

Fillmore Central School
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
December 17, 2024

The regular meeting of the Board of Education for Independent District #2198, Preston, Minnesota was called to order at 6:02 p.m. on the evening of Tuesday, December 17, 2024, in the Elementary meeting room by Vice-Chairperson Jennifeer Pickett. Present: Superintendent Heath Olstad, Business Manager Darla Ebner, Board Members: Bishop, Love, Pickett, Ristau, Sikkink and Topness. Absent: Britton. Visitors: Connie Berg, Belle Berg, and Carrie Mathison.

Recognition of visitors: none.

Bishop moved to approve the agenda with the addition of hiring Spelling Bee co-coordinators. Motion seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Love moved to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2024, regular meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink moved to approve the [monthly claims](#) in the amount of \$632,856.85. Motion was seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Olstad presented the District's annual [Truth in Taxation](#) information.

Ristau moved to approve the 2024 payable 2025 levy as follows:

General	\$1,074,022.10
Community Service	\$81,625.26
Debt Service	\$503,582.99
OPEB Debt Service	<u>\$103,089.36</u>
Total	\$1,762,319.71

Motion seconded by Bishop. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Love moved to approve Cal Prigge as a volunteer wrestling coach. Motion was seconded by Ristau. Motion carried unanimously.

Bishop moved to accept the resignation of Jeremy Plowman as varsity boys' basketball coach, effective immediately. Motion was seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Love approved the revised 2024/25 boys' basketball coaching assignments: Andy Todd-interim head coach; Will Nolan-JV; Quincy Burland-9th grade; Aaron Janssen-8th grade; Matt Anderson-7th Grade. Motion seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Ristau moved to approve Sarah O'Connell and Jackie Whitacre as co-coordinators of this year's Spelling Bee. Motion seconded by Bishop. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution Directing the Administration
to Make Recommendations Regarding the Reduction and/or
Discontinuance of Programs and Positions and Reasons Therefor

Member Love introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, there has been a reduction in overall student enrollment and the financial limitations of the District dictate that the School Board must reduce expenditures and

WHEREAS, this decrease in student enrollment and this reduction in expenditures may necessitate the discontinuance or reduction of programs and/or the discontinuance or reduction of positions, and

WHEREAS, a determination must be made as to whether programs or positions must be reduced and/or discontinued,

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

That the School Board hereby directs the Superintendent and Administration to consider the discontinuance and/or reduction of programs or positions to effectuate economies in the District and reduce expenditures as a result of a reduction in enrollment and make recommendations to the School Board for the discontinuance of programs, reduction of programs, discontinuance of positions, or the reduction of positions.

The motion for the adoption of the preceding resolution was duly seconded by Member Ristau and upon vote being taken thereon,

the following voted in favor thereof: Bishop, Love, Pickett, Ristau, Sikkink, and Topness

the following voted against: none

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Member Sikkink introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, which motion was seconded by Member Topness.

Resolution Establishing Combined Polling Places
For Multiple Precincts And Designating Hours During Which The Polling
Places Will Remain Open For Voting For School District Elections Not Held
On The Day Of A Statewide Election

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

1. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.11, the precincts and polling places for school district elections are those precincts or parts of precincts located within the boundaries of the school district which have been established by the cities or towns located in whole or in part within the school district. The board hereby confirms those precincts and polling places so established by those municipalities.

2. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.11, the board may establish a combined polling place for several precincts for school district elections not held on the day of a statewide election. Each combined polling place must be a polling place that has been designated by a county or municipality. The following combined polling places are established to serve the precincts specified for all school district special and general elections not held on the same day as a statewide election:

Combined Polling Place(s):

Fillmore Central ISD #2198 District Office, 700 Chatfield St, Preston, MN 55965

This combined polling place serves all territory in Independent School District No. 2198 located in the City of Preston, City of Fountain and Chatfield, Carrolton, Fountain, Preston, Forestville, Carimona Townships, in Fillmore County, Minnesota.

Fillmore Central ISD #2198 High School, 145 Main Ave. S., Harmony, MN 55939

This combined polling place serves all territory in Independent School District No. 2198 located in the City of Harmony and Amherst, Bristol, Canton, Harmony, and York Townships in Fillmore County, Minnesota.

3. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.09, the polling places will remain open for voting for school district elections not held on the same day as the statewide election between the hours of 3:30 P.M. and 8:00 P.M.

4. The clerk is directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the county auditors of each of the counties in which the school district is located, in whole or in part, within thirty (30) days after its adoption.

5. As required by Minnesota Statutes, Section 204B.16, Subdivision 1a, the clerk is hereby authorized and directed to give written notice of new polling place locations to each affected household with at least one registered voter in the school district whose school district polling place location has been changed. The notice must be a nonforwardable notice mailed at least twenty-five (25) days before the date of the first election to which it will apply. A notice that is returned as undeliverable must be forwarded immediately to the appropriate county auditor, who shall change the registrant's status to "challenged" in the statewide registration system.

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

Voting against: none.

Motion carried unanimously.

Love moved to set the 2025 Driver Training Fees as follows: \$360 for Fillmore Central students, \$460 for individuals that do not attend Fillmore Central or are part-time students, and \$60 per hour for extra BTW time. Motion was seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink moved to approve a special organizational board meeting on Thursday, January 2, 2025 at 7:00 A.M. in the elementary meeting room. Motion seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Thank you to Deb Ristau, Jim Love, and Aaron Bishop, the outgoing Board Members, for their years of service on the Fillmore Central School Board.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Ristau, Clerk
Independent School District #2198