sander; Principals Bill Butler, Michelle Wang, and Paul Sparby; Activities Director Kay Wilson; Teachers Paul Lemke, Jim Waters, Joanne Biederwolf, and Jane Kloeckl; Don and Janel Tangen, Dave and Casey Style, Mike Paggen, Kelsey Bussler, Dennis Roisum, and Buz Rumrill; John Erickson, Executive Director of the Minnesota State High School Coaches Association; Student Government/Student Activities Representatives Joe Fehrenback, Caitlin Miller, and Rachel Schuth; Technology Director Jeff Jenson; 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, October 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the GSL High School Media Center.

**Informational Meetings:** Meetings to share information about the November 8<sup>th</sup> Special Election are as follows:

**Public Forums**

- Thursday, Sept. 22, 6:00 p.m. – GSL Lakeside Multi-purpose Room  
(*Ehlers' representative and Architect Paul Youngquist will attend*)
- Tuesday, Oct. 18, 6:00 p.m. – Brownton Community Center  
(*Ehlers' representative will attend*)
- Thursday, Nov. 3, 6:00 p.m. – GSL High School Auditorium  
(*Ehlers' representative and Architect Paul Youngquist will attend*)

**Question and Answer Sessions**

- Thursday, Sept. 29, 6:00 p.m. – New Auburn Fire Hall
- Thursday, Oct. 6, 6:00 p.m. – Biscay Liquor Store
- Monday, Oct. 10, 6:00 p.m. – Plato Fire Hall (*before the Board meeting*)

**Coffee and Cookies with the Superintendent**

- Wednesday, Oct. 12, 9:00 a.m. – Helen Baker Elementary School  
2:00 p.m. – Helen Baker Elementary School  
(*Both sessions include a tour of Helen Baker Elementary School*)
- Wednesday, Oct. 26, 9:00 a.m. – District Office, Lincoln Junior High School  
2:00 p.m. – District Office, Lincoln Junior High School
- Friday, Nov. 4, 9:00 a.m. – Helen Baker Elementary School  
2:00 p.m. – Helen Baker Elementary School  
(*Both sessions include a tour of Helen Baker Elementary School*)

No public input relating to the agenda was given.

An Open Hearing regarding the non-renewal of Head Boys' Basketball Coach Don Tangen was held. Speakers during the Open Hearing included: John Erickson, Executive Director of the Minnesota State High School Coaches Association; Mr. Tangen; Buz Rumrill; Paul Lemke; and Dave Style. At the conclusion of the Open Hearing, the majority of the audience left the room.

Elementary Principals Butler and Wang reported on the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support (PBIS) Program in the elementary schools.

Business Manager Sander reported to the Board.

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

Student Government/Student Activities Representatives Schuth, Miller, and Fehrehbach reported to the Board.

Superintendent Sonju presented information about his goals for GSL for the 2011-2012 school year; reported to the Board that we are off to a great start for the new school year; said he will be writing a series of articles for the local newspapers to address questions we've had about the building project and upcoming levy referendum; told Board members he is looking for about five or six parents to participate in the Parent Boot Camp initiative on October 15<sup>th</sup> at Hutchinson Middle School; reported there will be a Community Schools noon luncheon meeting on September 29; told the Board we've launched a Literacy

on the Bus Program, lots of books have come in, and we will get the books on the busses this week; reported on the 3T (Teachers Teaching Teachers) Program; gave a levy and building bond update and told the Board the dates of election informational meetings were provided in the agenda packet; said he's calling out to people in support of this building project and levy referendum; said we need the community members' support to pass this; and said this is critical for the success of our school district.

Committee reports were given by Director Twiss about the upcoming ECFE Advisory Committee meeting on Wednesday; and by Board Chair Christianson about the upcoming negotiations meeting with Education Minnesota: GSL on September 14 at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

***Bills:***

August 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 August 8, 2011, and Special Board Meeting minutes of August 16, 2011.

***Resignations:***

Tony Kley as 6-hour-a-day Instructional Paraprofessional at Lakeside Elementary School.  
Sherry Eddy as 6.5-hour-a-day Paraprofessional in the Special Education Program at GSL High School.  
Kay Dent as 6.5-hour-a-day Paraprofessional in the Special Education Program at GSL High School.  
Brenda Brelje as 6.5-hour-a-day Paraprofessional in the Kindergarten Program at Helen Baker Elementary School.  
Matt Foss as 6.5-hour-a-day Instructional Paraprofessional at Helen Baker Elementary School.  
Lisa Petersen as Math Olympiad Coach at Lakeside Elementary School and Lincoln Junior High School.  
Kimberly Norling as Student Council Advisor at Lakeside Elementary School.

***Transfers:***

Amy Molva, 6.5 hour-a-day Paraprofessional in the Special Education Program at Helen Baker Elementary School, to 6.5-hour-a-day Instructional Paraprofessional at Helen Baker Elementary School (replaces Matt Foss who resigned).  
Zach Otto-Fisher, 6.5-hour-a-day Paraprofessional in the Special Education Program at Helen Baker Elementary School, to 6.5-hour-a-day Paraprofessional in the Kindergarten Program at Helen Baker School (replaces Brenda Brelje who resigned).  
Jean Horrmann, 6.5-hour-a-day Paraprofessional in the Special Education Program at Helen Baker Elementary School, to 6.5-hour-a-day Paraprofessional in the Special Education Program at Lakeside Elementary School (replaces Kathy Ayers-Wynohrad who resigned).

***Hirings:***

Mallory Godel as 1 FTE School Nurse (replaces Pam Wiest who resigned).  
Kelsey Bussler as 15-hour/week Paraprofessional in the Library Support Program at Lakeside Elementary School (new position pending School Board approval).  
Lori Hatlestad as 6.5-hour-a-day Paraprofessional in the Special Education Program at Helen Baker Elementary School (replaces Jean Horrmann who transferred to another position).  
Jennifer Wraspir as 6.5-hour-a-day Paraprofessional in the Special Education Program at Lakeside Elementary School (replaces Heather Braun who resigned).  
Rosantina Aguilar as 6.5-hour-a-day English Language Learners (ELL) Paraprofessional at Lakeside Elementary School (replaces Stephine Paech who resigned).  
Annette Thomas as 6-hour-a-day Paraprofessional in the Special Education Program at Lakeside Elementary School (new position pending School Board approval to replace the Sign Language Interpreter position which was eliminated).  
Nicole Gepson as 6.5-hour/week Paraprofessional in the School Readiness (SR) Program at Helen Baker Elementary School (replaces Cheryl Smith who resigned).  
Maggie Busse as 6.75-hour-a-day Paraprofessional in the Special Education Program at GSL High School (replaces Sherry Eddy who resigned).  
Mona Ewald as 6.75-hour-a-day Paraprofessional in the Special Education Program at GSL High School (replaces Kay Dent who resigned).

Director Kuester moved to ratify the contract between the School District and Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 284 effective July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2013. Director Twiss seconded. Approved unanimously.

Technology Director Jeff Jenson was present to answer questions about the updated technology plan. Director Schreifels moved to approve the updated technology plan. Director Lindeman seconded. Approved unanimously.

Fuel bids were to have been received by noon on September 1, 2011. At that time, Business Manager Sander received two bids: one from Cenex – Glencoe Co-op Association and one from SuperAmerica. Both bids were identical. Director Twiss moved to accept the fuel bid for gas and diesel from Cenex – Glencoe Co-op Association for five cents off pump price. Director Kuester seconded. Approved unanimously.

Member Schreifels introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE GLENCOE-SILVER LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
TO CONDUCT BUSINESS ON COLUMBUS DAY**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District, #2859, Glencoe-Silver Lake, as follows:

That public business may be conducted on Columbus Day, the second Monday in October, in accordance with M.S. 645.44, Subd. 5.

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

The following voted against the same: None

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Director Kuester moved to approve the Paraprofessional staffing additions as listed below.

- Add a half hour a day to Jean Horrmann’s and Diane Hlavka’s positions at Lakeside to cover breakfast supervision;
- Add a new 15-hour/week Paraprofessional position for literacy support at Lakeside;
- Increase Paraprofessional hours at Lincoln and the High School by 15 minutes per day due to the extended school time;
- Add a 6-hour-a-day Paraprofessional in the Special Education Program at Lakeside to work with a deaf and hard of hearing student. This position replaces the Sign Language Interpreter position which was eliminated.

Director Twiss seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Schreifels moved to enter into the PSEO agreements with Minnesota State University, Mankato, and Ridgewater College, Willmar and Hutchinson, for the 2011-2012 school year. Director Lindeman seconded. Approved unanimously.

The Glencoe-Silver Lake School District will [hold its Truth in Taxation Hearing prior to](#) the regularly-scheduled December 12<sup>th</sup> 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. No School Board action was taken.

Member Twiss 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>
Crow River Sno Pros	\$500.00	Wrestling Warm-ups
Crow River Sno Pros	\$400.00	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading Program
Stevens Seminary	\$15,327.38	College in the Classrooms and ITV
Silver Lake Lions	\$300.00	Tammy Schermann’s 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading
Pla-Mor Lanes	30 Games of Bowling	Helen Baker Cookie Dough Fundraiser
American Legion Auxiliary #95, Glencoe	Grocery Bag of School Supplies	Helen Baker

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

The following voted against the same: None

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Superintendent Sonju called upon all parents and community members who are supportive of the building bond project and operating levy referendum to get involved. He said it is critical to pass the building bond and operating levy at the Special Election on November 8<sup>th</sup>. If interested in becoming involved, people are encouraged to contact Superintendent Sonju and he will put volunteers to work.

Superintendent Sonju reported he recently talked to former GSL Board Member Loren Mathews about the Southwest/West Central Service Cooperative Board and an open seat on the Board. If interested in running for the open seat, Board members should contact Superintendent Sonju.

Director Schreifels moved to adjourn at 8:58 p.m. Director Lindeman seconded. Approved unanimously.

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

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Clerk

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Chair