The regular meeting of the Board of Education for Independent District #2198, Preston, Minnesota was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on the evening of Tuesday, August 24, 2021, in the elementary varsity gym by Chairperson Britton. Present: Superintendent Heath Olstad, Bookkeeper Darla Ebner, Board Members: Bishop, Britton, Love, Pickett, Ristau, Sikkink, and Topness. Absent: None. Visitors: Several members of the Harmony, Preston and Fountain communities.

Recognition of visitors: The following addressed the Board regarding the Safe Return to School Plan

- Harvey Benson spoke in favor of wearing masks.
- Cody Burroughs spoke in favor of parent choice regarding mask wearing. He also requested that critical race theory be kept out of the school.
- Chrissy Holets spoke in favor of parent choice regarding mask wearing. She also requested that critical race theory be kept out of the school.

Pickett moved to approve the agenda with one addition as presented. Motion seconded by Love. Motion carried unanimously.

Topness moved to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2021 regular meeting. Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink moved to approve the monthly claims in the amount of \$268,232.02. Motion was seconded by Bishop. Motion carried unanimously.

Jim Peters presented the PreK-6 Principal's report.

Michelle Breitsprecher presented the Special Education Director's report.

Community Ed Director, Athletic Director, and High School Principal's reports were presented by Heath Olstad.

Love moved to approve the hire of Grace Himli as teacher aide in the child care center. Motion seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink moved to approve the hire of Krista Uptagrafft as lead teacher in the child care center. Motion seconded by Pickett. Motion carried unanimously.

Love moved to approve the hire of Randy Stafki as special education paraprofessional for the 2021/22 school year. Motion seconded by Ristau. Motion carried unanimously.

Topness moved to approve the hire of Angella Evers as special education paraprofessional for the 2021/22 school year. Motion seconded by Bishop. Motion carried unanimously.

Bishop moved to approve the hire of Shelby Klennert as special education paraprofessional for the 2021/22 school year. Motion seconded by Pickett. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink moved to approve the hire of Connie Lindstrom as a remedial teacher (0.4 FTE) for the 2021/22 school year. Motion seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Love moved to approve the hire of Kayla Carroll as the elementary administrative assistant. Motion seconded by Ristau. Motion carried unanimously.

Pickett moved to approve the hire of Jennifer Lindstrom as special education teacher effective upon licensure in January 2022. Motion was seconded by Ristau. Motion carried unanimously.

Heath Olstad reviewed the Mask and Quarantining resolution for the beginning of the 2021/22 school year with the Board and audience. Discussion was held.

Love moved to approve the Mask and Quarantining resolution as presented. Motion was seconded by Topness. Motion carried with a 5-2 vote. (Voting in favor: Britton, Love, Ristau, Sikkink, Topness. Voting against: Bishop and Pickett.)

Ristau moved to approve the Foster Care Transportation contract with Fillmore County as presented. Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Pickett moved to approve healthy snack cart charges for the 2021/22 school year as \$35 per semester and \$60 for the entire year. Motion seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink moved to approve the quote for resealing the district parking lots received from Jet-Black/Yellow Dawg. High school = \$4231.16-Jet Black plus \$850-Yellow Dawg; Elementary = \$12,346.84-Jet Black plus \$1,200.00 Yellow Dawg. Motion seconded by Pickett. Motion carried unanimously. *(Other quotes received from Four Seasons Asphalt Maintenance: High School \$5,428, Elementary School \$22,082.00)*

Topness moved to approve a PSEO contract with Rochester Community and Technical College for the 2021/22 school year. Motion seconded by Bishop. Motion carried unanimously.

Pickett moved to approve the In-Person Planning Guide for the 2021/22 school year. Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink moved to approve the student enrollment agreement with Howard-Winneshiek Community School District as presented. Motion seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Love moved to approve a Memo of Understanding with Semcac. Motion seconded by Bishop. Motion carried unanimously.

Pickett moved to approve a change of the 09/28/21 volleyball game versus Rushford-Peterson to 1:00 pm varsity and 3:00 pm JV. 9,8,7 games would be at their regular times. Motion seconded by Ristau. Motion carried unanimously.

Pickett moved to set the Truth in Taxation meeting as December 22, 2020 at 6:01 p.m. with the regular board meeting to follow. Motion seconded by Love. Motion carried unanimously.

Bishop moved to approve the open enrollment request of one student from the Mabel-Canton School District and one student from the Kingsland School District. Motion seconded by Pickett. Motion carried unanimously.

Topness moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Ristau, Clerk Independent School District #2198