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Fillmore Central Schools
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
February 22, 2006

The regular meeting of the Board of Education for Independent District #2198, Harmony, Minnesota was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on the evening of Wednesday, February 22, 2006, in the Fillmore Central High School Media Center by Chairperson Stevens. Present: Bookkeeper Darla Ebner, Board Members: Britton, Ostrom, Ristau, Stevens, Topness, and Torgrimson. Absent: Sikkink. Visitors: several members of the community and staff.

Additions to the agenda:

- Request for three-act play at high school.
- Discuss holding a public meeting.
- Request for leave of absence.

Topness moved to approve the agenda with additions as listed above. Motion seconded by Torgrimson. Motion carried unanimously.

Supt. Myrna Luehmann distributed certificates of appreciation to the board members in recognition of School Board Appreciation week.

Torgrimson moved to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2006, regular board meeting. Motion seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

Ristau moved to approve the monthly claims in the amount of \$379,809.77. Motion was seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Principal's report was received from Heath Olstad.

Principal's report was received from Brenda Lentz.

Member Torgrimson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, which motion was seconded by member Ristau:

RESOLUTION STATING OFFICIAL INTENT TO PROCEED WITH THE ISSUANCE OF \$830,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL FACILITIES BONDS, SERIES 2006A AND PROVIDING FOR CREDIT ENHANCEMENT WITH RESPECT THERETO

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

Minnesota (the District), as follows:

SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION AND DISTRICT INDEBTEDNESS. The District is authorized, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 123B.62 and Chapter 475, to borrow money by the issuance of its General Obligation Capital Facilities Bonds in a principal amount that, when combined with interest thereon, may be paid from tax levies that, in combination with tax levies made pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 123B.61, do not exceed in each year the lesser of (a) the amount of the District's total operating capital revenue, or (b) the sum of the District's levy in the general and community service funds excluding the adjustments under Minnesota Statutes, Section 123B.61 for the

year preceding the year the initial debt service levies are certified. This Board hereby determines that it is necessary and desirable and in the best interest of the District for the District to issue its General Obligation Capital Facilities Bonds, Series 2006A in the approximate principal amount of \$830,000 (the Bonds), in order to provide funds for improvements to school facilities, including roofs, tuck pointing, boiler repair, and steam trap. Pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 123B.62(b), it is hereby determined that the total amount of District indebtedness is \$1,900,000.

SECTION 2. APPROVAL BY COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA. A list of the proposed projects to be financed with the Bonds and the issuance of the Bonds have been submitted to the Commissioner of Education of the State of Minnesota for approval as provided in Minnesota Statutes, Section 123B.62(a) and such approval will be received prior to the date on which the Bonds are issued.

SECTION 3. OFFICIAL INTENT AND NOTICE PUBLICATION. In accordance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 123B.62(c), this resolution shall be considered the District's official intent to issue the Bonds. The Clerk is authorized and directed to cause notice of the intended projects, the amount of the bond issue, and the total amount of the District's indebtedness to be published in a legal newspaper of general circulation in the District. The bond issue tentatively authorized by this resolution shall become finally authorized unless a petition signed by more than 15 percent of the registered voters of the District, calling for a referendum on the question of whether to issue the Bonds, is filed within the school board within 30 days of adoption of this resolution.

SECTION 4. STATE CREDIT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM. The District hereby covenants and obligates itself to use the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55 (the State Payment Law), to guarantee (to the extent provided therein) payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds when due and to notify the Commissioner of Education of any potential default in the payment of the principal of or interest on the Bonds. The District further covenants to deposit with the Registrar to be appointed for the Bonds not less than three business days prior to each interest and principal payment date on the Bonds, an amount sufficient to make that payment or to notify the Commissioner of Education as provided in the State Payment Law that it will be unable to make all or a portion of such payment. The District's agreement with the Registrar shall include the provisions required by the State Payment Law. The District shall do all other things which may be necessary to perform the obligations hereby undertaken under the State Payment Law, including any requirements adopted by the Commissioner of Finance or the Commissioner of Education with respect thereto.

Upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

Britton, Ostrom, Ristau, Stevens, Topness, Torgrimson

and the following voted against the same: None

whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Ostrom moved to rescind the denial of Jan Bigalk's request to be released from her teaching and to accept Jan Bigalk's resignation. Motion was seconded by Ristau. Motion carried unanimously.

Ristau moved to hire Aaron Mensink as high school business teacher for the remainder of the 2005/06 school year. Motion seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Torgrimson moved to offer a three-act play at the high school during the spring of 2005/06 school year. Motion seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Topness moved to change the activity fee schedule for the 2005/06 school year by eliminating the winter flag fee, and to eliminate both the fall flag fee and winter flag fee and replace them with HS flag fee \$30 for the 2006/07 school year. Motion seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

Supt. Luehmann acknowledged the receipt of the following grant funds, donations, and settlement amounts:
 Child Care Resource and Referral grant \$2,857.38 (for SAC & daycare programs)
 Pepsi donation \$16,000 (for scoreboards at MS gym, a wrestling mat, and scholarship money)
 Microsoft settlement \$42,366.42 (for Microsoft software and hardware)

Ristau moved to approve the open enrollment request of a family that moved into the Kingsland school district. Motion seconded by Torgrimson. Motion carried unanimously.

Supt. Luehmann informed the board of a letter received from Education MN – Fillmore Central requesting a meeting concerning the tobacco settlement funds received from Blue Cross Blue Shield of MN.

Stevens left the meeting during the discussion regarding quotes/bids for a new transportation contract due to a conflict of interest.

Torgrimson moved to authorize the vendor negotiation committee to review/revise the specifications for the transportation contract and advertise for quotes for transportation contract as soon as possible. Motion seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Stevens returned to the meeting.

Ostrom moved to advertise for bids for lawn mowing services for the 2006 and 2007 mowing seasons to be acted on at the next regular board meeting. Motion seconded by Ristau. Motion carried unanimously.

Ostrom moved to adopt the revised 2005-06 revenue/expenditure budget as follows:

| | Revenues | Expenditures | Balance |
|---------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| General | \$5,462,843 | \$5,795,346 | \$(332,503) |
| Food Service | 316,252 | 319,270 | (3,018) |
| Community Svc | 278,630 | 326,103 | (47,473) |
| Construction | 830,000 | 30,000 | 800,000 |
| Debt Service | 334,063 | 290,388 | 43,675 |
| Total | \$7,221,788 | \$6,761,107 | \$460,681 |

Motion was seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

Board member Torgrimson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION FOR STRUCTURAL BALANCE

WHEREAS, School District 2198 has an agreement with the Education Minnesota – Fillmore Central on a contract covering July 1, 2005, to June 30, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.749 (2002) requires a Board of Education to determine that any collective bargaining agreement does not cause structural imbalance; and,

WHEREAS, the School Board has reviewed the budget impact of this agreement taking into account current state aid formulas and reasonable and comprehensive projections of ongoing revenues and expenditures for the period of agreement, a summary which is included;

WHEREAS, the attached calculations fulfill the disclosure and reporting requirements of said statute;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Board of ISD 2198 determines that the tentative agreement with Education Minnesota – Fillmore Central does not cause structural imbalance of the School District’s budget during the period of the agreement.

The motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by member Ristau and upon vote being taken thereon,

the following members voted in favor thereof: Britton, Ostrom, Ristau, Stevens, Topness, and Torgrimson.

And the following members voted against the same: NONE;

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Britton moved to approve the 2006/07 school calendar as presented. Motion seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding all-day everyday kindergarten.

Ristau moved to approve all-day everyday kindergarten beginning with the 2006/07 school year. Motion seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding how to inform the public of the changes to the kindergarten program for the 2006/07 school year.

Supt. Luehmann informed the board of upcoming Phase III and Phase IV trainings for board members being offered in March and April at several locations and MSBA School Board Day at the Capital that will be held on March 27, 2006.

Ristau moved to deny Sue Roppe's request for a leave of absence for the 2006/07 school year. Motion seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Ristau moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Topness
Clerk, Independent School District #2198