

Fillmore Central School  
Board of Education  
Organizational Meeting  
January 2, 2025

The organizational 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 Thursday, January 2, 2025, in the Fillmore Central Elementary meeting room by Chair Britton. Present: Superintendent Heath Olstad, Business Manager Darla Ebner, Board Members: Britton, Mathison, Michel, Pickett, Schwarz, Sikkink, and Topness. Absent: none.

Recognition of visitors. None.

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

The Oath of Office was administered to the new Board Members Mathison, Michel, and Schwarz by Chair Britton.

Sikkink nominated Jennifer Pickett as Chairperson for 2025. Motion seconded by Topness. Sikkink moved for nominations to cease. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson Pickett began leading the meeting.

Topness nominated Craig Britton as Vice-Chairperson for 2025. Motion seconded by Sikkink. Sikkink moved for nominations to cease. Motion carried unanimously.

Britton nominated Michelle (Shelly) Topness as Clerk for 2025. Motion seconded by Sikkink. Sikkink moved for nominations to cease. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink nominated Jason Schwarz as Vice-Clerk for 2025. Motion seconded by Britton. Britton moved for nominations to cease. Motion carried unanimously.

Topness nominated Susan Sikkink as Treasurer for 2025. Motion seconded by Britton. Britton moved for nominations to cease. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink moved to set the school board salaries for 2025 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.

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

Schwarz moved to hold the January regular meeting at 5:00 P.M. on January 28, 2025 in the high school meeting room. Motion seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Topness, Clerk  
Independent School District #2198

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