

Fillmore Central School  
Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
May 27, 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, May 27, 2025, in the Fillmore Central High School Meeting Room by Vice-Chairperson Britton. Present: Superintendent Heath Olstad, Business Manager Darla Ebner, Board Members: Britton, Mathison, Michel, Sikkink, and Topness. Absent: Pickett. Visitors: Hannah Wingert, Anna Lane, and Aaron Bishop.

Recognition of visitors: none.

Sikkink moved to approve the agenda with the removal of items 7A-Approve Special Education Service Contract-Physical Therapy, 7B-Approve Special Education Service Contract-Vision Impairment, 7C-Approve Special Education Service Contract-Deaf/Hard of Hearing. Motion seconded by Schwarz. Motion carried unanimously.

Mathison moved to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2025, regular board meeting. Motion seconded by Schwarz. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink moved to approve the [monthly claims](#) in the amount of \$703,277.67. Motion was seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Topness moved to approve the hire of Anna Jetson as a lead teacher in the daycare area. Motion was seconded by Schwarz. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink moved to approve 80 hours of summer FFA responsibilities for both Kayla Koch and Kelsey Biel. Motion was seconded by Schwarz. Motion carried unanimously.

Topness moved to accept the resignation of Alex Lange as 8th Grade Advisor. Motion was seconded by Mathison. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink moved to accept the resignation of Brady Ristau from his high school vocational teaching position. Motion was seconded by Michel. Due to the financial constraints of the district, this position vacated by a staff's resignation will not be filled for the 2025/26 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Schwarz moved to approve the hire of Alex Lange as 9th Grade Advisor for the 2025/26 school year. Motion was seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Mathison moved to approve the hire of the following summer Pre-K staff: Jessica Bradt, Cari Ledin, Deb Ebner, Sonia Bockoven, and Mindy Wolfgram. Motion was seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Michel moved to approve the hire of the following summer SAC staff: Brooklyn Simon, Abby Bothun, Madison Simon, Jillian Tieskotter, Lily Miller, Aubrey Larson, and Maddie Topness. Motion was seconded by Mathison. Motion carried unanimously.

Topness moved to approve the hire of Joni Mehus for the 1st semester as a high school English teacher. Motion was seconded by Schwarz. Motion carried unanimously.

Mathison moved to approve the hire of Doreen Rider as the ECFE Coordinator and Parent Educator. Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Schwarz moved to approve the hire of the following special education extended school year staff: Connie Berg; working with students from birth to age 2 - hours will vary. Cari Ledin: working with students aged 3-5 - up to 24 hours for the summer. Paula Birch: working with students from birth to age 22 - up to 10 hours for the summer. Grace Schwichtenberg: HS paraprofessional/van driver - up to 50 hours for the summer. Heidi Kingsley: Elementary paraprofessional/van driver - up to 50 hours for the summer. Motion seconded by Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

Topness moved to approve the 2025-2027 contract with Michelle Breitsprecher, special education director, as presented. Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Michel moved to approve the hire of Cari Ledin as 0.5 FTE elementary special education teacher for the 2025/26 school year. Motion seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Mathison moved to approve an agreement with HVED for audiology services for the 2025/26 school year. Motion seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Schwarz moved to approve an agreement with Houston Public Schools for physically impaired and traumatic brain injury services for the 2025/26 school year. Motion seconded by Mathison. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink moved to approve 80 hours of summer band responsibilities for Emily Hahn Larson. Motion was seconded by Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

Topness moved to approve the 2025 summer food service program adult meal prices of \$4.00 for breakfast and \$6.00 for lunch. Motion was seconded by Mathison. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink moved to approve the 2025/26 Taher budgets for SNP and CACFP. Motion seconded by Schwarz. Motion carried unanimously.

Schwarz moved to approve [student activity fees](#) for the 2025/26 school year as presented. Motion seconded by Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

Schwarz moved to approve a convenience fee of 3.75% to be added to each online transaction made via Vanco/RevTrak, the district's online payment system. Motion seconded by Mathison. Motion carried unanimously.

Mathison moved to approve the mentoring stipend for the 2024/25 school year. Mentors of a first year teacher at Fillmore Central will receive a \$500 stipend. Mentors of a second or third year teacher at Fillmore Central will receive a stipend of \$400. Motion seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Michel moved to approve the renewal of property and liability insurance for the 2025/26 school year through MIST (\$105,339.86). Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Topness moved to approve a commercial lease with the City of Harmony for use of an area in the Harmony Community Center for an annual fee of \$3,000 for the 2025/26 school year. Motion seconded by Mathison. Motion carried unanimously.

Schwarz moved to approve the MSHSL membership resolution for the 2025/26 school year. Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Topness moved to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the certified staff related to compensation for completion of READ Act training as presented. Motion seconded by Schwarz. Motion carried unanimously.

Schwarz moved to approve the open enrollment requests received from 1 Kingsland student and 1 Mabel-Canton student enrolling in kindergarten in the 2025/26 school year. Motion seconded by Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding the transportation quote received, the end of the school year, and the need to upgrade our electrical system when air conditioning/dehumidification is added to the stage gyms.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Shelly Topness  
Clerk, Independent School District #2198