

Fillmore Central School
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
April 27, 2010

The regular meeting of the Board of Education for Independent District #2198, Harmony, Minnesota was called to order at 6:36 p.m. on the evening of Tuesday, April 27, 2010, in the Fillmore Central Middle School Media Center by Board Chairperson Ross Kiehne. Present: Superintendent Myrna Luehmann, Bookkeeper Darla Ebner, Board Members: Love, Ostrom, Ristau, Sikkink, and Torgrimson. Absent: Britton. Visitors: Lisa Brainard, Jade Wangen, Chris Mensink, Heath Olstad, Betsy Sullivan, Heather Shupe, Jeanie Mensink, Jill Eerdmans, Blaine Moe, Jodie Daniels, and Becky Brown-Ferden.

Recognition of visitors: None.

Addition to the agenda:

- ~Approve 10 summer days for the Dean of Students.
- ~Additional resignation

Torgrimson moved to approve the agenda with additions. Motion seconded by Ostrom. Motion carried unanimously.

Love moved to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2010, regular board meeting. Motion seconded by Torgrimson. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink moved to approve the monthly claims in the amount of \$363,561.80. Motion was seconded by Love. Motion carried unanimously.

Blaine Moe updated the Board on the progress of the middle school HVAC project. Boiler 1 has been removed from the building. Boiler 2 has been turned off and is in the process of being removed. The project overall is on, or ahead of schedule.

Principal's reports were received from Myrna Luehmann and Heath Olstad.

Sikkink moved to accept the resignation of Alice Bigalk at the end of the 2009/10 school year. Motion was seconded by Ostrom. Motion carried unanimously.

Love moved to accept the resignation of Jason Detert at the end of the 2009/10 school year. Motion was seconded by Torgrimson. Motion carried unanimously.

Love moved to accept the resignation of Jill Zmyewski at the end of the first semester of the 2010/11 school year. Motion was seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Love moved to hire David Broadwater as a special education paraprofessional (6.75 hours/day) for the remainder of the 2009/10 school year. Motion seconded by Ostrom. Motion carried unanimously.

Ostrom moved to increase Nancy Broadwater's hours as a special education paraprofessional by fifteen minutes/two days per week for the remainder of the 2009/10 school year. Motion seconded by Torgrimson. Motion carried unanimously.

Torgrimson moved to approve a child care leave for Tonya Keim from August 1, 2010 to January 1, 2011. Motion seconded by Love. Motion carried unanimously.

Love moved to hire Sheldon Stockdale as lawn mower for the Preston site for the 2010 mowing season. Motion seconded by Ristau. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink moved to hire Sarah Holten as high school vocal music instructor (.8 FTE, BA/H) for the 2010/11 school year. Motion seconded by Love. Motion carried unanimously.

Love moved to approve ten additional summer days for Chris Mensink, Dean of Students for summer 2010. Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Torgrimson moved to approved ECSE extended school year program for summer 2010 as presented (budgeted expenses of \$4,620.15). Motion seconded by Ristau. Motion carried unanimously.

Love moved to approved Speech/ECSE extended school year program for summer 2010 as presented (budgeted expenses of \$3,459.12). Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Love moved to approved K-4 special education extended school year program for summer 2010 as presented (budgeted expenses of \$5,267.80). Motion seconded by Ristau. Motion carried unanimously.

Torgrimson moved to approved Title I summer school for summer 2010 as presented (budgeted expenses of \$6,463.07). Motion seconded by Love. Motion carried unanimously.

Love moved to accept the open enrollment requests received from a Kingsland resident. Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Ostrom moved to adopt a resolution placing support staff on seasonal layoff. Motion was seconded by Love. Motion carried unanimously.

Love moved to approve the resolution to participate in available NCLB Title programs for the 2010/11 school year. Motion seconded by Ostrom. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink moved to approve the designation of Ms. Luehmann as Local Education Agency (LEA) representative and Homeless Liaison for the 2010/11 school year. Motion seconded by Ostrom. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink moved to approve K-12 program reductions for the 2010/11 school year as presented by Ms. Luehmann. Motion seconded by Love. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding the closed noon-hour policy at the high school for the 2010/11 school year. It was the consensus of the Board to close campus during noon hour for grades 7 through 11 and allow seniors the privilege of an open noon hour. Since this is no change to current policy no action was taken.

Member Ostrom introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE TERMINATION
AND NONRENEWAL OF THE TEACHING CONTRACT
OF ELIZABETH SULLIVAN, A PROBATIONARY TEACHER

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Sullivan is a probationary teacher in Independent School District No. 2198.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 2198 that pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 122A.40, Subdivision 5, that the teaching contract of Elizabeth Sullivan, a probationary teacher in Independent School District No. 2198 is hereby terminated at the close of the current 2009-2010 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that written notice be sent to said teacher regarding termination and non-renewal of her contract as provided by law, and that said notice shall be in substantially the following form:

NOTICE OF TERMINATION
AND NON-RENEWAL

Ms. Elizabeth Sullivan
PO Box 225

Preston, MN 55965

Dear Ms. Sullivan:

You are hereby notified that at a regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 2198 held on April 27, 2010, a resolution was adopted by a majority roll call vote to terminate your contract effective at the end of the current school year and not to renew your contract for the 2010-2011 school year. Said action of the board is taken pursuant to M.S. 122A.40, Subd. 5.

You may officially request that the school board give its reasons for the non-renewal of your teaching contract. For your information, however, this action is taken because of the discontinuance of your position; namely, special education teacher, the financial condition of the school district, and the decrease of enrollment.

Yours very truly,

SCHOOL BOARD OF
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2198

Clerk of the school board

The motion for the adoption for the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Sikkink and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

Kiehne, Love, Ostrom, Ristau, Sikkink, and Torgrimson

And the following voted against the same: None

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Ristau moved to approve a resolution to renew membership in the Minnesota State High School League for the 2010/11 school year. Motion seconded by Love. Motion carried unanimously.

Love moved to approve Student Assurance Insurance Company as the district's student accident insurance vendor for the 2010/11 school year. Motion seconded by Ristau. Motion carried unanimously.

Ristau moved to advertise for quotes for the district's transportation contract for 2010/11 and 2011/12 school years. The current contract, with Harmony Transit, expires June 30, 2010. Motion seconded by Ostrom. Motion carried unanimously.

The policy committee was unable to meet this month. No report was given.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Ostrom
Clerk, Independent School District #2198