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Fillmore Central School  
Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
October 28, 2008

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, October 28, 2008, in the Fillmore Central Middle School Media Center by Chairperson Sikkink. Present: Superintendent Myrna Luehmann, Bookkeeper Darla Ebner, Board Members: Britton, Ostrom, Ristau, Sikkink, Stevens, Topness, and Torgrimson. Absent: none. Visitors: Jade Wangen, Nancy Harrison, Leslie Christensen, Ross Kiehne, Paula Michel, Jolene Nelson, Jim Love, Gloria Keene, Dave Kiehne, Jane Montgomery, Michelle Breitsprecher, and Heath Olstad.

Recognition of visitors: none.

Additions to agenda:

- Approve seniority list
- Approve hire of paraprofessional
- Authorization to purchase certificate of deposit

Britton moved to approve the agenda with the addition listed above. Motion seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Torgrimson moved to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2008 regular board meeting. Motion was seconded by Stevens. Motion carried unanimously.

Torgrimson moved to approve the monthly claims in the amount of \$662,222.14. Motion was seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

Principal's report was received from Myrna Luehmann.

Principal's report was received from Heath Olstad.

Stevens moved to approve the hire of winter coaching positions as follows:

- 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls' basketball – Deb Ristau, Assistant wrestling – Joe Cullen (\$1,500 for the season)

Motion seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Stevens moved to approve the certified staff's seniority list as presented. Motion seconded by Torgrimson. Motion carried unanimously.

Britton moved to approve the open enrollment request of a Kingsland student to attend Fillmore Central High School. Motion seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Dave Kiehne, Fillmore County Recorder, answered questions for the Board regarding an approximate acre of land, located south of Preston off County 17 that has been recently discovered to belong to the district.

Ristau moved to take no action regarding the land. Motion seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Ostrom moved to increase the FTE of Connie Berg, ECSE teacher from .5 FTE to .675 FTE. Motion was seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

Topness moved to decrease the FTE of Alice Bigalk, transition specialist, per her request from .3 FTE to .2 FTE. Motion was seconded by Ostrom. Motion carried unanimously.

Stevens moved to hire Jennifer Lindstrom as a part-time paraprofessional, 4 ½ hours per day, Monday-Thursday each week. Motion seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

Topness moved to decrease the hours/day of the paraprofessionals at the Root River Program. Phyllis Hendrickson will be adjusted from 6.5 hours/day to 4 hours/day and Diane Torgerson will be adjusted from 4 hours/day to 2 hours/day. Motion seconded by Ristau. Motion carried unanimously.

Ostrom moved to accept the snow removal bid received from Mensink Landscaping for the Preston site and the bid received from JD Snowplowing for the Harmony site. Motion seconded by Stevens. Motion carried unanimously. Bids were received as follows:

**Preston site** (estimate of 3 hours per average snow removal):

Mensink Landscaping: 2”-6” snow \$200/time, 6” + snow \$200 for first 2.5 hours + \$75/hour for additional time.

TLC Excavating, Inc.: \$70/hour (sidewalks & lots), \$80/hour (bobcat use), \$75/hour (haul snow)

**Harmony site** (estimate of 1 hour per average snow removal):

JD Snowplowing: \$70/hour, \$50/hour (sidewalks – Bob Trouten)

TLC Excavating, Inc.: \$70/hour (sidewalks & lots), \$80/hour (bobcat use), \$75/hour (haul snow)

Britton moved to approve a field placement agreement with St. Mary’s University. Motion seconded by Ostrom. Motion carried unanimously.

Member Ostrom introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, which motion was seconded by Member Torgrimson:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$1,180,000  
GENERAL OBLIGATION TAXABLE OPEB BONDS, SERIES 2008A**

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 2198 (Fillmore Central Public Schools), Minnesota (the District), as follows:

**SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION.** It is hereby determined to be in the best interests of the District to issue its General Obligation Taxable OPEB Bonds, Series 2008A in the aggregate principal amount of \$1,180,000, (the Bonds) in order to fund the District’s actuarially determined liabilities to pay postemployment benefits to its employees or officers after their termination of service, as authorized pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.52, Subdivision 6. Bond proceeds will be held in a revocable trust as authorized by Minnesota Statutes, Section 471.6175. As used herein, the term “postemployment benefits” means benefits giving rise to a liability under Statement No. 45 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. This School Board

(the Board) has received a report dated as of September 2008 prepared by Hildi Incorporated, the District's actuary, specifying that the District's actuarially determined liabilities for postemployment benefits as of July 1, 2008, determined under the applicable standards of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, is \$1,181,167. The principal amount of the Bonds, net of issuance expenses and capitalized interest, if any, does not exceed such amount.

SECTION 2. TERMS OF PROPOSAL. Springsted Incorporated, financial advisor to the District, will prepare and present to the District's Superintendent a form of Terms of Proposal for the Bonds which shall contain the essential terms and conditions of the Bonds and of the sale thereof, and the Terms of Proposal, when approved by the Superintendent, shall be placed on file by the Clerk. The Superintendent is authorized and directed to set a date and time for receipt of proposals for the purchase of the Bonds, which shall be included in the Terms of Proposal. Springsted Incorporated, as independent financial advisor, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.60, Subdivision 2, paragraph (9) is hereby authorized to solicit proposals for the Bonds on behalf of the District on a negotiated basis.

SECTION 3. SALE MEETING. This Board shall meet on the date, at the time and place identified in the Terms of Proposal for the purpose of considering proposals for the purchase of the Bonds and of taking such action thereon as may be in the best interests of the District.

SECTION 4. STATE CREDIT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM. (a) The District hereby covenants and obligates itself to notify the Commissioner of Education of a potential default in the payment of principal and interest on the Bonds and to use the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55 to guarantee payment of the principal and interest on the Bonds when due. The District further covenants to deposit with the Registrar or any successor paying agent three (3) days prior to the date on which a payment is due an amount sufficient to make that payment or to notify the Commissioner of Education that it will be unable to make all or a portion of that payment. The Registrar for the Bonds is authorized and directed to notify the Commissioner of Education if it becomes aware of a potential default in the payment of principal or interest on the Bonds or if, on the day two (2) business days prior to the date a payment is due on the Bonds, there are insufficient funds to make that payment on deposit with the Registrar. The District understands that as a result of its covenant to be bound by the provision of Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55, the provisions of that section shall be binding as long as any Bonds of this issue remain outstanding.

(b) The District further covenants to comply with all procedures now and hereafter established by the Departments of Finance and Education of the State of Minnesota pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55, subdivision 2(c) and otherwise to take such actions as necessary to comply with that section. The chair, clerk, superintendent or business manager is authorized to execute any applicable Minnesota Department of Education forms.

Upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Britton, Ostrom, Sikkink, Stevens, Topness and Torgrimson

and the following voted against the same: Ristau

whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Discussion was held regarding the district's current fee and rental schedule. The Facilities Committee, along with Building & Grounds Supervisor Blaine Moe, will review the schedule and recommend appropriate changes/adjustments.

Torgrimson moved to hold a special board meeting on Thursday, November 6, 2008 at 12:00 pm to canvass and certify election results. Motion seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

Stevens moved to authorize the purchase of a certificate of deposit in the amount determined by the Superintendent so long as the interest rate is favorable for the district. Motion seconded by Torgrimson. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Luehmann informed the Board that the Southeast Service Cooperative is requesting nominations for their Board of Directors.

Topness moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Topness  
Clerk, Independent School District #2198