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Fillmore Central School
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
November 26, 2007

The regular meeting of the Board of Education for Independent District #2198, Harmony, Minnesota was called to order at 5:05 p.m. on the evening of Monday, November 26, 2007, in the Fillmore Central Middle School Media Center by Chairperson Stevens. Present: Superintendent Myrna Luehmann, Bookkeeper Darla Ebner, Board Members: Ostrom, Ristau, Sikkink, Stevens, and Torgrimson. Absent: Britton and Topness. Visitors: Lisa Brainerd, Karen Reisner, Nancy Byrne, Kenny Heibel, Verdell Heibel, Chris Mensink, Brenda Lentz, and Heath Olstad.

Recognition of visitors: none.

Additions to the agenda: Change December meeting date.

Sikkink moved to approve the agenda with the addition listed above. Motion seconded by Torgrimson. Motion carried unanimously.

Member Ostrom joined the meeting.

Chairman Stevens presented Mr. Ken Heibel with a plaque honoring his retirement. The Board would like to thank Mr. Heibel for his many years of service to the Harmony Area Schools, Fillmore Central Schools, and Harmony Transit, Inc.

Ristau moved to approve the minutes of the October 29, 2007 regular board meeting. Motion was seconded by Torgrimson. Motion carried unanimously.

Ristau moved to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2007 board retreat. Motion was seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink moved to approve the monthly claims in the amount of \$249,305.58. Motion was seconded by Torgrimson. Motion carried unanimously.

High School principal's report was received from Heath Olstad.

K-8 principal's report was received from Brenda Lentz.

Dean of Student's reports was received from Chris Mensink.

Ostrom moved to increase the price of K-8 milk break to \$30/semester beginning with the second semester of the 2007/08 school year. Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Luehmann reminded the Board of the upcoming Truth-in-Taxation meetings scheduled for Monday, December 3rd and 10th, 2007.

Moved by Ostrom to hire Kerry Kingsley as 7/8 GBB coach. Motion seconded by Torgrimson. Motion carried unanimously.

Member Torgrimson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION
TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REDUCTIONS
IN PROGRAMS AND POSITIONS AND REASONS THEREFORE.**

WHEREAS, the financial condition of the school district dictates that the school board must reduce expenditures immediately, and

WHEREAS, there has been a reduction in student enrollment, and,

WHEREAS, this reduction in expenditures and decrease in student enrollment must include discontinuance of positions and discontinuance or curtailment of programs, and

WHEREAS, a determination must be made as to which teachers' contracts must be terminated and not renewed and which teachers may be placed on unrequested leave of absence without pay or fringe benefits in effecting discontinuance of positions,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 2198, as follows:

That the School Board hereby directs the Superintendent of Schools and administration to consider the discontinuance of programs or positions to effectuate economies in the school district and reduce expenditures and, as a result of a reduction in enrollment, make recommendations to the school board for the discontinuance of programs, curtailment of programs, discontinuance of positions or curtailment of positions.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Ristau and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Ristau, Sikkink, Stevens, Ostrom, and Torgrimson.

and the following voted against the same: NONE. Motion Carried.

Sikkink moved to approve the Fillmore Central Vision Statement and Mission Statement as follows:

Vision Statement: Fillmore Central – Building a Legacy of Excellence

Mission Statement: Fillmore Central Schools

- is a caring community working to create a safe, nurturing learning environment for all students,
- believes in the uniqueness and potential of each student,
- prepares students to be life-long learners, independent thinkers, respectful individuals, and responsible citizens,
- is committed to using its human and financial resources to inspire each student to reach personal high standards through academics, arts, athletics, and leadership challenges.

Motion seconded by Ristau. Motion carried unanimously.

Torgrimson moved to accept the low bid of \$103,100 received from Morem Electric for the high school/middle school lighting project. Motion seconded by Sikkink. *Other bids were received from Ryan - \$169,000, and TRC - \$135,842.*

Ristau moved to approve the 2007/08 licensed staff seniority list as presented. Motion seconded by Ostrom. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Luehmann distributed Southeast Service Cooperative Board member ballots.

Superintendent Luehmann informed the Board of the upcoming MSBA Leadership Conference scheduled for January 17-18, 2008 in Minneapolis.

Ristau moved to approve a request for an early dismissal for students on December 12, 2007 at 12:30 p.m. This early dismissal is to allow staff to work on curriculum writing. Motion seconded by Torgrimson. Motion carried unanimously.

Ristau moved to change the date of the December regular board meeting to December 17 at 5:00 p.m. in the high school media center. Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted,

John Torgrimson
Vice-Clerk, Independent School District #2198