

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2859  
PLACE: GSL High School Media Center  
DATE: January 10, 2011  
TIME: 7:00 p.m.**

Interim Board Chair Christianson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: Kuester, Lindeman, Schreifels, Alsleben, Christianson, and Twiss. In addition, Superintendent Chris Sonju; Business Manager Michelle Sander; Principals Bill Butler, Michelle Wang, and Paul Sparby; Student Government Representatives Rachael Posusta and Joe Fehrenbach; GSL High School Social Studies Teacher Tom Schoper and High School Page Program participants Tony Roush, Amanda Holzheu, and Holly Brelje; ECFE Coordinator Jan Mackenthun; Teacher Patty Fleischacker; Architect Paul Youngquist; Merlin Mackenthun; John Schrupp; and Technology Staff Mike Morris were in attendance.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Interim Board Treasurer Schreifels administered the Oath of Office to re-elected School Board members Alsleben, Christianson, Lindeman, and Twiss.

Interim Board Chair Christianson requested nominations for Chairperson. Director Twiss moved to nominate Director Christianson for the position of School Board Chairperson. The Chairperson declared the candidate elected by unanimous ballot.

Board Chair Christianson requested nominations for School Board Vice Chairperson. Director Schreifels moved to nominate Director Alsleben for the position of School Board Vice Chairperson. The Chairperson declared the candidate elected by unanimous ballot.

Board Chair Christianson requested nominations for School Board Clerk. Director Alsleben moved to nominate Director Twiss for the position of School Board Clerk. The Chairperson declared the candidate elected by unanimous ballot.

Board Chair Christianson requested nominations for School Board Treasurer. Board Chair Christianson moved to nominate Director Schreifels for the position of School Board Treasurer. The Chairperson declared the candidate elected by unanimous ballot.

The following announcement was made:

**Next School Board Meeting:** The next regular School Board meeting will be on Monday, Feb. 14, at 7:00 p.m., in the GSL High School Media Center (unless the Board changes the meeting date and time).

No public input relating to the agenda was given.

GSL Social Studies Teacher Schoper reported on the High School Page Program. GSL High School Page Program participants Roush, Holzheu, and Brelje were also present. GSL students Diane Otto and Froydis Heide will also be participating in the Page Program.

ECFE Coordinator Jan Mackenthun reported on the Early Childhood Family Education/School Readiness (ECFE/SR) Program.

Architect Paul Youngquist gave a presentation on the building project. Discussion was held but no action taken. A Work Session was scheduled for January 24, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. in the Superintendent's Conference Room at Lincoln Junior High School

Business Manager Sander reported to the Board.

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

Student Government Representatives Posusta and Fehrenbach reported to the Board.

Superintendent Sonju reported to the Board.

No committee reports were given.

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

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

**Bills:**

December 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 December 13, 2010.

**Hirings:**

Eldean Anderson as Long-term Substitute Special Education Teacher at Helen Baker Elementary School beginning on or around February 24, 2011 for four weeks during Mary Christeson's FMLA Leave.

Heather Braun as 32.5 hour-a-week Paraprofessional in the Special Education Program at Helen Baker Elementary School (new position).

Greg Fleck as 32.5 hour-a-week Paraprofessional in the Special Education Program at Helen Baker Elementary School (new position).

Angela Becker as 32.5 hour-a-week Paraprofessional in the Special Education Program at Helen Baker Elementary School (new position).

**Resignation:**

Sheri Anderson as 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Tennis Coach.

Director Schreifels moved to hold the regular School Board meetings on the second Monday of each month, beginning at 7:00 p.m., and meet in the GSL High School Library/Media Center, with a second meeting, if necessary, to be held on the fourth Monday. Director Lindeman seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Twiss moved to leave the per diem rates for 2011 as they have been in the past: attendance at regular and special formal Board meetings – \$2,000.00; per Committee meeting – \$35.00; per Negotiations meeting – \$50.00; and additional pay after 3 hours for all meetings – \$35.00. Director Schreifels seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Kuester moved to employ the firm of Knutson, Flynn, and Deans as the District's legal counsel for 2011 and that, at the Superintendent's discretion, local legal counsel may be employed as warranted. Director Twiss seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Alsleben moved to adopt the committee assignments for 2011 as specified by the School Board:

**Board Committees**

Operations (Facilities, Food Service and Transportation) – Gary Schreifels and Jason Lindeman

Finance – Gary Schreifels and Kevin Kuester

Negotiations – Kevin Kuester and Jamie Alsleben (Support)  
Clark Christianson and Gary Schreifels (Certified)

Personnel (includes Meet & Confer) – Anne Twiss and Clark Christianson

Policy (includes Wellness) – Anne Twiss and Jamie Alsleben

**Board Representatives**

MSBA Legislative Liaison – Kevin Kuester

Minnesota State High School League – Clark Christianson

**Board Liaisons to District Committees**

Community Education – Jamie Alsleben

Community Schools – Clark Christianson

Curriculum – Jamie Alsleben and Jason Lindeman

ECFE – Anne Twiss

Health & Safety – Jason Lindeman

Insurance – Gary Schreifels

Little Crow ITV Board – Kevin Kuester

Leadership Teams

Helen Baker K-2 – Clark Christianson

Lakeside 3-6 – Anne Twiss

Lincoln 7-8 – Jamie Alsleben

High School 9-12 – Jason Lindeman

SW/WC Service Cooperative – Loren Mathews (elected position – Loren continues)

Staff Development – Clark Christianson

Technology – Gary Schreifels

Director Schreifels seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Schreifels moved to authorize Michelle Sander, Business Manager, to make payment (prior to School Board approval) of claims that cannot be deferred until the next Board meeting without loss to the

district of discount privileges and, further, authorize Michelle Sander to initiate and transact electronic transfers for the purpose of investing excess monies and for payment of bond principal and interest as provided by M.S. 1996, Section 123.35, Subd. 15. Director Kuester seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Alsleben moved to delegate the following statutory duties of the Clerk to the administrative staff: the keeping of the book of minutes of all School Board meetings, the preparation of reports that shall include the condition and value of school property, receipts and disbursements in detail and such other financial matters as may be called for by the Minnesota Department of Education, the length of the school term and the enrollment and attendance by grades, and the names and post office addresses of all directors and other officers, and such other items of information as may be called for by the Commissioner of Education. Director Lindeman seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Twiss moved to adopt the resolution directing the administration to make recommendations for reductions in programs and positions and reasons therefore for the 2011-12 school year. Director Schreifels seconded. Approved unanimously.

Board Chair Christianson moved to schedule Meet & Confer on Wednesday, February 2, 2011, at 3:15 p.m. in the Superintendent's Conference Room at Lincoln Junior High School. Director Schreifels seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Lindeman moved to adopt the policies listed below:

- 202 School Board Officers
- 203 Operation of the School Board – Governing Rules
- 203.5 School Board Meeting Agenda
- 205 Open Meetings and Closed Meetings
- 206 Public Participation in School Board Meetings/Complaints About Persons at School Board Meetings and Data Privacy Considerations
- 207 Public Hearings
- 209 Code of Ethics

Director Twiss seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Schreifels moved to adjourn at 9:17 p.m. Director Alsleben seconded. Approved unanimously.

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

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Clerk

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Chair