

Fillmore Central School  
Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
February 25, 2020

The regular meeting of the Board of Education for Independent District #2198, Preston, Minnesota was called to order at 5:00 p.m. on the evening of Tuesday, February 25, 2020, in the Fillmore Central Elementary School Motor Room by Chairman Ross Kiehne. Present: Superintendent Richard Keith, Bookkeeper Darla Ebner, Board Members: Britton, Kiehne, Love, Pickett, Ristau, and Sikkink. Absent: Topness. Visitors: Heath Olstad, Chris Mensink, Hannah Wingert, Melissa VanderPlas, Ericka Nagel, Kelly Duff, Kelsey Woellert.

Recognition of visitors: none.

Britton moved to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by Pickett. Motion carried unanimously.

Love moved to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2020 regular board meeting and February 4, February 12, and February 20, 2020 special meetings as presented. Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink moved to approve the monthly claims in the amount of \$847,486.43. Motion was seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

Dean of Students'/AD report was given by Chris Mensink.

Principal's report was given by Heath Olstad.

Moved by Ristau to approve the resignation of Sherrie Agrimson as a daycare employee. Motion seconded by Love. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Pickett to approve the resignation of Mary Fredrickson as a daycare employee. Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Britton to approve the resignation of Cassie Keene as volleyball coach. Motion seconded by Love. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Pickett to approve the hire of Samantha Moger as daycare assistant teacher for up to 32 hours per week (\$12.51/hour). Motion seconded by Love. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Pickett to approve the hire of Kamra (Kami) Kramer as daycare lead teacher for up to 40 hours per week (\$13.58/hour). Motion seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Love to approve a wage adjustment for Tammy Gorter to \$14.65 per hour, beginning February 2020, based on her credentials. Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Love to hire Devan Iddings as junior varsity softball coach. Motion seconded by Ristau. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Sikkink to approve the following volunteer coaches: Madison Scheevel – golf, Jim Peters – softball. Motion seconded by Love. Motion carried unanimously.

Move by Love to begin negotiations with Heath Olstad for the Superintendent position and to post the vacancy of a PreK – Grade 6 Principal. Motion seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

Member Love introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, which motion was seconded by Member Britton:

**RESOLUTION RELATING TO DETERMINING THE NECESSITY OF  
RENEWING AN EXPIRING REFERENDUM REVENUE AUTHORIZATION  
AND CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION AND REFERENDUM THEREON**

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board (the Board) of Independent School District No. 2198 (Fillmore Central), Minnesota (the School District) as follows:

It is hereby found, determined and declared as follows:

1. The Board has investigated the facts and does hereby find, determine and declare that it is necessary and expedient to renew the School District's existing referendum revenue authorization of \$172.14 per pupil that is scheduled to expire after taxes payable in 2020. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would be first levied in 2020 for taxes payable in 2021 and applicable for ten (10) years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.
2. The question on renewing the general education revenue of the School District shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the School District at a special election, which is hereby called and directed to be held in conjunction with the state general election on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.
3. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.11, the precincts and polling places for this special election are those precincts or parts of precincts located within the boundaries of the School District which have been established by the governing bodies located in whole or in part within the School District.
4. The Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause written notice of the special election to be: (a) provided to the County Auditor at least seventy-four (74) days before the date of the special election; (b) provided to the Commissioner of Education at least seventy-four (74) days before the date of the special election; (c) mailed to every taxpayer in the School District, at least fifteen (15) days but no more than thirty (30) days prior to the date of the special election; (d) posted at the administrative offices of the School District, for public inspection, at least ten (10) days before the date of the special election; and (e) published in the official newspaper of the School District once each week for at least two consecutive weeks, with the last publication being at least one week before the date of the special election. The Notice of Special Election shall be prepared in substantially the following form:

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION**

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2198  
(FILLMORE CENTRAL) PRESTON, MINNESOTA**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election has been called and will be held in and for Independent School District No. 2198 (Fillmore Central), Minnesota, on November 3, 2020, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. to vote on the following question:

**School District Question**  
**Renewal of School District Expiring Referendum Revenue Authorization**

The board of Independent School District No. 2198 (Fillmore Central), Minnesota has proposed to renew the existing property tax referendum authorization of \$172.14 per pupil that is scheduled to expire after taxes payable in 2020. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would be first levied in 2020 for taxes payable in 2021 and applicable for ten (10) years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

Shall the renewal of the expiring property tax referendum proposed by the board of Independent School District No. 2198 (Fillmore Central) be approved?

**PASSAGE OF THIS REFERENDUM EXTENDS AN EXISTING OPERATING REFERENDUM AT THE SAME AMOUNT PER PUPIL AS IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR**

For the ballot question, the property tax portion of the revenue authorized will require an estimated referendum tax rate of 0.02670% for taxes payable in 2021 of the referendum market value of all classes of taxable property in the School District, as defined by Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.01, Subdivision 3, which excludes certain agricultural property, seasonal property and post-secondary student housing.

The projected annual dollar increases for typical residential homesteads, apartments, commercial-industrial properties, and most other classes of property within the School District are as shown in the table below.

For agricultural property (both homestead and non-homestead), the taxes for the proposed referendum will be based on the value of the house, garage and one acre of land. There will be no referendum taxes paid on the value of agricultural land and buildings. For seasonal recreational residential property (e.g., cabins), there will be no taxes paid for the proposed referendum.

The figures in the table below are based on taxes for the voter approved referendum levy only, and do not include taxes for other purposes:

Homestead Residential, Apartments, and Commercial/Industrial Properties

<u>Market Value</u>	<u>Expiring Levy Authority Taxes Payable in 2020</u>	<u>Renewed Levy Authority Taxes Payable in 2021</u>	<u>Difference between Expiring Levy Authority and Renewed Levy Authority</u>
\$ 50,000	\$-13.35	\$13.35	0.00
75,000	-20.02	20.02	0.00
100,000	-26.70	26.70	0.00
125,000	-33.37	33.37	0.00

150,000	-40.05	40.05	0.00
200,000	-53.39	53.39	0.00
250,000	-66.74	66.74	0.00
300,000	-80.09	80.09	0.00
350,000	-93.44	93.44	0.00
400,000	-106.79	106.79	0.00
450,000	-120.14	120.14	0.00
500,000	-133.48	133.48	0.00
750,000	-200.23	200.23	0.00
1,000,000	-266.97	266.97	0.00

The precincts and polling places for the special election will be the precincts and polling places used for the state general election.

All qualified electors residing in said School District may cast their ballots at the polling places for the precincts in which they reside during the polling hours specified above.

A voter must be registered to vote to be eligible to vote in the special election. Unregistered individuals may register to vote at the polling places on election day.

Dated: February 25, 2020

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_, Clerk

5. The Clerk is authorized and directed to acquire and distribute such election materials as may be necessary for the proper conduct of this special election. If an optical scan voting system is being used, the Clerk shall comply with the laws and rules governing the procedures and requirements for optical scan voting systems. The Clerk is authorized and directed to acquire and distribute such election materials and to take such other actions as may be necessary for the proper conduct of this special election and generally to cooperate with election authorities conducting any other elections on that date. The Clerk and members of the administration are authorized and directed to take such actions as may be necessary to coordinate this election with other elections, including entering into agreements with appropriate municipal and county officials regarding preparation and distribution of ballots or ballot cards, election administration, and cost sharing.

6. The Clerk is authorized and directed to cause a printed ballot for the question to be prepared in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.08, Subdivision 5 and the rules of the secretary of state for use at the special election. If an optical scan voting system is being used, the Clerk shall cause official ballots to be printed according to the format of ballots for optical scan voting systems provided by the laws and rules governing optical scan voting systems. The Clerk is further authorized and directed to cause a sample ballot to be posted in the administrative offices of the School District, for public inspection, at least four (4) days before the date of the special election and to cause two sample ballots to be posted at each polling place on the date of the special election and to cooperate with the proper election officials to cause ballots or ballot cards to be prepared for use at said election. The ballot shall be in substantially the following form, with such changes in


form and instructions as may be necessary to accommodate the use of an optical scan voting system:

**Special Election Ballot  
School District Ballot  
Independent School District No. 2198  
(Fillmore Central), Minnesota**

**November 3, 2020**

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**Instructions to Voters**

To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this: 

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To vote for a question, fill in the oval next to the word "Yes" for that question.

To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to the word "No" for that question.

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**School District Question  
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-  **YES**    Shall the renewal of the expiring property tax referendum proposed by the Board of Independent School District No. 2198 (Fillmore Central), Minnesota be approved?  
 **NO**

**BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING TO EXTEND AN EXISTING PROPERTY TAX REFERENDUM THAT IS SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE**

(Reverse side of ballot)

OFFICIAL BALLOT

November 3, 2020

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Judge

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## Judge

(The ballot is to be initialed by two judges)

7. If the School District will be contracting to print the ballots for this special election, the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to prepare instructions to the printer for layout of the ballot. Before a contract in excess of \$1,000 is awarded for printing ballots, the printer shall, upon request, furnish in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 204D.04 a sufficient bond, letter of credit or certified check acceptable to the Clerk in an amount not less than \$1,000 conditioned on printing the ballots in conformity with the Minnesota election law and the instructions delivered. The Clerk shall set the amount of the bond, letter of credit or certified check in an amount equal to the value of the purchase.

8. The individuals designated as judges for the state general election shall act as election judges for this special election and shall conduct the special election at the various polling places in the manner prescribed by law.

9. The special election shall be held and the returns made and canvassed in the manner prescribed by law and the Board shall meet on a date between the third day, November 6, 2020, and the tenth day, November 13, 2020, after the special election for the purpose of canvassing the results thereof.

10. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.17, Subdivision 9(e) and Section 205A.07, Subdivision 3a, the Clerk is hereby instructed to notify the Commissioner of Education of the results of the special election and to provide the certified vote totals for the ballot question in written form within fifteen (15) days after the results have been certified by the Board.

11. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 211A.02, Subdivision 6, the Clerk is hereby instructed to make any campaign finance reports filed with the Clerk by campaign committees within seven (7) days after the special election available on the School District's web site as soon as possible, but no later than thirty (30) days after receipt of any such report. The Clerk is further instructed to provide the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board with a link to the section of web site where such reports are made available. Such reports must remain available on the web site for four (4) years from the date first posted.

Upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Britton, Kiehne, Love, Pickett, Ristau, Sikkink

and the following voted against the same: None

whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Moved by Britton to approve the 2020-2021 school calendar as presented. Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Love to accept the open enrollment request received from a Spring Grove and a Chatfield student beginning with the 2020/21 school year, and from Kingsland student effective immediately. Motion seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Britton to approve special education extended school year services for the weeks of August 3 and August 17, 2020. Teachers: Kelsey Woellert and Connie Berg. Paraprofessionals to be hired once student counts are more accurate. Motion seconded by Love. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Love to approve the renewal of Frontline Education for the 2020-2021 school year (\$5,338.42). Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Love to approve a meeting with Harmony City Council and Harmony Economic Development Authority to be held on March 17, 2020 at 6:00 pm. in the Harmony City Council meeting room. Motion seconded by Pickett. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Britton to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Pickett. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Ristau  
Clerk, Independent School District #2198