

Fillmore Central School
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
January 24, 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 Tuesday, January 24, 2006, in the Fillmore Central Middle School Media Center by Chairperson Stevens. Present: Bookkeeper Darla Ebner, Board Members: Britton, Ostrom, Ristau, Sikkink, Stevens, Topness and Torgrimson. Absent: None. Visitors: several members of the community / staff.

Ms. Sharon Ropes, candidate for Minnesota Senate, introduced herself to the board. She attended the board meeting to listen to challenges current school boards face.

Additions to the agenda:

Update on combined elementary / middle school office.

Resignation.

Hire middle school speech coach.

Purchase of certificate of deposit.

Approve resolution regarding Ameriprise Financial account.

Sikkink moved to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2005, regular board meeting. Motion seconded by Ristau. Motion carried unanimously.

Topness moved to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2006, special board meeting. Motion seconded by Torgrimson. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink moved to approve the monthly claims in the amount of \$478,214.49. Motion was seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Principals' report was received from Brenda Lentz.

Britton moved to increase Ann Sparks' teaching contract from a .5 FTE to .69 FTE for the second semester of the 2005/06 school year. Motion was seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Torgrimson moved to increase Jolene Grabau's time to 6.5 hours/day for the remainder of the 2005/06 school year. Motion was seconded by Ristau. Motion carried unanimously.

Ristau moved to increase Mary Fisher's time by 1 hour/day for the remainder of the 2005/06 school year. This additional hour will be as a special education paraprofessional. Motion was seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Brenda Lentz announced the amount received through the Cash Back for Schools program held at the Apache Mall, Rochester, MN, was \$461.06.

Discussion was held regarding the combined elementary/middle school offices. It was the concensus to continue with the combined offices.

Principal's report was received from Heath Olstad.

Jeff Thompson, Technology Director, reported what advances in technology the district has made during the past year and discussed future technology needs.

Moved by Ristau to hire the following coaches for 2005-06 spring sports: Bonnie Piehn-Head Girls Golf, Brad Holten-Head Boys Golf, Lane Powell-Junior High Golf, Darrin Ellsworth-Head Baseball, Ryan Marx-"B" Baseball, Jane Montgomery-Head Softball, Brenda Ryan-"B" Softball, Tris Tollefson-"C" Softball. Motion was seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

Ristau moved to approve the second reading of the Rewards Policy as presented. Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed the proposed 2006-07 school year calendar.

Ristau moved to approve the hiring of Connie Lindstrom and Laverne Paulson for classroom and behind the wheel drivers training for 2006 and to set the Drivers Education fees for 2006 as follows: \$310.00 for Fillmore Central students, \$360.00 for non-Fillmore Central students, and \$30.00 per hour for additional behind-the-wheel training. Motion was seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding the Marsden contract (custodial services) and the Harmony Transit contract (bussing). Both contracts expire 6/30/2006.

Ostrom moved to authorize the purchase of facilities bonds in the amount of \$830,000. Motion seconded by Ristau. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Luehmann informed the board of upcoming training on February 7 or 11, 2006 for new school board officers.

Torgrimson moved to deny Jan Bigalk's request to be released from her teaching contract unless a viable replacement can be found for her position for the remainder of the school year. Motion was seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink moved to hire Jackie Whitacre as MS speech coach for the 2005/06 season. Motion seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Ristau moved to purchase a certificate of deposit with the balance in the Morris Titrud scholarship fund. Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Ristau moved to adopt the Resolution regarding the Morris Titrud scholarship fund held at Amerprise Financial as presented. Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Ristau moved to change the February regular board meeting to February 22nd at 6:30 p.m. in the high school media center due to basketball sub-section games. Motion seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Topness
Clerk, Independent School District #2198