

Fillmore Central School  
Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
February 28, 2012

The organizational and regular meeting of the Board of Education for Independent District #2198, Preston, Minnesota was called to order at 12:04 p.m. on the afternoon of Tuesday, February 28, 2012, in the Fillmore Central Elementary School meeting room by Chairperson Kiehne. Present: Superintendent Richard Keith, Business Manager Kathy Whalen, Bookkeeper Darla Ebner, Board Members: Kiehne, Love, Sikkink (via telephone), Topness, and Torgrimson. Absent: Britton and Ristau. Visitors: Jade Wangen and Gretchen Mensink Lovejoy.

Recognition of visitors: None.

Torgrimson moved to approve the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Love. Motion carried unanimously.

Love moved to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2011, regular board meeting. Motion seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink moved to approve the monthly claims in the amount of \$741,681.27. Motion was seconded by Love. Motion carried unanimously.

The written Principal and Dean of Students reports were reviewed by the Board.

Love moved to hire Julia Olstad as high school science teacher (BA+30, A). Motion seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

Member Ristau joined the meeting at 12:09 p.m.

Love moved to hire Jackie Whitacre to direct the spring All School Play. Motion seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Community Education Committee report, presented by Love: An air conditioning system for the daycare wing is being discussed.

Facilities Committee report, presented by Torgrimson: The committee recently met with Aaron Hess of A&F Consulting. Upcoming projects include radon remediation, asbestos removal at the Preston site and new gym lighting at the Harmony site. There was also discussion regarding an HVAC upgrade at the Harmony site. Financing options have been discussed and there should be no taxpayer impact. The project will be financed with an alternate facilities bond. There will be a reduction of the health and safety funded projects. Construction could begin summer 2013.

Torgrimson moved to have the district move forward with planning for an HVAC upgrade at the Harmony site. Motion seconded by Love. Motion carried unanimously.

The facilities committee is also looking into adding parking for the baseball field. The location would be on the north end of the practice field/soccer field.

Technology Committee report, presented by Kiehne and Love: The district is going to improve wireless connections at both buildings. Bandwidth may also be increased. The committee is looking at making computers available to students and is working on an implementation plan to begin fall 2012.

Love moved to seek quotes for equipment necessary to upgrade wireless connections in both buildings. Motion seconded by Ristau. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Ristau  
Clerk, Independent School District #2198