

Fillmore Central School
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
January 28, 2025

The regular meeting of the Board of Education for Independent District #2198, Preston, Minnesota was called to order at 5:00 p.m. on the evening of Tuesday, January 28, 2025, in the Fillmore Central High School Meeting Room by Chairperson Pickett. Present: Superintendent Heath Olstad, Payroll/Accounting Clerk Keeley Todd, Board Members: Mathison, Michel, Pickett, Schwarz, and Topness. Absent: Britton and Sikkink. Visitors: Kayla Koch, Morgan Knutson, and Anna Lane.

Recognition of visitors: none.

Topness moved to approve the agenda as published. Motion seconded by Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

Schwarz moved to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2024 regular board meeting and the January 2, 2025 special board meeting. Motion seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Mathison moved to approve the [monthly claims](#) in the amount of \$818,996.84. Motion seconded by Schwarz. Motion carried unanimously.

Michel moved to set the 2025 committee assignments as follows:

Community Education	Mathison, Topness
Special Education Advisory Council	Sikkink
Continuing Education	Sikkink
Meet and Confer	Sikkink, Topness
MSBA Liaison	Pickett
MSHSL/Three-Rivers Conference	Schwarz
Negotiations	Michel, Pickett, Topness
Policy	Michel, Schwarz, Sikkink
System Accountability	Topness
Extra-Curricular Advisory	Britton, Pickett
Staff Development	Mathison
Vendor Negotiations	Britton, Michel, Schwarz
Facility Focus	Britton, Mathison, Michel
Budget	Britton, Pickett, Schwarz
Technology	Britton
Curriculum/Calendar	Mathison, Sikkink
Vocational Studies	Mathison, Pickett

Motion seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Schwarz moved to designate the First Southeast Bank of Harmony, F&M Community Bank of Preston, First State Bank of Fountain, and the Minnesota School District Liquid Asset Fund (MSDLAF) as the official depositories for 2025. Motion seconded by Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

Topness moved to designate the Fillmore County Journal as the official newspaper for 2025. Motion seconded by Schwarz. Motion carried unanimously.

Schwarz moved to designate KTTC-TV, as the official television station for school closings along with the Fillmore Central school website, Fillmore Central Facebook page, and the student JMC Messenger system. Motion seconded by Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

Topness moved to give authority to wire-transfer funds and purchase Certificates of Deposit to Darla Ebner, Keeley Todd, and Heath Olstad. Motion seconded by Mathison. Motion carried unanimously.

Schwarz moved to authorize payment of bills prior to school board meetings that have a penalty for late payment. Motion seconded by Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

Topness moved to designate Knutson, Flynn, and Deans as official school district legal counsel. Motion was seconded by Mathison. Motion carried unanimously.

Mathison moved to designate the elementary office, district office, and the high school office as designated posting places for official notices. Motion seconded by Schwarz. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Michel moved to approve a pay increase for Ryder Witte to \$22.27 as he now holds a Special Class C Engineer boiler certification. This pay increase will take effect the first working day after he passed his exam. Motion seconded by Schwarz. Motion carried unanimously.

Topness moved to approve the hire of the following spring coaches:

Softball: Derek Ihrke (head coach) and Kelsey Biel (assistant coach);

Girls Golf: Aaron Mensink (head coach) and Andy Todd (assistant coach);

Boys Golf: Brad Holten (head coach) and Tyler Sloan (assistant coach);

Baseball: Josh Jones (head coach), Don Schoepski (assistant coach), and Andrew Johnson (volunteer).

Motion seconded by Mathison. Motion carried unanimously.

Schwarz moved to approve the clay target activity fee of \$25 per person and a \$20 course fee for each student enrolled in the Fish & Wildlife course. Motion seconded by Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

Topness moved to approve the 2024/25 seniority list as presented. Motion seconded by Mathison. Motion carried unanimously.

Michel moved to approve the bid received from La Crosse Glass & Overhead Door Co. to install the equipment needed to have handicap accessibility for the canopy entrance at the elementary school. Quote total \$9,312.64. A different company will install the necessary electrical wiring at an additional cost. Motion seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously. *Another quote received from Bredemus Hardware Co., Inc.*

Mathison moved to approve the ALP Summer Program as presented (one day per week for eight weeks - June to July 2025.) Marsha Dowe-Indahl will be the teacher and a paraprofessional (to be determined) will be hired should enrollment in the ALP program exceed 7 students per session. Motion seconded by Schwarz. Motion carried unanimously.

Mathison moved to approve the purchase of a 2025 Ford Expedition from Nelson Auto Center and trade in a 2018 Ford Transit van to offset the cost. The quote, without tax and registration, totaled \$44,595 (state contract price.) Motion seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Mathison moved to accept, with thanks, the generous community donations to the district from October 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024 totaling \$42,818.32 as presented (*complete list of donations is on file in the district office.*) Motion seconded by Schwarz. Motion carried unanimously.

Topness moved to approve the Pay Equity Implementation Report as presented. Motion was seconded by Mathison. Motion carried unanimously.

Mathison moved to change the date and time of the February, 2025, regular board meeting to 5:00 p.m. on February 26, 2025 in the Elementary Meeting Room in Preston. Motion seconded by Schwarz. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was heard regarding:

- board committee meeting schedules

Mathison moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Schwarz. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Topness, Clerk
Independent School District #2198