

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2859
PLACE: GSL High School Media Center
DATE: May 10, 2010
TIME: 7:00 p.m.**

Board Chair Christianson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: Lindeman, Gruenhagen, Kuester, Christianson, Schreifels, Lemke, Alsleben, and Twiss. In addition, Superintendent Chris Sonju; Business Manager Michelle Sander; Principals Bill Butler, Deb Morris and Lon Jorgensen; Activities Director Kay Wilson; Teachers Jen Chrast, Megan Nelson, Beth Wicklund, and Vicky Harris; FFA members Erin Wolter, Jenny Teubert, Alex Donnay, Lee Forcier, and Randi Green; John Durtschi, Chartwell's District Manager; GSL student Kyle Eberhard; Student Technology Staff Eric Dostal; and Superintendent's Secretary Dawn Peterson were in attendance.

The following announcement was made:

Next School Board Meeting: The next regular School Board meeting will be on Monday, June 14th in the GSL High School Media Center at 7:00 p.m.

GSL High School Ag/Industrial Arts Teacher and FFA Advisor Megan Nelson was introduced. She shared information about the FFA Program. Students participating in the State FFA competition were acknowledged. Students present at the meeting were introduced.

Helen Baker Elementary School Phy Ed Teacher and Speech Advisor Beth Wicklund was introduced. Students participating at State Speech competition were acknowledged.

Lincoln Junior High School Science Teacher and Knowledge Bowl Advisor Vicky Harris was introduced. Students participating at the varsity level of Knowledge Bowl were acknowledged.

No public input relating to the agenda was given.

John Durtschi, Chartwell's District Manager, reported to the Board about GSL's Food Service Program.

Principals Butler and Jorgensen reported to the Board. Dr. Jorgensen introduced Kyle Eberhard, the GSL student whose design was chosen for the cover of the 2010-2011 GSL High School planner/student handbook.

No Student Government report was given.

Superintendent Sonju reported Minnesota is debating whether or not to submit a second Race to the Top application but it sounds like it won't happen – the deadline for the Legislature is this Friday; told the Board the annual Staff Recognition Breakfast will be on June 11th and the Board members and news media are invited; said we have had theme weeks the last couple of weeks, recognizing support staff and teachers, and said "thank you" to our staff for all their hard work; this week's theme is "Family Appreciation Week" and we thank families for their contributions to their children's education; reported the *Panther News* Newsletter is out this week and thanked newsletter contributors; said he continues to blog on the website and invited everyone to check it out; announced Business Manager Sander has been working closely with the Lakeside project; said the sheet rocking is mostly finished, and painting is in progress – the project is on schedule and will be ready this fall; said he and Ms. Sander would like to send out RFPs to architects tomorrow for the facilities needs; reported he has tentatively scheduled a meeting with interested architects for 4:00 p.m. on May 20th at the District Office where he will explain what the district's needs are; told the Board we need to get our next community group meeting set up and, although he will solicit people to be part of this group, anyone and everyone can take part; told Board members we can schedule another work session if needed; said the Board and community group can take a look at other schools and can hear from potential architects; told the Board we don't need a vote, but making these arrangements will keep us moving forward; said if anyone has a question, they are invited to call him.

Committee reports were given by Director Twiss about the Policy Committee and the ECFE Advisory Committee, and she thanked the Board for allowing her to attend MSBA's Phase 4 training; by Director Alsleben about a Curriculum Committee meeting and a Community Education Advisory Committee meeting; and by Director Schreifels about a Technology Committee meeting.

Director Alsleben moved to approve the agenda plus the addendum to the agenda of the resignation of Tessa Pederson, the elimination of a paraprofessional position, and two additional extracurricular assignments. Director Kuester seconded. Approved unanimously.

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

Bills:

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

Minutes:

Regular Board Meeting minutes of April 12, 2010.

Hiring:

Jodi Kieser as 4-hour-a-day Health Assistant at Lincoln Junior High School (replaces Kim Oelfke who resigned).

Transfer:

Tammy Mrkvicka, Instructional Specialist WIN Teacher at Lakeside Elementary School, to an elementary position for the 2010-11 school year (the WIN Teacher position is being cut. With the retirement of 6th Grade Teacher Bonnie Martinez, the certified staff will be given the opportunity to request a transfer to the open position. Ms. Mrkvicka's teaching assignment will be determined at that time.)

Fall and Year-round Extracurricular Assignments:

2010-11 Fall and Year-Round Activities:

The Master Agreement between the school district and Education Minnesota: Glencoe-Silver Lake requires coaches and supervisors to receive a letter of assignment for extra duty assignments prior to June 1 for fall sports and all others on or by September 1 of each year.

Cheerleading

Head – Brea Wiblemo

Cross Country

Head – Scott Eckhoff

Assistant – Jann Savre

Junior High – Josh Metcalf

Junior High – Jeff Delwiche

Football

Head Coach – Scott Tschimperle

Assistant – Paul Lemke

Assistant – Dean Schwirtz

JV- Paul Ruud

JV- Dan Svoboda

9th- Steve Davis

9th- Gary Kosek

7-8th- Duane McDougall

7-8th- Mark Wigern

7-8th- Ken Kantack

7-8th- **Open**

Musical

Co-Director Pat Hiltner

Co-Director **Open**

Soccer

Head Girls' – Chad Koenen

Head Boys' – Jeff Jenson

Middle School Soccer – Jaime Rossmiller

Tennis

Head – Robb DeCorsey

Assistant – Josh Otto-Fisher

Junior High – Sheri Anderson

Volleyball

Head – Lori Schwirtz

Assistant – Mike Gunderson

9th – Anna Prehn

8th – Mike Hardy

7th – Carolyn Schmidt

Yearbook Advisor

Wanda Collins (Senior High)

Kaye Link (Junior High)

Tammy Mrkvicka (Elementary)

FLA Advisor - Open

Class Advisors

Senior – Paul Lemke
Junior – Robb DeCorsey
Sophomore – Brook Magnuson
Freshman – Richard Smith

Student Council

High School – Wyatt Bienfang
Junior High School – Lisa Blazinski
Lakeside – Kimberly Norling

FFA Advisor

Megan Nelson

Business Professional Advisor

Mary Eckhoff

Art Club Advisor

Shanda Landes

Extra Band Activities

Ward DeWitt

Extra Choir Activities – Open

National Honor Society

Sue Magnuson

Spelling Bee

Kaye Link (Elementary and Secondary)

Geography Bee

Nita Enderson (Lakeside)

Fundraising

Tammy Mrkvicka (Lakeside)
Brandy Barrett (Helen Baker)

Math Olympiads

Lisa Petersen (Lakeside)

Activities Director Wilson provided information about a proposal for Danceline to go from a Club Sport to a Team Sport beginning with the 2010-2011 school year. Ms. Wilson's request will go to the Board for approval at the next meeting. No School Board action was taken.

Member Twiss introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE TERMINATION
AND NONRENEWAL OF THE TEACHING CONTRACT
OF CAROLYN SCHMIDT, A
PROBATIONARY TEACHER.

WHEREAS, Carolyn Schmidt 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 Carolyn Schmidt, a probationary teacher in Independent School District No. 2859, is hereby terminated at the close of the current 2009-2010 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. Carolyn Schmidt

Dear Ms. Schmidt:

You are hereby notified that at a regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 2859 held on May 10, 2010, 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 2010-2011 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. For your information, however, this action is taken because your position is funded through Title 1 grant monies and the Title 1 grant has not yet been approved for the 2010-2011 school year.

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 Schreifels and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

Lindeman, Gruenhagen, Kuester, Christianson, Schreifels, Lemke, Alsleben, and Twiss

and the following voted against the same: None

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Superintendent Sonju and Business Manager Sander presented the School District's staffing plan for the 2010-2011 school year at the April 12th meeting. Director Gruenhagen moved to approve the addition of a 1.0 FTE 4th Grade Teacher. Director Lindeman seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Lemke moved to approve the addition of a 1.0 FTE School Counselor at Lincoln Junior High School. Director Schreifels seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Gruenhagen moved to approve the Activities Director position becoming full-time. Director Kuester seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Lindeman moved to approve the addition of a 1.0 FTE Music Teacher in order to add 5th Grade Band and to cover the classes previously being taught by the Activities Director. Director Twiss seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Kuester moved to approve the addition of a 1.0 FTE EBD Teacher at Helen Baker Elementary Schools. Director Alsleben seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Alsleben moved to approve the Business Curriculum as prepared by Business Teacher Mary Eckhoff. Director Kuester seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Lemke moved to adopt the 2010-2011 Staff Development Plan as prepared by the Staff Development Committee (the budget is yet to be determined). Director Twiss seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Kuester moved to appoint LarsonAllen LLP as the school district's auditors for fiscal year 2010. The total estimated fee for the 2009-2010 audit is \$21,690.00 (no increase from last year). Director Schreifels seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Twiss moved to approve the limited Extended School Year (ESY) program for select students whose IEPs indicate such services for four weeks, beginning July 6, 2010 and concluding July 29, 2010. Each of the four weeks will offer three (Tuesday through Thursday) two and a half-hour sessions and serve a total of 28 students. Required staffing is anticipated to be four teachers, twelve paraprofessionals, and one LPN at an approximate cost of \$5,000. Director Alsleben seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Schreifels moved to approve the Close-Up trip to Washington, D.C., during the 2010-2011 school year. The date for the trip will be March 13-18, 2011. Program participants will cover all costs through private funds, fundraisers, or donations. Director Lemke seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Alsleben moved to approve the parent/student handbooks for the 2010-2011 school year. Director Gruenhagen seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Schreifels moved to approve the student accident insurance policy for the 2010-2011 school year. Director Twiss seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Twiss moved to adopt the following policies. Director Gruenhagen seconded. Approved unanimously.

- 201 Legal Status of the School District
- 201.1 Name of the School District
- 103 Complaints – Students, Employees, Parents, Other Persons
- 104 School District Mission Statement
- 201 Legal Status of the School Board
- 202 School Board Officers
- 203 Operation of the School Board – Governing Rules
- 203.1 School Board Procedures; Rules of Order
- 203.2 Order of the Regular School Board Meeting
- 203.5 School Board Meeting Agenda
- 203.6 Consent Agenda

Member Gruenhagen 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	\$250.00	Trip Abroad
Bryan & Krista Petersen	\$150.00	Flag Pole
Plato Lions	\$100.00	BPA
Minnesota Business Professionals of America – Region 1	\$160.00	BPA
Silver Lake Lions	\$200.00	BPA
Stevens Seminary	\$900.00	BPA
Glencoe Rotary	\$200.00	BPA
Russ Runck	\$100.00	History Trip
NMB Crow River Branch	\$100.00	History Trip

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

Lindeman, Gruenhagen, Kuester, Christianson, Schreifels, Lemke, Alsleben, and Twiss

The following voted against the same: None

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

The following announcement was made: The 3rd Annual Employee Recognition Breakfast will be held on Friday, June 11th in the GSL High School Cafeteria. Breakfast will be served from 7:15 to 8:00 a.m. and there will be an Awards Program from 8:00 to 8:45 a.m. This event is being held, in part, to emphasize the importance of “excellence” in our school district. Employees will be recognized for years of service and GSL’s retiring staff will be honored. Distinguished Service Awards will be given to employees nominated by their peers. Employees will also have the opportunity to nominate an individual, organization, or group for a GSL Community Support Award. Vendors have been asked to help cover the cost of the event and awards. School Board members are invited to attend. No School Board action was taken.

Director Kuester moved to accept Lakeside Elementary Special Education Teacher Tessa Pederson’s resignation effective at the end of the 2009-2010 school year. Director Twiss seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Lemke moved to eliminate a 3-hour-a-day Title III (ELL) Paraprofessional position at Helen Baker Elementary School funded by Title 1 grant monies at the end of this year because the Title 1 grant has not yet been approved for the 2010-2011 school year. Director Gruenhagen seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Twiss moved to add Roxanne Stensvad as High School Science Fair Advisor and to add Sandy Steile as Junior High Math Counts Advisor for the 2010-2011 school year. Director Alsleben seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Schreifels thanked the Board for allowing him to attend MSBA’s Phase 4 training.

Director Schreifels moved to adjourn at 9:03 p.m. Director Gruenhagen seconded. Approved unanimously.

Approved (Date) _____

Clerk

Chair