

Fillmore Central School
Board of Education
Organizational & Regular Meeting
January 29, 2014

The organizational and 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 Wednesday, January 29, 2014, in the Fillmore Central High School Media Center by Superintendent Keith. Present: Superintendent Richard Keith, Business Manager Kathy Whalen, Board Members: Kiehne, Sikkink, Love, Topness, Ristau. Absent: Ellis, Britton. Visitors: Chris Mensink, Jade Sexton, Melissa Vanderplas, Bretta Grabau, Micki Breitsprecher, Sarah Holten, Carrie Mathison

Recognition of visitors.

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

Topness moved to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2013, regular board meeting. Motion seconded by Love. Motion carried unanimously.

Board member Britton joined the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Sikkink moved to approve the monthly claims in the amount of \$546,553.91. Motion was seconded by Love. Motion carried unanimously.

Love nominated Ross Kiehne as Chairperson for 2014. Motion was seconded by Topness. Acting Chair Kiehne closed the nominations for the office. Roll call vote was taken. Voting in favor: Britton, Love, Sikkink, Topness, Ristau, Kiehne. Voting against: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink moved to nominate Craig Britton as Vice-Chairperson for 2014. Motion was seconded by Love. Chairperson Kiehne closed the nominations for the office. Roll call vote was taken. Voting in favor: Britton, Love, Sikkink, Topness, Ristau, Kiehne. Voting against: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Ristau moved to nominate Jim Love as Clerk for 2014. Motion was seconded by Sikkink. Chairperson Kiehne closed the nominations for the office. Roll call vote was taken. Voting in favor: Britton, Love, Sikkink, Topness, Ristau, Kiehne. Voting against: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Britton moved to nominate Michelle Topness as Vice-Clerk for 2014. Motion was seconded by Love. Chairperson Kiehne closed the nominations for the office. Roll call vote was taken. Voting in favor: Britton, Love, Sikkink, Topness, Ristau, Kiehne. Voting against: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Topness moved to nominate Sue Sikkink as Treasurer for 2014. Motion was seconded by Britton. Chairperson Kiehne closed the nominations for the office. Roll call vote was taken. Voting in favor: Britton, Love, Sikkink, Topness, Ristau, Kiehne. Voting against: None. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink moved to set the school board salaries for 2014 as follows:
Chairperson \$1,440; Vice-Chairperson \$1,080; Clerk \$1,080; Vice-Clerk \$1,080;
Treasurer \$1,350; Director \$1,080; extra meetings \$25 each.
Motion was seconded by Ristau. Motion carried unanimously.

Britton moved to set 2014 committee assignments as follows:

Community Education	Ellis, Topness
Continuing Education	Ristau
Meet and Confer	Sikkink, Topness
MSBA Liaison	Ristau
MSHSL/Three-Rivers Conference	Britton
Special Ed Advisory Council	Ellis

Negotiations	Kiehne, Topness, Sikkink
Policy	Love, Ellis
System Accountability	Sikkink
Extra-curricular Advisory	Britton, Sikkink
Staff Development	Ristau
Vendor Negotiations	Britton, Kiehne, Love
Facility Focus	Britton, Love, Kiehne
Budget	Kiehne, Sikkink, Ristau
Technology	Kiehne, Love
Curriculum	Britton, Ellis

Motion seconded by Love. Motion carried unanimously.

Britton moved to approve the following Official Appointments/Designations for 2014:

- ▶ Designate the First Southeast Bank of Harmony, F&M Community Bank of Preston, First State Bank of Fountain, and MSDLAF as the official depositories for 2014. *Sue Sikkink abstained due to conflict of interest.*
- ▶ Designate the Republican-Leader, News-Record, and Fillmore County Journal as official newspapers for 2014.
- ▶ Designate KQYB, KFIL, KROC, KNXR, KTTC-TV, KAAL-TV, Harmony and Preston local cable channels as official radio/television stations.
- ▶ Give authority to wire-transfer funds and purchase Certificates of Deposit to Kathy Whalen, Darla Ebner, and Richard Keith
- ▶ Authorize payment of bills prior to school board meetings that have a penalty for late payment.
- ▶ Set monthly regular board meetings for the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm.
- ▶ Designate Knutson, Flynn, and Deans as official school district legal counsel.
- ▶ Designate the elementary office, district office, and the high school office as designated posting places for official notices.

Motion seconded by Love. Motion carried unanimously.

Chris Mensink presented the Dean of Students report.

Sikkink moved to hire Marsha Dowe as home-bound instructor for 5 hours per week. Motion seconded by Love. Motion carried unanimously.

Britton moved to increase Melissa Herron's para-professional time by 2.25 hours per day due to increased student needs. Motion seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Love moved to approve childcare leave for Carrie Mathison from on or about April 28, 2014 thru the remainder of the school year from her teaching position. Motion seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

Love moved to approve the following spring 2014 coaching/extra curricular assignments as follows: Softball, Head-Tris Tollefson; Baseball, Head-Keith Larson; Boys' Golf-Brad Holten; Girls' Golf-Lane Powell; Spring Play-Jackie Whitacre. Motion was seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Topness moved to hire Liisa Wand as long-term substitute for Carrie Mathison's childcare leave. Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Love moved to set the Drivers Education fees for 2014 as follows: \$330.00 for Fillmore Central students, \$380.00 for non-Fillmore Central students, and \$40.00 per hour for additional behind-the-wheel training. Motion was seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

Love moved to approve the purchase of a 2003 Chevrolet Silverado pickup from McKean's for \$9,500.00 plus the trade-in of the 1992 Ford F-150. Motion was seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

Love moved to approve a copier lease with Tri-Business Machines for the Root River Program. Motion was seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Love moved to approve a Minnesota State-Moorhead student to job shadow Micki Breitsprecher as Director of Special Education for 160 hours in the 2013-14 school year. Motion was seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Love moved to approve sidewalk easement with the City of Harmony. Motion was seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held on approximately one acre of wooded property that was originally the property of a country school and was assumed by the Preston School District in 1956. The district was approached in October, 2008 and at that time the district voted to take no action on this parcel of land. The board will investigate further into this matter. No action was taken.

Britton moved to change the February regular board meeting to 7:00 a.m., February 26, 2014, in the elementary meeting room. Motion seconded by Love. Motion carried unanimously.

Kiehne, Love, & Keith updated the board on the recent MSBA conference.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Love, Clerk
Clerk, Independent School District #2198