

Fillmore Central School
Board of Education
Organizational & Regular Meeting
January 25, 2007

The organizational and regular meeting of the Board of Education for Independent District #2198, Harmony, Minnesota was called to order at 6:40 p.m. on the evening of Thursday, January 25, 2007, in the Fillmore Central Middle School Media Center by Superintendent Luehmann. Present: Bookkeeper Darla Ebner, Board Members: Britton, Ostrom, Ristau, Sikkink, Stevens, Topness, and Torgrimson. Absent: None. Visitors: Heath Olstad, Brenda Lentz, Jade Wangen, Sonya Hemrich, Diane Hadoff, Matt Miller, Maggie Walsh, Jodie Daniels, and Bernie Hurley.

Recognition of visitors: None.

Ristau moved to approve the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink nominated Ron Stevens as Chairperson for 2007. Nomination was seconded by Ristau.

Sikkink moved to cease nominations. Motion was seconded by Torgrimson. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson Stevens took over the meeting.

Topness moved to nominate Deb Ristau as Vice-Chairperson for 2007. Motion seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

Ristau moved to nominate Michelle Topness as Clerk for 2007. Motion seconded by Torgrimson. Motion carried unanimously.

Britton moved to nominate John Torgrimson as Vice-Clerk for 2007. Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Topness moved to nominate Sue Sikkink as Treasurer for 2007. Motion seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

Ostrom moved to set the school board salaries for 2007 as follows:
Chairperson \$1,600; Vice-Chairperson \$1,200; Clerk \$1,200; Vice-Clerk \$1,200;
Treasurer \$1,500; Director \$1,200; extra meetings \$25 each.

Motion was seconded by Torgrimson. Motion carried unanimously.

Torgrimson moved to create a Facilities Committee consisting of three board members beginning in 2007. Motion seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

Ristau moved to set the committee assignments for 2007 as follows:

Community Service	Britton, Ostrom
Continuing Ed	Topness
Extra-Curricular Advisory	Britton, Sikkink
Facilities	Britton, Ostrom, Torgrimson
Meet & Confer	Ostrom, Topness
MSBA	Stevens
MSHSL	Britton
Negotiations	Ristau, Sikkink, Torgrimson
Public Relations	Ristau, Torgrimson
Policy Committee	Sikkink, Topness, Torgrimson
Root River Ed Dist	Topness
School Calendar	Stevens

Staff Development
System Accountability
Vendor Negotiations

Ostrom
Ostrom, Sikkink
Britton, Stevens, Torgrimson

Motion was seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

Ostrom moved to designate the First Southeast Bank of Harmony, F&M Community Bank of Preston, First State Bank of Fountain, and MSDLAF as the official depositories for 2007. Motion seconded by Ristau. Sue Sikkink abstained due to conflict of interest. Voting yes: Britton, Ostrom, Ristau, Stevens, and Torgrimson. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Torgrimson left the meeting during discussion regarding the district's official newspaper due to a conflict of interest.

Sikkink moved to designate the Republican-Leader, News-Record, and Fillmore County Journal as official newspapers for 2007. Motion was seconded by Ristau. John Torgrimson abstained due to conflict of interest. Voting yes: Britton, Ostrom, Ristau, Sikkink and Stevens. Voting no: None. Motion carried.

Torgrimson returned to the meeting.

Ristau moved to designate KQYB, KFIL, KROC, KNXR, KTTC-TV, KAAL-TV, Harmony and Preston local cable channels as official radio/television stations. Motion was seconded by Torgrimson. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink moved to give authority to wire-transfer funds to Kathy Whalen, Darla Ebner, and Myrna Luehmann. Motion was seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink moved to authorize payment of bills prior to school board meetings that have a penalty for late payment. Motion was seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

Britton moved to set monthly regular board meetings for the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm. Motion was seconded by Torgrimson. Motion carried unanimously.

Ristau moved to designate Knutson, Flynn, and Deans as official school district legal counsel. Motion was seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

Topness moved to designate the elementary/middle school office and district office at the high school as designated posting places for official notices. Motion was seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

Ristau moved to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2006, regular board meeting. Motion seconded by Torgrimson. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink moved to approve the monthly claims in the amount of \$380,345.87. Motion was seconded by Torgrimson. Motion carried unanimously.

Principal's report was received from Brenda Lentz.

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Mat Miller, senior project manager with Institute for Environmental Assessment, presented a prioritized list of capital improvements he recommends the district complete in the next few years. The list includes masonry restoration at the high school, structural repairs at the high school, roofing repairs/replacement at the elementary and middle school.

Torgrimson moved to advertise for quotes/bids for masonry restoration (15 of the 22 second floor classroom windows) at the high school with an add-in possibility of west elevation structural repair at the high school. Motion seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

Torgrimson moved to advertise for quotes for the district's annual financial audit for the 2006/07 and 2007/08 school years. Motion seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Ristau moved to set the Drivers Education fees for 2007 as follows: \$325.00 for Fillmore Central students, \$375.00 for non-Fillmore Central students, and \$35.00 per hour for additional behind-the-wheel training. Motion was seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink moved to approve the hiring of Connie Lindstrom and Laverne Paulson for classroom and behind the wheel drivers training for 2007. Motion seconded by Torgrimson. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Luehmann updated the Board on the district's AYP status.

Britton moved to approve the purchase of a 120-day certificate of deposit in the amount of \$400,000 at the F&M Community Bank. Motion seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously. (*Rate quotes received: F&M Community Bank - 5.15% APY, First SE Bank of Harmony - 5.06% APY, First State Bank of Fountain - 4.25% APY*)

Topness moved to approve the pay equity report as presented. Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Torgrimson moved to hire the following coaches for 2006-07 spring sports: Bonnie Piehn-Head Girls Golf, Brad Holten-Head Boys Golf, Lane Powell-Junior High Golf, Darrin Ellsworth-Head Baseball, J.B. Mathison -"B" Baseball, Jane Montgomery-Head Softball, Tris Tollefson- Junior High Softball. Motion was seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

The certified staff has requested to meet with the Administration and School Board to discuss adding a memo of understanding to the current Master Agreement. The Board negotiating committee will meet with the certified staff's representatives.

Discussion was held regarding the Marsden contract (custodial services). Torgrimson moved to give Marsden 60-days written notice of termination of the contract. Motion seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

Ristau moved to advertise for a Building and Grounds Supervisor. Motion seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Ostrom moved to advertise for four full-time and two part-time cleaners to begin approximately April 1, 2007. Motion seconded by Ristau. Motion carried unanimously.

Torgrimson moved to hire Administrative & Facility Consulting Group, Inc. as district representative for the 2007 asbestos abatement projects. Motion seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Luehmann informed the board of upcoming MSBA Negotiation Seminar and MSBA Officer Workshops.

Britton moved to change the February regular board meeting to Monday, February 19th at 6:30 p.m. in the high school media center. Motion seconded by Torgrimson. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Topness
Clerk, Independent School District #2198