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Fillmore Central School
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
July 21, 2008

The 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 Monday, July 21, 2008, in the Fillmore Central Middle School Media Center by Chairperson Sikkink. Present: Superintendent Myrna Luehmann, Bookkeeper Darla Ebner, Board Members: Britton, Ostrom, Ristau, Sikkink, Stevens, Topness, and Torgrimson. Absent: none. Visitors: Lisa Brainerd, Paula Skaggs, Courtney Bergey, Wayne Dreier, Doug Keene, Joe Hoffman, Heath Olstad, and Chris Mensink.

Recognition of visitors: none.

Additions to agenda:

Former employee's settlement request.

Topness moved to approve the agenda with the addition listed above. Motion seconded by Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Britton moved to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2008 regular board meeting. Motion was seconded by Ostrom. Motion carried unanimously.

Torgrimson moved to approve the monthly claims in the amount of \$757,295.04. Motion was seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

Doug Keene updated the Board on the City of Preston's tennis court and playground equipment projects.

K-8 Dean of Students' report was received from Chris Mensink.

Principal's report was received from Heath Olstad.

Torgrimson moved to approve the second reading of the High School Student Handbook. Motion seconded by Ristau. Motion carried unanimously.

Ostrom moved to approve the second reading of the K-8 Student Handbook. Motion seconded by Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Ostrom moved to accept the resignation of Brenda Lentz as Kindergarten teacher. Motion was seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Britton moved to accept the resignation of Janet Prinsen as Learning Readiness teacher. Motion was seconded by Torgrimson. Motion carried unanimously.

Ristau moved to accept the resignation of Justin Treptow, pending finding a qualified replacement, as middle school math teacher. Motion was seconded by Torgrimson. Motion carried unanimously.

Stevens moved to hire Julie Siebenaler as 1.0 FTE elementary special education teacher and for the 2008/09 school year. Motion seconded by Ostrom. Motion carried unanimously.

Britton moved to hire Janet Prinsen as 1.0 FTE Title I teacher for the 2008/09 school year. Motion seconded by Torgrimson. Motion carried unanimously.

Topness moved to hire Mary Beth Armstrong as 1.0 FTE kindergarten teacher for the 2008/09 school year. Motion seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

Britton moved to approve the 2007/08 Annual Report on Curriculum, Instruction, and Student Achievement as presented. Motion seconded by Torgrimson. Motion carried unanimously.

Torgrimson updated the Board on negotiations with Harmony Transit for the 2008/09 transportation contract.

Torgrimson moved to approve a two-year contract with Harmony Transit for transportation services beginning with the 2008/09 school year. The contract will include a two percent increase each year and a fuel clause adjustment with a \$3.00/gallon (\$3.25/gallon price at the pump) base. Motion seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe Hoffman, city administrator, requested the funds the school district has reserved for the tennis court project be paid to the City of Preston. Discussion was held.

Stevens moved to pay the City of Preston the \$30,000.00 reserved for the tennis court project less additional legal fees (\$1,243.50) incurred after an agreement had been reached on the lease. Supt. Luehmann and Joe Hoffman can negotiate the legal fee reduction. Motion seconded by Ostrom. Motion carried.

Joe Hoffman discussed with the Board the details of an upcoming Chatfield Avenue street improvement project and assessment, along with financing options for the district.

Discussion was held regarding sidewalk leading to the tennis court that is being assessed to the district. The agreement the district has with the City of Preston states there will be no additional cost for maintenance to the district beyond the land donation and \$30,000 donation. Joe Hoffman suggested making a formal request to the City of Preston to have the amount of the assessment reduced by the amount attributable to the sidewalk and they would review.

Discussion was held regarding the late bus schedule for the 2008/09 school year.

Ristau moved to keep the late bus schedule the same in 2008/09 as it was during 2007/08 but to watch the usage closely. Motion seconded by Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Stevens moved to approve the following policies with revisions as presented:

- a. EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY
- b. SCHOOL BOARD OUT OF STATE TRAVEL
- c. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

- d. DISABILITY NONDISCRIMINATION
- e. PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PERSONNEL DATA
- f. EMPLOYEE RIGHT TO KNOW - EXPOSURE TO HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE
- g. FAMILY & MEDICAL LEAVE
- h. POLICY PROHIBITING HARASSMENT & VIOLENCE
- i. POLICY AGAINST RELIGIOUS, RACIAL, AND SEXUAL HARRASSMENT/VIOLENCE
- j. CHEMICAL USE AND ABUSE
- k. DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE/DRUG-FREE SCHOOL
- l. TOBACCO-FREE ENVIRONMENT
- m. STUDENTS & EMPLOYEES WITH SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS AND DISEASES & CERTAIN OTHER COMMUNICABLE DISEASES & INFECTIOUS CONDITIONS
- n. SCHOOL WEAPONS
- o. SEARCH OF STUDENT LOCKERS, DESKS, PERSONAL POSSESSIONS AND STUDENT'S PERSON
- p. STUDENT ATTENDANCE
- q. STUDENT DISCIPLINE
- r. BULLYING PROHIBITION
- s. PROTECTION & PRIVACY OF PUPIL RECORDS
- t. MEDICATION
- u. DO NOT RESUSCITATE/DO NOT INTUBATE
- v. STUDENT DISABILITY NONDISCRIMINATION
- w. STUDENT SEX NONDISCRIMINATION
- x. INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE & SAFETY
- y. VIOLENCE PREVENTION
- z. HAZING PROHIBITION
- aa. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- bb. USE OF PEACE OFFICERS AND CRISIS TEAMS TO REMOVE STUDENTS WITH IEPs FROM SCHOOL GROUNDS
- cc. WELLNESS PLAN
- dd. PARENT INVOLVEMENT
- ee. STUDENT TRANSPORTATION
- ff. REWARDS
- gg. FOOD SERVICE MEAL CHARGE
- hh. INDOOR AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN
- ii. EMERGENCY DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PLAN

Motion was seconded by Ostrom. Motion carried unanimously.

Ostrom moved to approve the lease with Head Start for the 2008/09 school year as presented (\$425/month). Motion seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

Torgrimson moved to approve a lease for four classrooms rooms and 1 room office space at the City of Harmony building for the Root River Program for the 2008/09 school year. Motion seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

Britton moved to approve MSBA membership for the 2008/09 school year. Motion seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Stevens moved to approve a settlement reached with Mr. Thomas Frederick as presented. Motion seconded by Torgrimson. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding Superintendent and Dean of Student job descriptions for the 2008/09 school year.

Britton moved to add \$1,000 to the 2008/09 Dean of Student's stipend. Motion seconded by Topness. Discussion was held. Motion failed.

Stevens moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Torgrimson. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Topness
Clerk, Independent School District #2198