

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2859
PLACE: GSL High School Media Center
DATE: March 8, 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, Alsleben, Kuester, Gruenhagen, Lemke, Schreifels, and Christianson. Director Twiss was absent from the meeting. In addition, Superintendent Chris Sonju; Business Manager Michelle Sander; Principals Bill Butler and Lon Jorgensen; Teachers Shanda Landes, Roxanne Stensvad, Tom Schoper, Lois Teply, Kaye Link, and Carolyn Schmidt; Jody and Samantha Vollbrecht; Patrick Brama from the Hutchinson Economic Development Authority; Andy Bright and Dan Pagel from 4.0 School Services; Student Government Advisor Wyatt Bienfang and Student Government Representative Matt Eischens; students being recognized including Mark Broderius, Alexandra Stensvad, Mercy Rakow, Ethan Bass, Morgan Streich and members of their families; Technology Staff Jeff Jenson and Mike Morris; and Superintendent's Secretary Dawn Peterson were in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The following announcements were made:

Public Forum: The last Public Forum will be held on Monday, April 12, at 5:00 p.m. in the Biscay Liquor Store (back room).

Next School Board Meeting: The next regular School Board meeting will be on Monday, April 12, at 7:00 p.m., in the GSL Lakeside Elementary School Cafeteria, Silver Lake.

Superintendent Sonju introduced Science Fair Advisor Roxanne Stensvad, Geography Bee Advisor Lois Teply, Spelling Bee Advisor Kaye Link, and High School Art Teacher Shanda Landes. Ms. Stensvad provided Science Fair results and introduced winning students Mark Broderius, Alexandra Stensvad and Mercy Rakow. (Science Fair winners Adam Broderius and Samantha Johnson were not present.) Ms. Teply reported on the Lincoln Geography Bee and introduced Geography Bee winners Ethan Bass and Morgan Streich. Ms. Link provided results of the Spelling Bee and recognized local spelling bee winner Cody Wendorff who was not present. Ms. Landes gave a PowerPoint presentation about the success of three of her art students with their Youth Art Month flag designs: Desiree Christensen, Abby Landes, and Taylor Mohr (they were not present). Their artwork will be included in an art show at the Capitol. Superintendent Sonju read a proclamation declaring March to be Youth Art Month in Minnesota. Certificates of Success were presented to the students recognized during the meeting.

No public input relating to the agenda was given.

John Durtschi, Chartwell's District Manager, was to have provided a food service report but was unable to attend the meeting. Business Manager Sander provided some food service information and said Mr. Durtschi will be at the April Board meeting.

Director of Technology and Information Jenson reported on technology in the district.

Principals Butler and Jorgensen reported to the Board.

Student Government Representative Eischens reported to the Board.

Superintendent Sonju reported there were 12 to 15 people in attendance at the Public Forum in Brownton held earlier in the evening and said there was good discussion; told the Board even though the previous Public Forums have not been well attended, he has been hearing from community members; announced a change in the 2010-11 school calendar for 7-12 Parent-Teacher Conferences due to a Conference Cross Country Meet and said they will now be held on October 12 and 18; reminded the Board of the April meeting to be held in Silver Lake; told the Board this is the last week of the second trimester; and said he will be at the State Capitol tomorrow to meet with legislators and is excited to see the student artwork displayed there.

Committee reports were given by Director Schreifels about the Operations Committee and a facility/grounds meeting; and by Director Gruenhagen and Board Chair Christianson about a Finance Committee meeting.

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

Director Alsleben moved to approve the consent agenda with a correction made in the hiring of Tom Lemke to replace Robb DeCorsey rather than Rob Lemke. Director Lemke seconded. Approved unanimously.

Bills:

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

Minutes:

Regular Board Meeting minutes of February 11, 2010 (the February 8th meeting was postponed due to the weather).

Leave Requests:

Bonnie Martinez, 6th Grade Teacher at Lakeside Elementary School, requests FMLA leave beginning on April 1, 2010, through the end of the school year.

Theresa Janke, Part-time Front Desk Employee at the Panther Field House, requests 12-week FMLA Leave beginning on March 3, 2010.

Retirement:

Bonnie Martinez, 6th Grade Teacher at Lakeside Elementary School, to retire at the end of the 2009-10 school year.

Extracurricular Assignment:

Tom Lemke as Assistant JV Softball Coach (replaces Robb DeCorsey who resigned).

Business Manager Sander provided information Monday evening about the grounds service proposal from 4.0 School Services. Andy Bright from 4.0 was present to answer questions. The cost will be \$70,000 for the season plus \$5,000 for two weed control applications to the entire district and \$135 per acre to fertilize. Director Schreifels moved to approve the grounds service proposal with 4.0 School Services for grounds maintenance from April 1, 2010, through November 15, 2010. Director Kuester seconded. Approved unanimously.

The Hutchinson Community Development Commission has requested the GSL School Board adopt a resolution for approval of the relocation of JOBZ acres from the City of Hutchinson to Hassan Valley Township. The purpose of the transfer would be to support an economic development project in Hassan Valley Township that could potentially create up to 60 high-paying jobs and increase the tax base of the township, school district, and the county. Patrick Brama from the Hutchinson Economic Development Authority was present to answer questions about the proposal. Director Schreifels moved to adopt the resolution authorizing relocation of JOBZ acres. Director Lemke seconded. A roll call vote was taken. All members voted in favor of the motion except for Director Gruenhagen who voted against the motion.

Business Manager Sander provided information about the proposed SW/WC Service Cooperative contracts for the 2010-11 school year. She said the contracts are based on final 2008-09 student figures. Director Lindeman moved to contract with SW/WC Service Cooperative for the services as presented by Business Manager Sander for the 2010-11 school year. Director Alsleben seconded. Approved unanimously.

Service Cooperative Membership Dues	\$ 1,909.10
Cooperative Purchasing	150.00
Health & Safety Management Assistance	1,976.56
Regional Management Information Center	23,610.30
Special Education Services	266,254.59
Reimbursed Through Federal Funds	-266,254.59
Approximate State Aid Reimbursement	-0.00
Approximate Cost to District after Reimbursements	0.00

Director Lemke moved to adopt the following policies. Director Kuester seconded. Approved unanimously.

- 503 Student Attendance
- 506 Student Discipline
- 514 Bullying Prohibition Policy
- 515 Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records
- 533 Wellness Policy
- 707 Transportation of Public School Students
- 708 Transportation of Nonpublic School Students
- 709 Student Transportation Safety Policy
- 711 Videotaping on School Buses

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
Stevens Seminary	\$1,250.00	Close-up
Disc Dynamics, Inc.	Office and Classroom Supplies Valued at \$1,500.00	
Bryan Dean Voelker	Vehicle for Automotive Technology Class	

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

The following voted against the same: None

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Business Manager Sander reported we will be purchasing a new van. She said the Operations Committee has discussed the van purchase. Ms. Sander said we will buy a 2010 van from Nelson Auto through the Southwest/West Central Service Cooperative cooperative purchasing agreement.

Board Chair Christianson reminded the Board about registration for the Minnesota School Boards Association's upcoming Phase 3 and 4 training.

Superintendent Sonju thanked contributors to the school district's *Panther News* newsletter.

Director Schreifels moved to adjourn at 8:56 p.m. Director Lemke seconded. Approved unanimously.

Approved (Date) _____

Clerk

Chair