

Fillmore Central School
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
December 21, 2010

The regular meeting of the Board of Education for Independent District #2198, Preston, Minnesota was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on the evening of Tuesday, December 21, 2010, in the Elementary Conference Room by Chairman Ross Kiehne. Present: Superintendent Luehmann, Bookkeeper Darla Ebner, Board Members: Britton, Kiehne, Love, Ostrom, Ristau, Sikkink and Torgrimson. Absent: None. Visitors: Heath Olstad, Chris Mensink, Shelley Topness, Jill and Steve Zmyewski, and Jade Wangen.

Truth-in-taxation open forum.

Recognition of visitors:

Sue Ostrom was presented with a plaque of recognition for her five years of service on the school board.

Jill Zmyewski was presented with a plaque of recognition for her years of service as high school FACS teacher.

Additions to the agenda:

- Hire long term substitute
- Hire tutor for homebound student
- Approve resolution directing administration to make recommendations for reductions in programs and positions and reasons therefore

Britton moved to approve the agenda with additions above. Motion was seconded by Torgrimson. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Sikkink moved to approve the monthly claims in the amount of \$265,305.33. Motion was seconded by Torgrimson. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Principal's report was received from Heath Olstad.

Torgrimson moved to approve a .5 overload for both Jane Montgomery and Rebecca Mueller for teaching an additional math class during third period of second semester of 2010/11. Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Love moved to approve the 2010 Payable 2011 levy as follows:

General	\$835,874.83
Community Svc	72,497.84
Debt Service	514,776.46
<u>OPEB</u>	<u>112,968.00</u>
Total	\$1,536,117.13

Motion seconded by Ostrom. Motion carried unanimously.

Britton moved to accept the resignation of Deb Schott as part-time cleaner. Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Britton moved to accept the resignation of Myrna Luehmann as Superintendent as of June 30, 2011. Motion seconded by Torgrimson. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board thanked Ms. Luehmann for her many years of service to the Harmony and Fillmore Central School Districts.

Britton moved to approve the hire of Kevin Hendrickson as part-time cleaner, 3 hours/day. Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Torgrimson moved to approve the hire of Sue Snell as long-term substitute for Jeanette Burns, 6th grade teacher, while she is on child care leave. Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Love moved to hire Lisa Wilhelm as tutor, up to 5 hours/week, for a high school student that is homebound. Motion seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

Torgrimson moved to accept the low quote received from Smith, Shafer and Associates for the district's 2010/11 and 2011/12 fiscal audits. Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously. *Quotes received were as follows:*

	<u>2010/11</u>	<u>2011/12</u>
<i>Smith, Shafer and Associates</i>	\$14,250	\$14,650
<i>Pam Ristau, CPA</i>	\$14,885	\$15,435
<i>LarsonAllen</i>	\$15,900	\$16,300

Britton moved to approve the request from Education Minnesota-Fillmore Central to request a quote for the district's group health insurance from PEIP (Public Employees Insurance Program). Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Torgrimson moved to approve the change in collection agency to Account Liquidation Services in Decorah, IA. Motion seconded by Ristau. Motion carried unanimously.

Love moved to approve the open enrollment request received from a student from the Mabel-Canton School District. Motion seconded by Ristau. 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 Britton and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Britton, Kiehne, Love, Ostrom, Ristau, Sikkink, and Torgrimson

and the following voted against the same: NONE.

Motion carried unanimously.

Kiehne gave a report on the Superintendent Search Committee. The committee met with five area districts. None of the districts expressed an interest in sharing a Superintendent.

Love moved to approve the Type III transportation policy as presented. Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding potential participation in the Flexible Learning Year consortium. It was decided that the concept would first be presented to the faculty and a decision to participate would be made after that.

Love moved to change the meeting time for the January 2011 re-organizational / regular board meeting to 8:00 p.m. on January 25, 2011 in the high school media center. Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Ostrom
Clerk, Independent School District #2198