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Fillmore Central School
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
September 23, 2008

The regular meeting of the Board of Education for Independent District #2198, Harmony, Minnesota was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on the evening of Tuesday, September 23, 2008, in the Fillmore Central High School Media Center by Chairperson Sikkink. Present: Superintendent Myrna Luehmann, Bookkeeper Darla Ebner, Board Members: Ostrom, Ristau, Sikkink, Stevens, Topness, and Torgrimson. Absent: Britton. Visitors: Lisa Brainerd, Jade Wangen, Nancy Harrison, Leslie Christensen, Ross Kiehne, Paula Michel, Joanie Johnson, Laura Armstrong, Jim Love, Umbellina Cremer, Jim Schmidt with Springsted, Inc., Michelle Breitsprecher, Holly Kanengeiter, Heath Olstad, and Chris Mensink.

Recognition of visitors: none.

Addition to agenda:

Upcoming Community Ed committee meetings

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

Stevens moved to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2008 regular board meeting. Motion was seconded by Torgrimson. Motion carried unanimously.

Torgrimson moved to approve the monthly claims in the amount of \$1,625,432.49. Motion was seconded by Ostrom. Motion carried unanimously.

Principal's report was received from Heath Olstad.

Torgrimson moved to increase the daily hours of a part-time paraprofessional at the high school from 4 hours/day to 5 hours/day. Motion was seconded by Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Member Britton joined the meeting at 7:17 pm.

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

Holly Kanengeiter recognized outgoing Community Education Advisory Board members Jim Johnson and Don Berkland for their years of dedicated service.

Jim Schmitt representative of Springsted, Inc. presented information regarding the option to bond for Other Post Employment Benefits and levy to pay off the bond.

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$1,180,000
GENERAL OBLIGATION TAXABLE OPEB BONDS, SERIES 2008A

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 2198 (Fillmore Central Public Schools), Minnesota (the District), as follows:

SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION. It is hereby determined to be in the best interests of the District to issue its General Obligation Taxable OPEB Bonds, Series 2008A in the aggregate principal amount of \$1,180,000, (the Bonds) in order to fund the District's actuarially determined liabilities to pay postemployment benefits to its employees or officers after their termination of service, as authorized pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.52, Subdivision 6. Bond proceeds will be held in a revocable trust as authorized by Minnesota Statutes, Section 471.6175. As used herein, the term "postemployment benefits" means benefits giving rise to a liability under Statement No. 45 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. This School Board (the Board) has received a report dated as of September 2008 prepared by Hildi Incorporated, the District's actuary, specifying that the District's actuarially determined liabilities for postemployment benefits as of July 1, 2008, determined under the applicable standards of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, is \$1,181,167. The principal amount of the Bonds, net of issuance expenses and capitalized interest, if any, does not exceed such amount.

SECTION 2. TERMS OF PROPOSAL. Springsted Incorporated, financial advisor to the District, will prepare and present to the District's Superintendent a form of Terms of Proposal for the Bonds which shall contain the essential terms and conditions of the Bonds and of the sale thereof, and the Terms of Proposal, when approved by the Superintendent, shall be placed on file by the Clerk. The Superintendent is authorized and directed to set a date and time for receipt of proposals for the purchase of the Bonds, which shall be included in the Terms of Proposal. Springsted Incorporated, as independent financial advisor, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.60, Subdivision 2, paragraph (9) is hereby authorized to solicit proposals for the Bonds on behalf of the District on a negotiated basis.

SECTION 3. SALE MEETING. This Board shall meet on the date, at the time and place identified in the Terms of Proposal for the purpose of considering proposals for the purchase of the Bonds and of taking such action thereon as may be in the best interests of the District.

SECTION 4. STATE CREDIT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM. (a) The District hereby covenants and obligates itself to notify the Commissioner of Education of a potential default in the payment of principal and interest on the Bonds and to use the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55 to guarantee payment of the principal and interest on the Bonds when due. The District further covenants to deposit with the Registrar or any successor paying agent three (3) days prior to the date on which a payment is due an amount sufficient to make that payment or to notify the Commissioner of Education that it will be unable to make all or a portion of that payment. The Registrar for the Bonds is authorized and directed to notify the Commissioner of Education if it becomes aware of a potential default in the payment of principal or interest on the Bonds or if, on the day two (2) business days prior to the date a payment is due on the Bonds, there are insufficient funds to make that payment on deposit with the Registrar. The District understands that as a result of its covenant to be bound by the provision of Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55, the provisions of that section shall be binding as long as any Bonds of this issue remain outstanding.

(b) The District further covenants to comply with all procedures now and hereafter established by the Departments of Finance and Education of the State of Minnesota pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55, subdivision 2(c) and otherwise to take such actions as necessary to comply with that section. The chair, clerk, superintendent or business manager is authorized to execute any applicable Minnesota Department of Education forms.

Upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Britton, Ostrom, Ristau, Sikkink, Stevens, Topness and Torgrimson

and the following voted against the same: none

whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Torgrimson moved to approve the 2008 Payable 2009 levy at the maximum level. Motion was seconded by Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Ostrom informed the Board that the Community Ed committee would be meeting with both the City of Harmony and City of Preston Park Boards to discuss the summer rec program. There is consideration of having only one program and provide bussing.

Ristau moved to approve advertising for snow removal bids for the 2008/09 and 2009/10 winter seasons for both the Preston and Harmony sites. Motion was seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

Ostrom moved to approve Ms. Luehmann as K-8 504 coordinator for the 2008/09 school year. Motion seconded by Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Stevens moved to approve putting funds still owed to Building Restoration Corporation in a trust account with Erstad and Riemer, P.A. (the district's insurance company's attorneys). Motion seconded by Ristau. Motion carried unanimously.

Topness moved to approve a sports sharing agreement with Mabel-Canton School District for wrestling for the 2008/09 school year. Motion seconded Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

Britton moved to accept an open enrollment request received from a student in the Lewiston-Altura district. Motion seconded by Ristau. Motion carried unanimously.

Stevens moved to accept an open enrollment request received from a student in the Lanesboro district. Motion seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Ostrom moved to accept an open enrollment request received from a student in the Mabel-Canton district. Motion seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

Stevens moved to approve the second reading of the Root River Program student handbook. Motion seconded by Ristau. Motion carried unanimously.

Stevens moved to approve the hire of winter coaching positions as follows:

Boys' basketball: Heath Olstad – Head, Keith Larson – B squad, Tris Tollefson – 9th Grade, Jason Schwarz – 8th Grade, Steve Lindstrom – 7th grade.

Girls' basketball: Sarah Tollefsrud – Head, Aaron Mensink – B squad, to be determined – 7/8 grade.

Wrestling: Nate Carlson – Varsity, Allan LaFleur – Asst, to be determined – Asst. Motion seconded by Torgrimson. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding starting a school sponsored bowling team.

Britton moved to approve the following reimbursement of graduate credits: Holly Kanengieter \$240.00, Gerri Nielsen \$240.00, Jill Eerdmans \$240.00, Betsy Sullivan \$180.00, Chris Mensink \$240.00. Motion seconded by Ostrom. Motion carried unanimously.

Torgrimson moved to approve the following lane changes for the 2008/09 school year: Jill Eerdmans - BA+45 to MA, Paula Birch – BA+30 to BA+45. Motion seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Luehmann updated the Board on a recent MREA meeting.

Ostrom and Ristau updated the Board on a recent MSBA meeting they attended. Discussion was held regarding possible Resolutions to submit to MSBA.

Ostrom moved to support submitting a resolution to MSBA regarding generating property revenue for the district on land used for wind generation. Motion seconded by Stevens. Motion carried unanimously. Torgrimson will write the resolution.

Stevens moved to support submitting a resolution to MSBA regarding open enrollment concerns of Fillmore Central School District, namely busses entering other districts. Motion seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink reviewed the Superintendent evaluation results with the Board.

Ristau moved to review new Superintendent/K-8 Principal and K-8 Dean of Students job descriptions and re-evaluate Mrs. Luehmann during December 2008. Motion seconded by Torgrimson. Motion failed.

Topness moved to do a position evaluation for the Superintendent/K-8 Principal and the K-8 Dean of Students by reviewing their job descriptions at the December 2008 meeting. Motion seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

The October regular Board meeting will be held in the Middle School media center on October 28th at 6:30 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Topness
Clerk, Independent School District #2198