

Fillmore Central School
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
December 22, 2008

The regular meeting of the Board of Education for Independent District #2198, Preston, Minnesota was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on the evening of Monday, December 22, 2008, in the Fillmore Central Middle School Media Center by Chairperson Sikkink. Present: Superintendent Luehmann, Bookkeeper Darla Ebner, Board Members: Britton, Ostrom, Sikkink, Stevens, Topness, and Torgrimson. Absent: Ristau. Visitors: Micki Breitsprecher, Chris Mensink, Jim Love, Ross Kiehne, Janet Prinsen, Rick Prinsen, Greg Davids, Jade Wangen, and Lisa Brainerd.

Recognition of visitors: None.

Britton moved to approve the agenda with the following additions:

- ~ Increase of paraprofessionals' hours
- ~ Hire Middle School speech advisor

Motion was seconded by Ostrom. Motion carried unanimously.

Britton moved to approve the minutes of the November 25, 2008, regular board meeting. Motion was seconded by Torgrimson. Motion carried unanimously.

Stevens moved to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2008, special board meeting. Motion was seconded by Ostrom. Motion carried unanimously.

Torgrimson moved to approve the monthly claims in the amount of \$314,018.00. Motion was seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Both the K-8 Principal report and the High School Principal's report were received from Myrna Luehmann.

Mr. Greg Davids spoke to the Board regarding his newly elected position in the Minnesota House of Representatives (his term will begin January 6, 2009) and the upcoming legislative session.

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CREATION OF REVOCABLE OPEB TRUST

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

SECTION 1. CREATION OF REVOCABLE OPEB TRUST; AUTHORITY. It is hereby determined to be in the best interests of the District to create a revocable trust for certain postemployment benefits (OPEB), which may include benefits to its eligible employees and former employees which may include, without limitation, plans providing medical, dental, vision, life and long-term care insurance and other similar benefits other than pension benefits (the OPEB Plans) pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 471.6175 (the OPEB Trust).

SECTION 2. APPROVAL OF TRUST AGREEMENT; APPOINTMENT OF TRUST ADMINISTRATOR. The Independent School District No. 2198 (Fillmore Central), Minnesota OPEB Trust Agreement, in substantially the form presented to this Board and attached to this Resolution (the Trust Agreement), is approved. The Chairperson and School District Clerk are authorized and directed to execute the Trust Agreement on behalf of the District.

Public Employees Retirement Association is appointed to serve as trust administrator for the OPEB Trust under the Trust Agreement (the Trust Administrator), and is authorized to take such actions as are necessary to carry out the duties of the Trust Administrator in accordance with the terms of the Trust Agreement.

SECTION 3. PROVISIONS OF OPEB PLANS TO GOVERN. The terms of the OPEB Plans shall govern the payment and disbursement of the funds held in the OPEB Trust. Payments shall be made from the OPEB Trust only to provide benefits provided in the OPEB Plans in accordance with the terms of the OPEB Plans.

SECTION 4. FURTHER AUTHORIZATIONS. The officers, employees and agents of the District are authorized and directed to do any and all things reasonably necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Resolution.

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

and the following voted against the same: None

whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Stevens moved to approve the 2008 Payable 2009 levy as follows:

General	1,011,246.36
Community Service	71,982.35
<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>483,524.54</u>
Total	1,566,753.25

Motion seconded by Torgrimson. Motion carried unanimously.

Britton moved to increase the time of Kaynell Rindels, special education paraprofessional, by ½ hour per day and Jennifer Lindstrom, special education paraprofessional, by 1 ½ hours per day beginning January 1, 2009. Motion seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Torgrimson moved to approve Jackie Whitacre as Middle School Speech Advisor for the 2008/09 school year. Motion was seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

Britton updated the board regarding the Facility Committee meeting held recently. The need for a feasibility study to make determinations regarding our current HVAC systems was discussed.

Torgrimson moved to approve a feasibility study regarding the district's HVAC system upgrades. Motion seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

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

and the following voted against the same: NONE.

Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding the Superintendent/K-8 Principal and K-8 Dean of Students job descriptions.

Britton moved to approve the Superintendent/K-8 Principal and K-8 Dean of Students job descriptions as presented. Motion seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Luehmann informed the Board of her desire to extend her contract one year, through the 2009/10 school year.

Torgrimson moved to increase the Dean of Students stipend for the 2008/09 school year from \$2,750 to \$3,750. Motion seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Ostrom moved to approve the AYP Improvement Plan adjustments for the 2008/09 school year. Motion seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Luehmann informed the Board of the upcoming MSBA Leadership Conference January 15-16, 2009 and Phase II workshop on January 14th in Minneapolis.

Torgrimson moved to change the regular scheduled January board meeting to Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Fillmore Central High School, Harmony. Motion seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board wished to thank outgoing members, Ron Stevens and Michelle Topness, for their hard work and dedicated service to the Fillmore Central Board of Education.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Topness
Clerk, Independent School District #2198