

Fillmore Central School
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
April 23, 2024

The 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 Tuesday, April 23, 2024, in the Fillmore Central Elementary School meeting room by Chairperson Britton. Present: Superintendent Heath Olstad, Business Manager Darla Ebner, Payroll/Accounting Clerk Keeley Todd, Board Members: Bishop, Britton, Pickett, Ristau, Sikkink, and Topness. Absent: Love. Visitors: Hannah Wingert and Kelsey Woellert.

Recognition of visitors - None.

Pickett moved to approve the agenda with the following additions:

~Item L under personnel: Approve resignation of elementary teacher.

~Item M under personnel: Approve hire of head boys basketball coach.

Motion seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Ristau moved to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2024, regular board meeting. Motion seconded by Bishop. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink moved to approve the monthly claims in the amount of \$456,414.45. Motion was seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

The Community Ed Director, Elem Principal/Athletic Director, HS Principal's reports were presented by Heath Olstad.

Sikkink moved to approve the hire of Emily Hahn Larson as Grades 5-12 Band Director to begin in the 2024/25 school year. Motion seconded by Pickett. Motion carried unanimously.

Topness moved to approve the hire of Tim Ostrom as Summer Rec Coordinator. Motion seconded by Bishop. Motion carried unanimously.

Member Ristau introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE TERMINATION
AND NONRENEWAL OF THE TEACHING CONTRACT
OF CONNIE LINDSTROM, A PROBATIONARY TEACHER

WHEREAS, Connie Lindstrom is a probationary teacher in Independent School District No. 2198.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 2198 that pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 122A.40, Subdivision 5, that the teaching contract of Connie Lindstrom, a probationary teacher in Independent School District No. 2198 is hereby terminated at the close of the current 2023-24 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that written notice be sent to said teacher regarding termination and non-renewal of her contract as provided by law, and that said notice shall be in substantially the following form:

NOTICE OF TERMINATION
AND NON-RENEWAL

Ms. Connie Lindstrom
320 6th St. SE
Harmony, MN 55939

Dear Ms. Lindstrom:

You are hereby notified that at the regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 2198 held on April 23, 2024, a resolution was adopted by a majority vote to terminate your contract effective at the end of the current school year and not to renew your contract for the 2024-2025 school year. Said action of the board is taken pursuant to M.S. 122A.40, Subd. 5.

You may officially request that the school board give its reasons for the non-renewal of your teaching contract. For your information, however, this action is taken due to the financial constraints of the school district and the re-assignment of district personnel.

Yours very truly,
SCHOOL BOARD OF
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2198
/s/ Craig Britton
Chairman of the School Board

The motion for the adoption for the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Sikkink and upon vote being taken thereon, the motion carried unanimously.

Topness moved to approve a FMLA/maternity leave request from Kaitlyn Steichen. Motion seconded by Pickett. Motion carried unanimously.

Ristau moved to approve the hire of Logan Walker as district wide special education teacher to begin in the 2024/25 school year. Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Bishop moved to approve the resignation of Alex Lange as Jr. High boys basketball coach. Motion seconded by Pickett. Motion carried unanimously.

Pickett moved to approve the resignation of Karen Skretta as One Block at a Time Coordinator/Lead Teacher. Motion seconded by Ristau. Motion carried unanimously.

Topness moved to approve the resignation of Diane Strahl as One Block at a Time substitute. Motion seconded by Bishop. Motion carried unanimously.

Bishop moved to approve the resignation of Sonia Bockoven as ECFE Parent Educator. Motion seconded by Ristau. Motion carried unanimously.

Ristau moved to hire the following coaches for the 2024/25 school year:

Football: Chris Mensink, head; Andrew Pederson, assistant coach; Andy Todd, JV; David Broadwater, 9th; Tyler Sloan, 8th; Brady Ristau, 7th; Kurt Bockoven and Aaron Janssen volunteers
Volleyball: Travis Malley, head; Shelly Topness, 9th grade; Hope Sexton, 8th grade
Cheerleading: Brandi Rettick

Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried passed. Shelly Topness abstained.

Pickett moved to hire the following as ESY staff for summer 2024: Amanda Thomas, Jennifer Lindstrom, Connie Berg and Paula Birch. Motion seconded by Bishop. Motion carried unanimously.

Ristau moved to approve the resignation of Kaitlyn Gross as elementary teacher. Motion seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Pickett moved to approve the hire of Jeremy Plowman as head boys basketball coach for the 2024/25 school year. Motion seconded by Bishop. Motion carried unanimously.

Topness moved to approve the renewal of the contract with Teachers on Call for the 2024/25 school year. Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Topness moved to approve a contract with Infinitec for the 2024/25 school year. Motion seconded by Pickett. Motion carried unanimously.

Pickett moved to approve a contract with eLuma for school psychologist services (0.2 FTE) for the 2024/25 school year. Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Topness moved to accept the quote received from Athletic Performance Solutions to sand and refinish the gym floor in the Harmony varsity gym (\$19,300). Motion seconded by Ristau. Motion carried unanimously. *(Second quote received from FLR Sanders - \$34,101)*

Sikkink moved to appoint Mr. Heath Olstad as the Designated Identified Official with Authority at MDE to authorize user access to secure websites. Motion seconded by Bishop. Motion carried unanimously.

Topness moved to approve the list of quarterly donations (Jan-March 2024) in the amount of \$63,441.80. Motion seconded by Pickett. Motion carried unanimously. *Thank you!*

Bishop moved to approve a sports sharing agreement with Mabel-Canton Schools for the 2024/25 school year. Motion seconded by Pickett. Motion carried unanimously.

Topness moved to approve a sports sharing agreement with Lanesboro Schools for the 2024/25 school year. Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding:
~December 2024 board meeting date/time.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Ristau, Clerk
Independent School District #2198