

Fillmore Central School
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
April 26, 2011

The regular meeting of the Board of Education for Independent District #2198, Harmony, Minnesota was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on the evening of Tuesday, April 26, 2011, in the Fillmore Central Elementary Meeting Room by Board Chairperson Ross Kiehne. Present: Superintendent Myrna Luehmann, Bookkeeper Darla Ebner, Board Members: Britton, Kiehne, Love, Ristau, Sikkink, and Torgrimson. Absent: Topness. Visitors: Michelle Breitsprecher, Jade Wangen, Chris Mensink, Heath Olstad, Emily Ericson, Lisa Sackreiter, Jane Montgomery, Dan Bieberdorf, and Lisa Brainard.

Recognition of visitors:

Emily Ericson requested to address the Board in regard to 2011/12 proposed budget reductions.

Member Topness joined the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

Additions to the agenda:

- Ag in Motion summer course.
- Hire of fall 2011/12 coaches and girls' basketball update for 2011/12 season.
- Hire of daycare director.

Britton moved to approve the agenda with additions. Motion seconded by Love. Motion carried unanimously.

Torgrimson moved to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2011, regular board meeting. Motion seconded by Love. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink moved to approve the monthly claims in the amount of \$346,778.29. Motion was seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

Chris Mensink presented the Dean of Student's report and Heath Olstad presented the K-12 Principal's report.

Lisa Sackreiter presented information regarding the summer 2011 Ag in Motion class.

Britton moved to approve the summer 2011 Ag in Motion class and award students 1/2 credit for successful completion of the class. Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Love moved to hire 2011/12 football coaches as follows: Head – Chris Mensink, Asst. Head – Tom Siebenaler, B-Darrin Ellsworth, 9th- Aaron Janssen, 8th-Tim Ostrom, 7th-Tris Tollefson. Motion seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink move to hire Denise Case as 2011/12 head volleyball coach. Denise Case and Jane Montgomery are to discuss team configurations to help determine the additional volleyball coaching needs for 2011/12. Motion seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

Jane Montgomery gave an update on the girls' basketball schedule for 2011/12. Games played versus Fillmore Central will not count as conference games. Fillmore Central will be included in the MSHSL tournament. There are currently 7 varsity games scheduled and 4 schools have agreed to play 7/8/9 grade games only.

Committee Reports:

- Superintendent Search Committee: Kiehne reported that thirteen applications were received and the Board will be interviewing five candidates.
- Community Education Committee: Love reported that the new/additional daycare room is ready but has not been opened yet. An inspection is still pending.

- Athletic Committee: Sikkink reported that the 2011/12 fall sports and girls' basketball situation were discussed.
- Transportation committee: Torgrimson reported that the next meeting will be held the week of May 2nd.
- Budget committee: Kiehne indicated that the budget issues are on the agenda.
- Negotiation committee: Kiehne reported that the committee has met and their focus is currently the Superintendent search.

Britton moved to hire Kathy Tesmer as Daycare Director, up to 15 hours per week. Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Love moved to approve three open enrollment requests received from non-resident students to attend kindergarten at Fillmore Central beginning in 2011/12. Motion seconded by Torgrimson. Motion carried unanimously.

Love moved to accept the resignation from Rita Thorson effective the last day of the 2010-11 school year, and to thank her for her many years of service to the Preston-Fountain and Fillmore Central School Districts. Motion seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

Britton move to approve the request for child care leave submitted by Tara Corson for first semester 2011/12. Motion seconded by Love. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Sikkink moved to approve the resolution to participate in available NCLB Title programs for the 2011/12 school year. Motion seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

Emily Ericson addressed the Board with her concerns regarding the district eliminating the School Social Worker position for the 2011/12 school year.

Torgrimson moved to approve K-12 budget reductions for the 2011/12 school year as presented by Ms. Luehmann. Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Member Torgrimson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION DISCONTINUING AND REDUCING
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND POSITIONS**

WHEREAS, the School Board of Independent School District No. 2198 adopted a resolution December 21, 2010, directing the administration to make recommendations for reductions in programs and positions, and

WHEREAS, said recommendations have been received and considered by the school board,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 2198, as follows:

That the following programs and positions, or portions thereof, be discontinued:

- 1.) The High School science program will be reduced by .5 FTE due to scheduling changes.
- 2.) School Social worker will be reduced by 1.0 FTE due to declining enrollment, reconfiguration of students and the financial needs of the district.

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

Britton, Kiehne, Love, Ristau, Sikkink, Topness, and Torgrimson

and the following voted against: None

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Britton moved to approve the first reading of the Fund Balance Policy as presented. Motion seconded by Torgrimson. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink moved to approve Student Assurance Insurance Company as the district's student accident insurance vendor for the 2011/12 school year. Motion seconded by Love. Motion carried unanimously.

Britton moved to approve a resolution to renew membership in the Minnesota State High School League for the 2011/12 school year. Motion seconded by Love. Motion carried unanimously.

Torgrimson moved to approve the 2011 Extended School Year opportunities as presented by Michelle Breitsprecher. Motion seconded by Ristau. Motion carried unanimously.

Britton moved to approve the request received from Education Minnesota – Fillmore Central to negotiate for the 2011-2013 Master Agreement. Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Member Britton introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION PROPOSING TO PLACE DANETTE GRIMSRUD
ON UNREQUESTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 2198, as follows:

1. That it is proposed that Danette Grimsrud, a school social worker at said school district, be placed on unrequested leave of absence without pay or fringe benefits, effective at the end of the 2010-11 school year on June 30, 2011, pursuant to M.S. 122A.40, subdivision 11.
2. That said proposed placement on unrequested leave of absence is not the result of the implementation of an education district agreement.
3. That written notice be sent to said teacher regarding the proposed placement on unrequested leave of absence without pay or fringe benefits as provided by law and said notice shall include a date for hearing if requested and be in substantially the following form:

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED PLACEMENT ON UNREQUESTED LEAVE OF
ABSENCE AND NOTICE OF HEARING DATE, IF REQUESTED**

Ms. Danette Grimsrud
224 Emory Lane SE
Rochester, MN 55904

Dear Ms. Grimsrud:

You are hereby notified that at the regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 2198 held on Tuesday, April 26, 2011, consideration was given to your placement on unrequested leave of absence without pay or fringe benefits as a teacher of Independent School District No. 2198, and a resolution was adopted by a majority vote of the Board, proposing your placement on unrequested leave of absence effective at the end of the 2010-11 school year on June 30, 2011, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 122A.40, subdivision 11 upon the grounds described in said statute and which are specifically as follows:

Reduction of Position by 1.0 FTE, Re-configuration of Pupils and Financial Limitations

Your proposed placement on unrequested leave of absence is not the result of the implementation of an education district agreement.

Under the provisions of the law, you are entitled to a hearing before the school board provided that you make a request in writing within fourteen days after receipt of this notice. If no hearing is requested within such period, it shall be deemed acquiescence by you to the school board's proposed action.

Yours very truly,

SCHOOL BOARD OF
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2198

Deb Ristau - Clerk of the School Board

4. That each and all of the foregoing grounds of said notice are within the grounds for unrequested leave placement as set forth in M.S. 122A.40, subdivision 11 and are hereby adopted as fully as though separately set forth and resolved herein.

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

Britton, Love, Kiehne, Ristau, Torgrimson, Topness, Sikkink

and the following voted against the same: NONE

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Love moved to join the Southeast Minnesota Learner Achievement Collaborative for the 2011/12 school year. Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Britton moved to approve the 2011/12 school calendar as presented. Motion seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Ristau
Clerk, Independent School District #2198