

Fillmore Central School  
Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
March 25, 2025

The regular meeting of the Board of Education for Independent District #2198, Preston, Minnesota was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the evening of Tuesday, March 25, 2025, in the Fillmore Central High School Meeting Room by Chairperson Jennifer Pickett. Present: Superintendent Heath Olstad, Payroll/Accounting Clerk Keeley Todd, Board Members: Mathison, Michel, Pickett, Schwarz, Sikkink, and Topness. Absent: Britton. Visitors: Sam Russell, Logan Walker, and Hannah Wingert.

Recognition of visitors: none.

Topness moved to approve the agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Schwarz. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink moved to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2025, regular board meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink moved to approve the [monthly claims](#) in the amount of \$489,655.12. Motion was seconded by Schwarz. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Topness moved to approve Austin Bahler, Nicholas Mensink, Andy Johnson, Cooper Ferrie, and Peyton Olson as volunteer baseball coaches and Derek O'Connor as a volunteer softball coach. Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Michel moved to approve Jackie Whitacre as the Spring Musical Director and Sarah Holten as the Spring Musical Assistant Director and Accompanist. Motion seconded by Schwarz. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink moved to hire the following as ESY (Extended School Year) teachers for summer 2025: Paula Birch, Connie Berg, Amanda Thomas, and Jennifer Lindstrom. Motion seconded by Mathison. Motion carried unanimously.

Topness moved to accept the resignation of Sarah Holten from her 9th grade advisor role at the end of the 2024/25 school year. Motion was seconded by Mathison. Motion carried unanimously.

Mathison moved to approve Region V's services for fiscal year 2026 (\$12,980.15). Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Schwarz 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 Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

Mathison moved to approve the special education ESY (extended school year) for both elementary and high school special education students. There will be 10 sessions, 3 hours each. Dates will be August 4-8 & August 11-15. Motion was seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Mathison moved to approve the food service management renewal contract with Taher for the 2025/26 school year. Motion seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Schwarz moved to approve the transfer of \$575.00 for elementary supply fee assistance and \$140.00 for health snack assistance. Motion seconded by Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink moved to approve the open enrollment request received for one student from the Kingsland School District beginning in the 2025/26 school year and three students from the Chatfield School District beginning immediately. Motion seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was heard regarding the need for a few committees to meet in the near future.

Topness moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Schwarz. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Topness  
Clerk, Independent School District #2198