

Fillmore Central School  
Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
November 16, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of Education for Independent District #2198, Preston, Minnesota was called to order at 7:02 a.m. on the morning of Tuesday, November 16, 2023, in the High School meeting room by Chairperson Britton. Present: Superintendent Heath Olstad, Business Manager Darla Ebner, Board Members: Bishop, Britton, Love, Pickett, Sikkink, and Topness. Absent: Ristau. Visitors: Sam Russell, and Hannah Wingert.

Recognition of visitors: None

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

Bishop moved to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2023, regular meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink moved to approve the monthly claims in the amount of \$470,970.20. Motion was seconded by Pickett. Motion carried unanimously.

Athletic Director's, Elementary Principal's, Community Ed Director's, and High School Principal's reports were presented by Heath Olstad.

Bishop moved to approve the maternity leave request submitted by Jessica Bradt. Motion seconded by Love. Motion carried unanimously.

Pickett moved to approve the resignation of Kelly Doherty as daycare aide. Motion seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink moved to approve Holly Knutson as a volunteer wrestling coach for the 2023/24 season. Motion seconded by Bishop. Motion carried unanimously.

Love moved to approve the transfer of \$892.50 from the Milk Assistance funds (fund 01) to fund 02 to pay milk break/healthy snack fees for students identified in need, and \$726.06 to pay past due lunch balances as of June 30, 2023 that have not yet been paid. Motion seconded by Pickett. Motion carried unanimously.

Pickett moved to accept the copy machine proposal received from Marco. Motion seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously. This is a 60-month lease to begin around January 1, 2024, for three Konica Minolta copy machines. *(Other proposals received from Access, EO Johnson and Tri-State.)*

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

**RESOLUTION RELATING TO CANVASSING RETURNS OF SPECIAL ELECTION**

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 2198 (Fillmore Central), Minnesota that the special election held in and for the School District on November 7, 2023, was in all respects duly and legally called and held, the returns thereof have been duly canvassed, and the votes cast at the special election for and against the question submitted to the electors were as follows:

School District Question  
Revoking Existing Referendum Revenue Authorization;  
Approving New Authorization

The board of Independent School District No. 2198 (Fillmore Central), Minnesota has proposed to revoke the School District's existing referendum revenue authorization of \$292.15 per pupil and replace that authorization

with a new authorization of \$783.86 per pupil, subject to an annual increase at the rate of inflation. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would be first levied in 2023 for taxes payable in 2024 and applicable for ten (10) years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

Shall the revocation of the existing referendum authorization and the new authorization proposed by the board of Independent School District No. 2198 (Fillmore Central), Minnesota be approved?

**BY VOTING “YES” ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE**

<u>Votes</u> <u>YES</u>	<u>Votes</u> <u>NO</u>	<u>Spoiled, Defective or</u> <u>Blank Ballots</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>VOTES</u>
<u>300</u>	<u>409</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>709</u>

The ballot question, having not received the approval of a majority of the votes cast, is hereby declared not to have carried.

Pursuant to Section 126C.17, Subdivision 9 and Section 205A.07, Subdivision 3a, the Clerk is hereby instructed to notify the Commissioner of Education of the results of the special election and to provide the certified vote totals for the ballot question in written form within 15 days after the results have been certified by the Board.

Upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Bishop, Britton, Love, Pickett, Sikkink, and Topness

and the following voted against the same: None

whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted and was signed by the Chairperson and attested by the Clerk.

Love moved to approve the World’s Best Workforce report as presented. Motion seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Olstad reminded the Board that the Truth in Taxation meeting held on December 19th will begin at 6:01 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Shelly Topness, Vice-Clerk  
Independent School District #2198