

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2859**  
**PLACE: GSL High School Media Center**  
**DATE: January 11, 2010**  
**TIME: 7:00 p.m.**

Board Chair Christianson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: Lemke, Alsleben, Gruenhagen, Lindeman, Kuester, Schreifels, Christianson, and Twiss. In addition, Superintendent Chris Sonju; Business Manager Michelle Sander; Principals Deb Morris, Bill Butler, and Lon Jorgensen; Teachers Brea Wiblemo, Josh Otto-Fisher, Tom Schoper, and Activities Director/Music Teacher Kay Wilson; Student Government Representative Bridget Weiers; Cesar Aguilar; Technology Staff Mike Morris; and Superintendent's Secretary Dawn Peterson were in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Officers were elected for 2010. Director Gruenhagen moved to nominate Director Christianson for the position of School Board Chairperson. Director Alsleben seconded the nomination. Approved unanimously.

Board Chair Christianson moved to nominate Director Gruenhagen for the position of School Board Vice Chairperson. Director Schreifels seconded the nomination. Approved unanimously.

Director Schreifels moved to nominate Director Twiss for the position of School Board Clerk. Director Lindeman seconded the nomination. Approved unanimously.

Director Twiss moved to nominate Director Schreifels for the position of School Board Treasurer. Director Gruenhagen seconded the nomination. Approved unanimously.

The following announcements were made:

**Public Forums:** Public Forums are scheduled as follows:

|                  |           |                               |
|------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|
| February 8, 2010 | 5:00 p.m. | Plato – Community Hall        |
| March 8, 2010    | 5:00 p.m. | Brownton – Community Building |
| April 12, 2010   | 5:00 p.m. | Biscay – Biscay Liquor Store  |

**Next School Board Meeting:** The next regular School Board meeting will be on Monday, Feb. 8, at 7:00 p.m., in the GSL High School Media Center (unless the Board changes meeting dates, times, or locations during the organizational meeting).

No public input relating to the agenda was given.

Principals Butler and Jorgensen reported to the Board. Principal Jorgensen introduced Cesar Aguilar, who has been selected to be a Minnesota High School Page for the 2009-10 Legislature, and Tom Schoper, GSL High School Social Studies Teacher, who was involved with this program during his time at McLeod West and is now working with it at GSL.

Student Government Representative Weiers reported to the Board.

Superintendent Sonju reported to the Board that the time of the Work Session on January 25 may have to change because of another commitment he has made; said he has spent lots of time on the Race to the Top Program grant application; reminded everyone to watch for school cancellations due to the weather and said we will try to get notice out to the public as early as possible on those occasions.

A Committee report was given by Director Twiss about Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE).

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

Director Twiss moved to approve the consent agenda. Director Gruenhagen 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 14, 2009.

**Hirings:**

Brenda Brelje as 24-hour-a-week Paraprofessional in the Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) Program at Helen Baker Elementary School (replaces Julie Varland who resigned).  
Tanya Reichow as 6.5-hour-a-day Paraprofessional in the Special Education Program at Helen Baker Elementary School (replaces Carrie Ehrke who transferred to another position).

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

Director Gruenhagen moved to set the per diem rates for 2010 at the same amounts as 2009 and all years back to 2004 as follows:

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| A. | Attendance at regular and special formal Board meetings ..... | \$2,000.00 |
| B. | Per Committee meeting .....                                   | \$35.00    |
| C. | Per Negotiations meeting.....                                 | \$50.00    |
| D. | Additional pay after three hours for all meetings .....       | \$35.00    |

Director Twiss seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Lemke moved to employ the firm of Knutson, Flynn, and Deans as the District's legal counsel for 2010 and that, at the Superintendent's discretion, local legal counsel may be employed as warranted. Director Twiss seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Christianson moved to adopt the committee assignments for 2010 specified by the School Board as listed below. Director Twiss seconded. Approved unanimously.

**Board Committees**

- Operations (Facilities, Food Service and Transportation): Anne Twiss, Gary Schreifels and Jason Lindeman
- Finance: Glenn Gruenhagen, Clark Christianson and Kevin Kuester
- Negotiations: Kevin Kuester and Gary Schreifels (Support)  
Glenn Gruenhagen and Clark Christianson (Certified)
- Personnel (includes Meet & Confer): Anne Twiss, Clark Christianson and Tom Lemke
- Policy (includes Wellness): Anne Twiss and Jamie Alsleben

**Board Representatives**

- MSBA Legislative Liaison: Kevin Kuester (Glenn Gruenhagen is alternate)
- Minnesota State High School League: Clark Christianson

**Board Liaisons to District Committees**

- Community Education: Jamie Alsleben
- Community Schools: Glenn Gruenhagen and Clark Christianson
- Curriculum: Glenn Gruenhagen and Jamie Alsleben
- ECFE: Anne Twiss
- Health & Safety: Tom Lemke and Jason Lindeman
- Insurance: Glenn Gruenhagen
- 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: Glenn Gruenhagen
- SW/WC Service Cooperative: Loren Mathews (elected position – Loren continues)
- Staff Development: Tom Lemke
- Technology: Gary Schreifels (Glenn Gruenhagen is alternate)

GSL High School Social Studies Teacher Brea Wiblemo was present to answer questions about the proposed educational tour to Europe. Director Twiss moved to approve the ten-day educational tour to Europe in June of 2011 as presented by Ms. Wiblemo for six to eight of next year's seniors who meet the requirements. Students will pay for the trip themselves and no school fundraising will be involved. Director Lindeman seconded. Approved unanimously.

Activities Director/Music Teacher Kay Wilson was present to answer questions about the proposed GSL Band and Choir trip to Chicago. Director Alsleben moved to approve the GSL Band and Choir trip to Chicago on March 13-17, 2010 (during Spring Break). Director Lemke seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Gruenhagen 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 Schreifels moved to adopt the resolution directing the administration to make recommendations for reductions in programs and positions and reasons therefore for the 2010-11 school year. Director Lemke seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Twiss moved to schedule Meet & Confer on Wednesday, Feb. 3 at 3:15 p.m. in the Superintendent's Conference Room at Lincoln Junior High School. Director Alsleben seconded. Approved unanimously.

Director Twiss moved to approve the school district signing up to participate in the federal Race to the Top Program grant application. Director Lindeman seconded. Directors Twiss, Christianson, Lemke, Lindeman and Kuester voted in favor of the motion and Directors Gruenhagen, Alsleben and Schreifels voted against the motion. Motion passed.

Director Alsleben moved to accept the Pay Equity Report and submit it to the Minnesota Department of Employee Relations. Director Schreifels seconded. Approved unanimously.

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

- 412 Expense Reimbursement
- 501 School Weapons Policy
- 502 Search of Student Lockers, Desks, Personal Possessions, and Student's Person
- 516 Student Medication
- 521 Student Disability Nondiscrimination
- 522 Student Sex Nondiscrimination
- 524 Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy
- 526 Hazing Prohibition
- 531 The Pledge of Allegiance
- 532 Use of Peace Officers and Crisis Teams to Remove Students with IEPs from School Grounds
- 601 School District Curriculum and Instruction Goals
- 603 Curriculum Development
- 612.1 Development of Parental Involvement Policies for Title I Programs
- 701.2 Fund Balance Policy

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:

| <u>Donor</u>                          | <u>Item Donated</u>               | <u>Designation</u>              |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Glencoe Historic Preservation Society | \$250.00                          | Lincoln History Club Field Trip |
| Silver Lake Lions                     | \$500.00                          | Close-up                        |
| New Auburn VFW Post #7266             | \$400.00                          | Close-up                        |
| Randy & Beth Dammann                  | \$50.00                           | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Team      |
| Brownston Lions                       | \$150.00                          | Close-up                        |
| Silver Lake Civic Association         | \$500.00                          | Close-up                        |
| Joe and Ane Paumen                    | Vehicle for Auto Technology Class |                                 |

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

The following voted against the same: None

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Director Schreifels moved to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Director Twiss seconded. Approved unanimously.

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Anne Twiss, Clerk

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

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Clark Christianson, Chair