

Fillmore Central School  
Board of Education  
Organizational Meeting  
January 5, 2023

The organizational meeting of the Board of Education for Independent District #2198, Preston, Minnesota was called to order at 7:05 am. on the morning of Thursday, January 5, 2023, in the Fillmore Central High School meeting room by Chair Britton. Present: Superintendent Heath Olstad, Business Manager Darla Ebner, Payroll/Accounting Clerk Keeley Todd, Board Members: Bishop, Love, Ristau and re-elected members Britton, Pickett, Sikkink, and Topness. Absent: Pickett (joined meeting while in progress). Visitors: Eric and Tara Corson.

Recognition of visitors.

Superintendent Olstad administered the oath of office to re-elected board members Craig Britton, Sue Sikkink and Shelly Topness.

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

Member Pickett joined the meeting.

Topness moved to nominate Craig Britton as Chairperson for 2023. Motion was seconded by Sikkink. Love moved for nominations to cease, seconded by Bishop. Motions carried unanimously.

Sikkink moved to nominate Jennifer Pickett as Vice-Chairperson for 2023. Motion was seconded by Topness. Bishop moved for nominations to cease, seconded by Love. Motions carried unanimously.

Topness moved to nominate Deb Ristau as Clerk for 2023. Motion was seconded by Love. Sikkink moved for nominations to cease, seconded by Bishop. Motions carried unanimously.

Ristau moved to nominate Shelly Topness as Vice-Clerk for 2023. Motion was seconded by Sikkink. Love moved for nominations to cease, seconded by Bishop. Motions carried unanimously.

Bishop moved to nominate Sue Sikkink as Treasurer for 2023. Motion was seconded by Love. Topness moved for nominations to cease, seconded by Ristau. Motions carried unanimously.

Sikkink moved to set the school board salaries for 2023 as follows:

Chairperson \$1,560; Vice-Chairperson \$1,200; Clerk \$1,200; Vice-Clerk \$1,200;  
Treasurer \$1,470; Director \$1,200; all extra meetings \$25 each.

Motion was seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Eric and Tara Corson addressed the Board regarding their student's NHS appeal. Discussion was held.

Ristau moved to table a decision regarding the NHS appeal. Motion seconded by Topness. Motion carried (6-1). The committee reviewing the process will set a date/time for a special meeting to act on the NHS appeal.

Ristau moved to hold regular meetings on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm. Motion seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

It was the consensus of the Board to keep the January regular meeting and the scheduled date/time/location. A special meeting will be held to make a decision regarding the NHS appeal.

Discussion was held regarding make-up athletic events on Wednesday evenings. Some local clergy have been contacted and accept that decision with varsity only games when possible.

Superintendent Olstad administered the oath of office to re-elected board member Jennifer Pickett.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Ristau, Clerk  
Clerk, Independent School District #2198