

Fillmore Central School
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
April 22, 2025

The regular meeting of the Board of Education for Independent District #2198, Preston, Minnesota was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on the evening of Tuesday, April 22, 2025, in the Fillmore Central Elementary School meeting room by Chairperson Pickett. Present: Superintendent Heath Olstad, Payroll/Accounting Clerk Keeley Todd, Board Members: Britton, Mathison, Michel, Pickett, Schwarz, Sikkink, and Topness. Absent: none. Visitors: Hannah Wingert and Karlee Spande.

Recognition of visitors - None.

Schwarz moved to approve the agenda with the addition to approve the resignation of the cheer coach. Motion seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Britton moved to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2025, regular board meeting. Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink moved to approve the [monthly claims](#) in the amount of \$514,695.83. Motion was seconded by Mathison. Motion carried unanimously.

The Community Ed Director, Elem Principal/Athletic Director, HS Principal's reports were presented by Heath Olstad.

Britton moved to approve the hire of Jessica Spencer for the Elementary Music position to begin in the 2025/26 school year. Motion seconded by Schwarz. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink moved to approve the hire of Tim Ostrom as Summer Rec Coordinator; Mary Beth Ostrom and Kaelyn McCaleb as Van Driver/Coach; Maddie Topness, Bridon Bahl, Amelia Ringer, Joey Pederson, and Ryan Schroeder as Student Coaches. Motion seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Britton moved to approve the hire of Aaron Kruckenberg as a 3/4 PreK Daycare Aide. Motion seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Member Sikkink introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE TERMINATION
AND NONRENEWAL OF THE TEACHING CONTRACT
OF CONNIE LINDSTROM, A PROBATIONARY TEACHER

WHEREAS, Connie Lindstrom is a probationary teacher in Independent School District No. 2198.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 2198 that pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 122A.40, Subdivision 5, that the teaching contract of Connie Lindstrom, a probationary teacher in Independent School District No. 2198 is hereby terminated at the close of the current 2024-2025 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that written notice be sent to said teacher regarding termination and non-renewal of her contract as provided by law, and that said notice shall be in substantially the following form:

NOTICE OF TERMINATION
AND NON-RENEWAL

Ms. Connie Lindstrom
320 6th St. SE
Harmony, MN 55939

Dear Ms. Lindstrom:

You are hereby notified that at the regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 2198 held on April 22, 2025, a resolution was adopted by a majority vote to terminate your contract effective at the end of the current school year and not to renew your contract for the 2025-2026 school year. Said action of the board is taken pursuant to M.S. 122A.40, Subd. 5.

You may officially request that the school board give its reasons for the non-renewal of your teaching contract. For your information, however, this action is taken due to the financial constraints of the school district and the re-assignment of district personnel.

Yours very truly,

SCHOOL BOARD OF
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2198
/s/ Jennifer Pickett
Chairman of the School Board

The motion for the adoption for the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Mathison and upon vote being taken thereon, the motion carried unanimously.

Member Topness introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE TERMINATION
AND NONRENEWAL OF THE TEACHING CONTRACT
OF DEREK IHRKE, A PROBATIONARY TEACHER

WHEREAS, Derek Ihrke is a probationary teacher in Independent School District No. 2198.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 2198 that pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 122A.40, Subdivision 5, that the teaching contract of Derek Ihrke, a probationary teacher in Independent School District No. 2198 is hereby terminated at the close of the current 2024-2025 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that written notice be sent to said teacher regarding termination and non-renewal of her contract as provided by law, and that said notice shall be in substantially the following form:

NOTICE OF TERMINATION
AND NON-RENEWAL

Mr. Derek Ihrke
8022 195th Ave SE
Dover, MN 55929

Dear Mr. Ihrke:

You are hereby notified that at the regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 2198 held on April 22, 2025, a resolution was adopted by a majority vote to terminate your contract effective at the end of the current school year and not to renew your contract for the 2025-2026 school year. Said action of the board is taken pursuant to M.S. 122A.40, Subd. 5.

You may officially request that the school board give its reasons for the non-renewal of your teaching contract. For your information, however, this action is taken due to the financial constraints of the school district and the re-assignment of district personnel.

Yours very truly,

SCHOOL BOARD OF
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2198
/s/ Jennifer Pickett
Chairman of the School Board

The motion for the adoption for the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Britton and upon vote being taken thereon, the motion carried unanimously.

Member Schwarz introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE TERMINATION
AND NONRENEWAL OF THE TEACHING CONTRACT
OF ISABELLE BERG, A PROBATIONARY TEACHER

WHEREAS, Isabelle Berg is a probationary teacher in Independent School District No. 2198.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 2198 that pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 122A.40, Subdivision 5, that the teaching contract of Isabelle Berg, a probationary teacher in Independent School District No. 2198 is hereby terminated at the close of the current 2024-2025 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that written notice be sent to said teacher regarding termination and non-renewal of her contract as provided by law, and that said notice shall be in substantially the following form:

NOTICE OF TERMINATION
AND NON-RENEWAL

Ms. Isabelle Berg
600 Birchwood Lane
Chatfield, MN 55923

Dear Ms. Berg:

You are hereby notified that at the regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 2198 held on April 22, 2025, a resolution was adopted by a majority vote to terminate your contract effective at the end of the current school year and not to renew your contract for the 2025-2026 school year. Said action of the board is taken pursuant to M.S. 122A.40, Subd. 5.

You may officially request that the school board give its reasons for the non-renewal of your teaching contract. For your information, however, this action is taken due to the financial constraints of the school district and the re-assignment of district personnel.

Yours very truly,

SCHOOL BOARD OF
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2198
/s/ Jennifer Pickett
Chairman of the School Board

The motion for the adoption for the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Topness and upon vote being taken thereon, the motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink moved to approve the hire of Andy Todd as head boys basketball coach for the 2025/26 school year. Motion seconded by Mathison. Motion carried unanimously.

Michel moved to accept the resignation of Jackie Whitacre as the 7th grade advisor at the end of the 2024/25 school year. Motion seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

Topness moved to accept the resignation of Emma Breitsprecher as an Elementary Special Education Teacher at the end of the 2024/25 school year. Motion seconded by Mathison. Motion carried unanimously.

Schwarz moved to hire the following coaches for the 2025/26 school year:

Football: Chris Mensink, head; Andrew Pederson, assistant coach; Andy Todd, JV; David Broadwater, 9th; Tyler Sloan, 8th; Brady Ristau, 7th; Kurt Bockoven, Aaron Janssen, and Gary Sloan as volunteers

Volleyball: Travis Malley, head; Shelly Topness, JV; Morgan Knutson, JH
Motion seconded by Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

Britton moved to accept the resignation of Brandi Rettick as the cheer coach. Motion seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Britton moved to approve the 2024/25 Revised Revenue and Expense budget as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
General 01+21	9,035,827	9,631,621	(595,794)
Food Service 02	634,173	609,312	24,861
Community Svc 04	907,149	883,328	23,821
Debt Service 07	577,341	568,463	8,878
Custodial 18	32,701	34,441	(1,740)
OPEB Debt Svc 47	99,925	98,468	1,457
GRAND TOTAL	11,287,116	11,825,633	(538,517)
OPEB Retiree Ins. 25	16,000	12,720	3,280

Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Michel moved to approve a contract with Infinitec for the 2025/26 school year. Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Britton moved to approve an agreement with Tonns of Fun for therapy services for the 2025/26 school year. Motion seconded by Schwarz. Motion carried unanimously.

Mathison moved to solicit quotes for bussing services beginning with the 2025/26 school year. Motion seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Mathison moved to approve a contract with eLuma for school psychologist services (0.2 FTE) for the 2025/26 school year. Motion seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

Topness moved to approve the list of quarterly donations (January-March 2025) in the amount of \$81,293.03. Motion seconded by Schwarz. Motion carried unanimously. *Thank you!*

Britton moved to approve a sports sharing agreement with Mabel-Canton Schools for the 2025/26 school year. Motion seconded by Schwarz. Motion carried unanimously.

Topness moved to approve a sports sharing agreement with Lanesboro Schools for the 2025/26 school year. Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding:

- ~ Building bond and operating levy referendum.
- ~ RevTrak transaction fees and the potential to pass along, at minimum, a portion of the fee to parents/purchasers.
- ~ The potential to implement activity fees again beginning in the 2025/26 school year.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Topness
Clerk, Independent School District #2198