

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2859
PLACE: GSL Lakeside Elementary Cafeteria, Silver Lake
DATE: April 11, 2011
TIME: 7:00 p.m.**

Board Chair Christianson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. The following members were present: Alsleben, Lindeman, Kuester, Schreifels, Christianson, and Twiss. Superintendent Chris Sonju; Business Manager Michelle Sander; Principals Paul Sparby, Bill Butler, and Michelle Wang; Teachers Brea Wiblemo, Vicky Harris, Sarah Lipke, Diane Schultz, Cari Glaeser, Lynn Monger, and Tammy Schermann; Student Government Representatives Adam Broderius and Cynthia Villarreal; Technology Staff Mike Morris; and Superintendent's Secretary Dawn Peterson were in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The following announcement was made:

Next School Board Meeting: The next regular School Board meeting will be on Monday, May 9th at 7:00 p.m., in the GSL High School Media Center.

No public input relating to the agenda was given.

Business Manager Sander reported to the Board.

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

Student Government Representatives Broderius and Villarreal reported to the Board.

Superintendent Sonju reported to the Board that school will be held on April 21st to make up for the snow day that we had; thanked Dasher, 4.0 School Services, and Chartwells for each donating \$100 to be used as an incentive for teachers to involve the community or technology in the classroom, and said it's a way for us to have our teachers look outside the box; said he and Director Schreifels will attend a regional planning meeting tomorrow in Willmar to hear about the results of a survey regarding educational delivery; reported the County Road 2 road project is scheduled to begin mid-May and said he attended a meeting recently with Silver Lake Bus Contractor Ron Posusta to hear about the road project; told the Board we will give families notice of how the road project will affect them when we know more; reported there will be a leadership component of McLeod for Tomorrow offered to students in all McLeod County Schools on May 18th at Prairie Woods in Spicer, where students will learn about leadership and will be able to network; the County Extension Office will lead the training; a goal will be to network with all the schools in McLeod County; reminded the Board of the staff recognition breakfast on June 2nd for which we need Board members to serve breakfast at 7:15 a.m.; told the Board graduation will be on June 3rd; provided a Wright County Conference update; thanked all who voted at the April 5th Building Bond Special Election, thanked those who helped with the election including the employees of the District Office and teaching staff, thanked Board members for their support, and reported lots of encouraging things have been coming out of this election.

Committee reports were given by Director Twiss about the ECFE Advisory Committee meeting on April 6th and the Elementary Leadership Team meeting on March 24th; Board Chair Christianson also reported on the Elementary Leadership Team meeting.

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

Director Twiss moved to approve the consent agenda with the addition of the retirement of Brenda Popp. Director Schreifels seconded. Approved unanimously.

Bills:

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

Minutes:

Special Board Meeting minutes of March 7, 2011, and Regular Board Meeting minutes of March 14, 2011.

Hiring:

Angela Templin as 15-hour-a-week Paraprofessional in Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) at GSL Lakeside Elementary School (replaces Candice Blazinski who resigned).

Resignations:

Ward DeWitt, IV, as GSL High School Band Director, effective June 3, 2011.
Duane McDougall as 7th and 8th Grade Football Coach.

Retirements:

Amy Rettig as Principal's Secretary at Helen Baker Elementary School, effective April 29, 2011.
Carol Krage as Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) Teacher at GSL Lakeside Elementary School at the end of the 2010-2011 school year.
Kaye Link as English Teacher at Lincoln Junior High School, effective June 2, 2011.
Brenda Popp as 3rd Grade Teacher at GSL Lakeside Elementary School at the end of the 2010-2011 school year.

Local Education Agency (LEA) Representative and Contact Person:

To name Bill Butler, Elementary Principal, LEA Representative, and to name Crystal Dahlke, Assistant Business Manager, Contact Person for the 2011-2012 school year. The Representative completes the Title grant applications. The Contact Person fulfills the bookkeeping requirements.

Extracurricular Assignment:

Karen Ober as Junior High Track Coach pending School Board approval of the new position.

Superintendent Sonju reported on the April 5th, 2011 building bond special election. The summary of election totals was as follows:

Yes	1,443
No	<u>1,741</u>
Total Votes	3,184

Director Lindeman moved to approve the Resolution Canvassing Returns of Votes of School District Special Election. Director Kuester seconded. Approved unanimously.

Business Manager Sander commented on the proposed changes to the fund balance policy. Director Alsleben moved to bring back Policy 714 Fund Balances for adoption at the next School Board meeting. Director Twiss seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Schreifels moved to approve hiring an additional junior high track coach at a cost of \$1,204.00 due to the large numbers of students out for track. Director Alsleben seconded. Approved unanimously.

GSL High School Social Studies Teacher Wiblemo addressed the Board. She requested approval of a trip abroad in June of 2013. Director Twiss moved to approve a 14-day trip abroad for juniors and seniors to Northern Europe in June of 2013. The educational tour will be led by Brea Wiblemo, Social Studies Teacher at GSL High School, and will include one chaperone per six students. Students will need to meet minimum requirements and apply, with approval to be at the discretion of the trip leader and chaperones. The cost of the trip (approximately \$4,000.0) will be paid for by students. The students will receive accreditation (60 hours = .5 credit) and students will be graded on an A, B, C, D, F scale. Board Chair Christianson seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Schreifels moved to appoint LarsonAllen LLP as the school district's auditors for fiscal year 2011. The total estimated fee for the 2010-2011 audit is \$21,690.00 (no increase from last year). Director Kuester seconded. Approved unanimously.

Superintendent Sonju and Business Manager Sander presented the School District's staffing plan for the 2011-2012 school year. The Board will vote on the proposal at the May 9th Board meeting. No School Board action was taken.

Member Schreifels introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE TERMINATION
AND NONRENEWAL OF THE TEACHING CONTRACT
OF BRANDETTE BARRETT, A
PROBATIONARY TEACHER.**

WHEREAS, Brandette Barrett is a probationary teacher in Independent School District No. 2859.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 2859, that pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 122A.40, Subdivision 5, that the teaching contract of Brandette Barrett, a probationary teacher in Independent School District No. 2859, is hereby terminated at the close of the current 2010-2011 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that written notice be sent to said teacher regarding termination and non-renewal of her contract as provided by law, and that said notice shall be in substantially the following form:

**NOTICE OF TERMINATION
AND NON-RENEWAL**

Ms. Brandette Barrett
Helen Baker Elementary School
405 16th St. E.
Glencoe, MN 55336

Dear Ms. Barrett:

You are hereby notified that at a regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 2859 held on April 11, 2011, a resolution was adopted by a majority roll call vote to terminate your contract effective at the end of the current school year and not to renew your contract for the 2011-2012 school year. Said action of the board is taken pursuant to M.S. 122A.40, Subd. 5.

You may officially request that the school board give its reasons for the non-renewal of your teaching contract.

Yours very truly,

SCHOOL BOARD OF
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2859

Clerk of the School Board

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

and the following voted against the same: None

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.



Member Lindeman introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE TERMINATION
AND NONRENEWAL OF THE TEACHING CONTRACT
OF KURT SPELTZ, A
PROBATIONARY TEACHER.

WHEREAS, Kurt Speltz is a probationary teacher in Independent School District No. 2859.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 2859, that pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 122A.40, Subdivision 5, that the teaching contract of Kurt Speltz, a probationary teacher in Independent School District No. 2859, is hereby terminated at the close of the current 2010-2011 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that written notice be sent to said teacher regarding termination and non-renewal of his contract as provided by law, and that said notice shall be in substantially the following form:

NOTICE OF TERMINATION
AND NON-RENEWAL

Mr. Kurt Speltz
GSL High School
1825 16th St. E.
Glencoe, MN 55336

Dear Mr. Speltz:

You are hereby notified that at a regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 2859 held on April 11, 2011, a resolution was adopted by a majority roll call vote to terminate your contract effective at the end of the current school year and not to renew your contract for the 2011-2012 school year. Said action of the board is taken pursuant to M.S. 122A.40, Subd. 5.

You may officially request that the school board give its reasons for the non-renewal of your teaching contract.

Yours very truly,

SCHOOL BOARD OF
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2859

Clerk of the School Board

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

and the following voted against the same: None

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.



Member Kuester introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE TERMINATION
AND NONRENEWAL OF THE TEACHING CONTRACT
OF JANE WALLACE, A
PROBATIONARY TEACHER.

WHEREAS, Jane Wallace is a probationary teacher in Independent School District No. 2859.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 2859, that pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 122A.40, Subdivision 5, that the teaching contract of Jane Wallace, a probationary teacher in Independent School District No. 2859, is hereby terminated at the close of the current 2010-2011 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that written notice be sent to said teacher regarding termination and non-renewal of her contract as provided by law, and that said notice shall be in substantially the following form:

NOTICE OF TERMINATION
AND NON-RENEWAL

Ms. Jane Wallace
GSL High School
1825 16th St. E.
Glencoe, MN 55336

Dear Ms. Wallace:

You are hereby notified that at a regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 2859 held on April 11, 2011, a resolution was adopted by a majority roll call vote to terminate your contract effective at the end of the current school year and not to renew your contract for the 2011-2012 school year. Said action of the board is taken pursuant to M.S. 122A.40, Subd. 5.

You may officially request that the school board give its reasons for the non-renewal of your teaching contract.

Yours very truly,

SCHOOL BOARD OF
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2859

Clerk of the School Board

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

and the following voted against the same: None

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.



Member Schreifels introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE TERMINATION
AND NONRENEWAL OF THE TEACHING CONTRACT
OF MICHELLE MARTIG, A
PROBATIONARY TEACHER.

WHEREAS, Michelle Martig is a probationary teacher in Independent School District No. 2859.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 2859, that pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 122A.40, Subdivision 5, that the teaching contract of Michelle Martig, a probationary teacher in Independent School District No. 2859, is hereby terminated at the close of the current 2010-2011 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that written notice be sent to said teacher regarding termination and non-renewal of her contract as provided by law, and that said notice shall be in substantially the following form:

NOTICE OF TERMINATION
AND NON-RENEWAL

Ms. Michelle Martig
GSL Lakeside Elementary School
229 Lake Ave.
Silver Lake, MN 55381

Dear Ms. Martig:

You are hereby notified that at a regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 2859 held on April 11, 2011, a resolution was adopted by a majority roll call vote to terminate your contract effective at the end of the current school year and not to renew your contract for the 2011-2012 school year. Said action of the board is taken pursuant to M.S. 122A.40, Subd. 5.

You may officially request that the school board give its reasons for the non-renewal of your teaching contract.

Yours very truly,

SCHOOL BOARD OF
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2859

Clerk of the School Board

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

and the following voted against the same: None

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.



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:

Donor	Item Donated	Designation
Silver Lake Lions Club	\$250.00	Page Program
Joel and Elynn Lepel	\$200.00	Taylor Lepel Memorial – Gymnastics
John Sanken, Navigator Financial Group	\$600.00	Boys' Basketball Traveling Trophy – GSL and Hutchinson
Ridgeview Medical Center	\$1,600.00	Money Back for Activities
WalMart	\$500.00	Laptop Computer for BPA
Ag Star Financial Services	\$100.00	Flash Drives for Students
Anonymous	\$125.00	Extra Activities Fee – Spring Activities

The motion for the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Twiss, 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

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

A work session to decide where to go with the building project was set for Tuesday, April 26th at 7:00 p.m. in the Superintendent's Conference Room at Lincoln Junior High School.

Superintendent Sonju thanked the media for their support of the building bond special election.

Superintendent Sonju reported attending the funeral of Joseph Flynn, the school's attorney, on Saturday.

Director Schreifels moved to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. Director Alsleben seconded. Approved unanimously.

Approved (Date) _____

Clerk

Chair