

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
GLENCOE-SILVER LAKE SCHOOLS - INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2859
DATE: MAY 11, 2026 TIME 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: GSL Schools Community Room #443/444

Board Chair Lindeman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The following board members were present: Alsleben, Gores, Lindeman, and Lemke. Directors Keenan and Luckhardt. In addition, Superintendent Chris Sonju; Director of Finance Trisha Zajicek; Principal's Bill Butler and Matt Foss; Administrative Assistant Jacquelyn Prafke; GSL Technology Staff Mike Morris; GSL Staff Emily Konerza; Community Ed Director Matt Muenchow.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Director Lemke motioned to approve the agenda. Director Gores seconded. Directors Alsleben, Gores, Lemke, and Lindeman all in favor, motion carried. Directors Keenan and Luckhardt absent.

Announcements The next regular School Board meeting will be on Monday June 9, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the GSL HS Community Room #443/444.

Acknowledgments – Superintendent Sonju congratulated the cast and crew of the spring play on a job well done. Director Alsleben thanked all the vendors at the Touch a Truck Event and for everyone who attended. Director Alsleben also congratulated 2nd grade on their play and rainforest wax museum.

Public Input Relating to the agenda – None

Reports/Presentations

Community Ed Director Matt Muenchow reported to the board.

Director of Finance Zajicek reported to the board.

Principals Butler and Foss reported to the board.

Superintendent Sonju reported to the board.

Director Lindeman motioned to approve the consent agenda. Director Gores seconded. Directors Alsleben, Gores, Lemke, and Lindeman, all in favor, motion carried. Directors Keenan and Luckhardt absent.

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 from April 13, 2026.

Hirings:

- Jerry Berg – 8th Grade Football Coach
- Korey Johnson – JV Football Coach
- Sarah Lipke - Home-Based Teacher
- Sarah Tailowright – Elementary Music Teacher
- Megan Stein – Academic Dean
- Lori Schwartz – JH PE & Health
- Brynn Cherveney – Special Ed Teacher

Resignations:

- Beth Fliss – Lincoln Elementary Special Ed Paraprofessional
- Ariel Markgraf – Summer School Coordinator
- Allyson Hulstein – Junior/Senior High Art Teacher
- Brett Hertzog – Spelling Bee Coordinator
- Shane McConkey – 9th Grade Football C Team Coach
- Megan Nelson – 7th Grade Volleyball Coach
- Carol Silus – SLD - Special Education Teacher Effective May 12, 2025

Retirement:

- Lori Harms – Activities Administrative Assistant, August 21, 2026

2024-2025 Fall Coaches and All Year Round Advisors

Cheerleading

Head – Nadia Rivera

Cross Country

Head Boys and Girls – Josh Metcalf

Assistant Junior High – Cierra Anderson

Football

Head Coach – Gary Kosek

Assistant – David Style

Assistant – Dean Schwartz

JV – Joseph Nix

JV – Korey Johnson

9th – Colt Trebesch

9th – Paul Lemke

8th – Jerry Berg

8th – Al Lavender

7th – Jason Chrast

7th – Zach Nott

Fall Musical

Director – Shelby Lofgren

Assistant – Jordan Boike

Level 3 Musical – Open

Tennis

Head – Robb DeCorsey

Assistant – Morgan Henke

Volleyball

Head – Lori Schwartz

Assistant – Mary Lemke

9th – Gina Nix

8th – Jaelynn Pinske

7th – Sarah Lipke

Dance Team

Head – Bertina Schraw

Asst. – Samantha Rhodes

Math Counts

Emily Konerza

Strength & Conditioning

Robert Decorsey

Yearbook Advisor

Senior High - Ashley Braun

Junior High - Lisa Blazinski

Elementary K-6 - Tammy Mrkvicka

Class Advisors

2027 Senior – Paul Lemke

2028 Junior – Emily Konerza

Morgan Henke

2029 Sophomore – Brook Magnuson

2030 Freshman – Morgan Henke

Emily Konerza

Student Council

High School – Beth Rumrill

Junior High School – Chelsea Paggen

Lakeside – Sarah Lipke

FFA

FFA Advisor – Rebekka Paskewitz

Assistant FFA Advisor – Dan Svoboda

Business Professional Advisor

Art Club Advisor

Open

Extra Band Activities

Peter Gepson

Extra Choir Activities

Shelby Lofgren

National Honor Society

Kayla Stansbury

Spelling Bee

Open (Elementary and Secondary)

Fundraising

Carmen Hennessey (Lincoln Elementary)

Carmen Hennessey (Lakeside)

Math Olympiads

Mary Patterson (Lakeside)

Shannon Mattson (Junior High)

Science Fair/Club

Jon Lambrecht (High School)

Mary Patterson (Elementary)

History Club

Brook Magnuson

Old Business

None

New Business

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	\$100.00	DHH Field Trip Transportation
GSL Elementary PTO	\$200.00	3 rd Grade Field Trip
GSL Elementary PTO	\$200.00	Field Trip Busing
Peter & Barbara Smyth in honor of Glenn Pohland	\$300.00	Music Travel

Director Gores motioned to approve the summer school plans,

- ◆ Elementary Summer Bridges K-6: July 6 through July 30
- ◆ Migrant Summer School: July 6 through July 30
- ◆ Elementary Extended School Year (ESY): Intermittently July 6 through August 6
- ◆ ECSE Extended School Year (ESY): Intermittently July 6 through August 6
- ◆ Junior/Senior High Extended School Year (ESY): Intermittently July 6 through August 6
- ◆ Senior High Accelerate to Graduate Program: Monday through Thursday June 8 through July 2.

Director Lemke seconded. Directors Alsleben, Gores, Lemke, and Lindeman all in favor, motion carried.

Director Lemke motioned to appoint CliftonLarsonAllen LLP as the schools district's auditors for fiscal year 2026. Estimated fee for the 2026 audit is \$44,250. Director Gores seconded. Directors Alsleben, Gores, Lemke, and Lindeman all in favor, motion carried.

Activities Director Schwirtz will request board approval at the June meeting to increase activity passes and fees by \$10.00 per activity and pass. Information only.

Director Gores motioned to approve the Achievement and Integration Coordinator Contract from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029. Director Lemke seconded. Directors Alsleben, Gores, Lemke, and Lindeman all in favor, motion carried.

A formal evaluation of Superintendent Sonju will be conducted and the report will be given at the July 13th board meeting. No action required.

Second Reading of Policies – Motion made by Director Luckhardt to adopt the following policies, these policies received their first reading at the April 13, Board meeting.

- 101 – Legal Status of the School District
- 203.2 – Order of the Regular School Board Meeting
- 406 – Public and Private Personnel Data
- 424 – License Status
- 506 – Student Discipline
- 603 – Curriculum Development
- 618 – Assessment of Student Achievement
- 713 – Student Activity Accounting
- 722 – Public Data and Data Subject Requests
- 730 – Post-Issuance Dept Compliance
- 807 – Health and Safety Policy

Motion seconded by Director Lemke. Directors Alsleben, Gores, Lemke, and Lindeman all in favor, motion carried.

Director Gores motioned to adjourn meeting at 6:50 p.m. Director Lemke seconded Directors Alsleben, Gores, Lemke, and Lindeman all in favor, motion carried.

Clerk

Dated: June 8, 2026

Chairperson