

Fillmore Central School
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
November 13, 2024

The regular meeting of the Board of Education for Independent District #2198, Preston, Minnesota was called to order at 7:00 a.m. on the morning of Tuesday, November 13, 2024, in the High School meeting room by Chairperson Britton. Present: Superintendent Heath Olstad, Business Manager Darla Ebner, Payroll/Accounting Clerk Keeley Todd Board Members: Britton, Love, Pickett, Ristau, Sikkink, and Topness. Absent: Bishop (joined meeting while in progress). Visitors: Jen Lindstrom, Hannah Wingert, and Jason Boynton.

Recognition of visitors: None

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

Love moved to approve the minutes of the September 18, October 6, and October 22, 2024 meetings as presented. Motion seconded by Pickett. Motion carried unanimously.

Member Bishop joined the meeting at 7:01 a.m.

Sikkink moved to approve the [monthly claims](#) in the amount of \$493,190.58. Motion was seconded by Ristau. Motion carried unanimously.

Jason Boynton from Smith, Shafer & Associates reviewed the June 30, 2024 audit with the Board.

Bishop moved to approve the June 30, 2024 audit report. Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Pickett moved to approve the hire of Rick Koch as a full time custodian. Motion seconded by Ristau. Motion carried unanimously.

Ristau moved to approve the transfer of \$1,455 from the Milk Assistance funds (fund 01) to fund 02 to pay milk break/healthy snack fees for students identified in need. Motion seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**RESOLUTION CANVASSING RETURNS
OF VOTES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL ELECTION**

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 2198, Fillmore Central School, as follows:

1. It is hereby found, determined, and declared that the general election of the voters of the district held on November 5, 2024, was in all respects duly and legally called and held.
2. As specified in the attached Abstract and Return of Votes Cast, the district voted at said election on the election of (three) school board members for four-year term vacancies on the board caused by expiration of term on the first Monday in January next following the general election as follows:

JASON SCHWARZ	1,665
CARRIE MATHISON	1,575
BRIAN MICHEL	1,206

3. Jason Schwarz, Carrie Mathison, and Brian Michel, having received the highest number of votes, are elected to four-year terms beginning the first Monday in January 2025.

4. The school district clerk is hereby authorized to certify the results of the election to the county auditor of each county in which the school district is located in whole or in part.

Voting in favor: Bishop, Britton, Love, Pickett, Ristau, Sikkink, and Topness

Voting against: None

Motion carried.

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

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES
OF ELECTION AND DIRECTING SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK
TO PERFORM OTHER ELECTION RELATED DUTIES**

WHEREAS, the board has canvassed the general election for school board members held on November 5, 2024.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 2198, State of Minnesota, as follows:

1. The chair and clerk are hereby authorized to execute certificates of election on behalf of the school board of Independent School District No. 2198 to the following candidates:

- a. JASON SCHWARZ
- b. CARRIE MATHISON
- c. BRIAN MICHEL

who have received a sufficiently large number of votes to be elected to fill vacancies on the board caused by expiration of term on the first Monday in January next following the election, based on the results of the canvass.

2. The certificate of election shall be in substantially the form attached hereto.

3. After the time for contesting the election has passed and the candidate has filed all campaign financial reports required by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 211A, the clerk of the school board is hereby directed to deliver the certificates to the persons entitled thereto personally or by certified mail.

4. The clerk is hereby directed to enclose with the certificate a form of acceptance of office and oath of office in substantially the form attached hereto.

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION
(Full 4 Year Term)

This is to certify as follows:

1. The School Board of Independent School District No. 2198 on November 13, 2024, canvassed the general election of school board members held on November 5, 2024.

2. JASON SCHWARZ, CARRIE MATHISON and BRIAN MICHEL received the (largest/second largest/third largest) number of votes cast for the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 2198 for a full four-year term.

3. There are three full four-year term vacancies on the board caused by expiration of term on the first Monday in January next following the election.

4. Therefore JASON SCHWARZ, CARRIE MATHISON and BRIAN MICHEL are elected to the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 2198 for a full four-year term beginning the first Monday in January, 2025 and expiring the first Monday in January, 2029.

By authority of the School Board of Independent School District No.2198, pursuant to resolution dated November 13, 2024.

Voting in favor: Bishop, Britton, Love, Pickett, Ristau, Sikkink, and Topness

Voting against: None

Motion carried

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

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 5, 2024, 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 \$1,127 per pupil, subject to an annual increase at the rate of inflation. The proposed new referendum revenue authorization would be first levied in 2024 for taxes payable in 2025 and applicable for ten (10) years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

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

PASSAGE OF THIS REFERENDUM WILL RESULT IN AN INCREASE IN YOUR PROPERTY TAXES

Votes	Votes	Spoiled, Defective or
<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>Blank Ballots</u>
<u>1,143</u>	<u>1,574</u>	<u>NA</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 Minnesota Statutes, 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 each 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, Ristau, 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 Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Olstad reminded the Board that the Truth in Taxation meeting will be held on December 17th and will begin at 6:01 p.m. He also thanked the First Southeast Bank for their jeans for a cause donation toward the milk break and healthy snack assistance fund.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Ristau, Clerk
Independent School District #2198