

Fillmore Central School  
Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
August 26, 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, August 26, 2025, in the Fillmore Central Elementary School meeting room by Chair Jennifer Pickett. Present: Superintendent Heath Olstad, Business Manager Darla Ebner, Board Members: Mathison, Michel, Pickett, Schwarz, and Sikkink. Absent: Britton and Topness. Visitors: Hannah Wingert,.

Recognition of visitors: none.

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

Schwarz moved to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2025, regular board meeting and August 6, 2025 special board meeting. Motion seconded by Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink moved to approve the [monthly claims](#) in the amount of \$511,708.54. Motion was seconded by Schwarz. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Olstad presented the Community Ed Director, Athletic Director/Elementary, and High School reports.

Mathison moved to approve the hire of Amanda Jansen as cheerleading coach for the 2025/26 fall season. Motion was seconded by Schwarz. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink moved to approve the resignation of Alison Freese as a special education paraprofessional. Motion was seconded by Mathison. Motion carried unanimously.

Schwarz moved to approve the hire of Karen Skretta as a special education paraprofessional. Motion was seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Michel moved to approve the hire of Connie Lindstrom as a high school teacher at 0.61 FTE for the first semester of the 2025/26 school year. Motion was seconded by Schwarz. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink moved to approve up to ten additional hours for Amanda Thomas to assist with the scheduling of students with IEPs. Motion was seconded by Mathison. Motion carried unanimously.

Mathison moved to approve the following non-certified staff/paraprofessional assignments for the 2025/26 school year:

- Broadwater, Nancy – Sped Para, 6.75 hours/day, (up to 8 hours/day if van driving)
- Cannon, Jolene- Sped Para, 6.75 hours/day, (up to 8 hours/day if van driving)
- Cherrier, Taryn- Sped Para, 6.75 hours/day, (up to 8 hours/day if van driving)
- Ellsworth, Taylor – Sped Para, 6.75 hours/day, (up to 8 hours/day if van driving)

Evers, Angella - Sped Para, 6.75 hours/day, (up to 8 hours/day if van driving)  
Flattum, Pam- Sped Para, 6.75 hours/day, (up to 8 hours/day if van driving)  
Glaesemann, Jolene - Sped Para, 6.75 hours/day, (up to 8 hours/day if van driving)  
Gorter, Tammy - Title Para, 6.75 hours/day, (up to 8 hours/day if van driving)  
Gusa, Ashley- Sped Para, 6.75 hours/day, (up to 8 hours/day if van driving)  
Herron, Melissa - Sped Para, 6.75 hours/day, (up to 8 hours/day if van driving)  
Jansen, Amanda- Sped Para, 6.75 hours/day, (up to 8 hours/day if van driving)  
Kingsley, Heidi - Sped Para, 6.75 hours/day, (up to 8 hours/day if van driving)  
Klein, Ciera- Sped Para, 6.75 hours/day, (up to 8 hours/day if van driving)  
Morem, Tara - Sped Para, 6.75 hours/day, (up to 8 hours/day if van driving)  
Peters, Kaelyn- Sped Para, 6.75 hours/day, (up to 8 hours/day if van driving)  
Prestby, Rachael - Sped Para, 6.75 hours/day, (up to 8 hours/day if van driving)  
Quimby, Vicky- Sped Para, 6.75 hours/day, (up to 8 hours/day if van driving)  
Raaen, Taryn - Sped Para, 6.75 hours/day, (up to 8 hours/day if van driving)  
Rindels, Nate- Sped Para, 6.75 hours/day, (up to 8 hours/day if van driving)  
Schroeder, Kari - Sped Para, 4 hours/day  
Schwichtenberg, Grace- Sped Para, 6.75 hours/day, (up to 8 hours/day if van driving)  
Sexton, Shelley - Sped Para, 6.75 hours/day, (up to 8 hours/day if van driving)  
Shupe, Heather - Sped Para, 6.75 hours/day, (up to 8 hours/day if van driving)  
Simon, Angie - Title Para, 6.75 hours/day, (up to 8 hours/day if van driving)  
Skretta, Karen- Sped Para, 6.75 hours/day, (up to 8 hours/day if van driving)  
Wingert, Janeen - Sped Para, 6.75 hours/day, (up to 8 hours/day if van driving)

Motion seconded by Schwarz. Motion carried unanimously.

Michel moved to set the Truth in Taxation meeting for Tuesday, December 16, 2025 at 6:01 PM with the regular meeting to follow. Motion was seconded by Mathison. Motion carried unanimously.

Schwarz moved to give Darla Ebner, Heath Olstad and Keeley Todd authority to create and manage an account with Benevity. Motion was seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Member Schwarz introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, which motion was seconded by Member Michel:

RESOLUTION RELATING TO APPOINTING ELECTION JUDGES AND  
ABSENTEE BALLOT BOARD MEMBERS FOR THE NOVEMBER 4, 2025  
SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board (the Board) of Independent School District No. 2198 (Fillmore Central), Minnesota (the School District) as follows:

It is hereby found, determined and declared as follows:

1. The following individuals, each of whom is qualified to serve as an election judge, are hereby appointed as judges of election for the School District's special election on November 4, 2025 to act as such at the polling places listed below:

<p>Fillmore Central ISD #2198 District Office 700 Chatfield St, Preston, MN 55965</p> <p>This combined polling place serves all territory in Independent School District No. 2198 located in the City of Preston, City of Fountain and Chatfield, Carrolton, Fountain, Preston, Forestville, Carimona Townships, in Fillmore County, Minnesota.</p>	<p>Election Judges</p> <p>Dawn Ristau, Head Deb Ebner Judy Johnson Kathy Tesmer David Hokenson, Alternate Carrie Mathison, Alternate</p>
<p>Harmony Community Building 225 Third Ave. SW, Harmony, MN 55939</p> <p>This combined polling place serves all territory in Independent School District No. 2198 located in the City of Harmony and Amherst, Bristol, Canton, Harmony, and York Townships in Fillmore County, Minnesota.</p>	<p>Election Judges</p> <p>Pam Mensink, Head Eileen Schansberg Samantha Grabau Eunice Biel Jud Dornink, Alternate Carrie Mathison, Alternate</p>

2. The election judges shall act as clerks of election, count the ballots cast and submit the results to the Board for canvass in the manner provided for other school district elections.

3. The following individuals, each of whom is qualified to serve as an election judge, are hereby appointed as absentee ballot board members for the School District's special election on November 4, 2025, to act as such at the absentee voting location listed below:

Fillmore Central ISD #2198 District Office  
  
700 Chatfield Street  
  
Preston, MN 55965

Darla Ebner  
Keeley Todd  
Chris Mensink  
Roxie Knies  
Aaron Janssen  
Jim Peters

4. The following individuals, each of whom is qualified to serve as an election judge, are hereby designated to deliver absentee ballots to hospital patients and residents of health care facilities in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 203B.11, subdivision 1 for the School District's special election on November 4, 2025:

Darla Ebner, Keeley Todd

Upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Mathison, Michel, Pickett, Schwarz, and Sikkink

and the following voted against the same: None

whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Sikkink moved to approve the purchase of a water heater for the high school from Al Larson & Sons (\$19,900). Motion seconded by Schwarz. Motion carried unanimously. (*Other quote(s) received: Kingsley Mercantile \$23,695*)

Mathison moved to approve a contract with MN State College Southeast (SE Technical, Winona) to provide concurrent courses for the 2025/26 school year. Motion seconded by Schwarz. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Schwarz moved to approve Jim Peters as the district's Literacy Lead for the 2025/26 school year. Motion seconded by Mathison. Motion carried unanimously.

Mathison moved to approve the Foster Care Transportation contract with Fillmore County for the 2025/26 school year. Motion seconded by Schwarz. Motion carried unanimously.

Mathison moved to approve the following graduate credit reimbursement and lane changes:

Anderson, Matt	6 credits	\$240
Corson, Logan	30 credits	\$240
Duff, Kelly	13 credits	\$240
Lane, Anna	27 credits	\$240
Mehus, Joni	10 credits	\$240
Nagel, Ericka	1 credits	\$60
Omar, Daron	3 credits	\$180
Nelson, Jolene	3 credits	\$180
Xavier, Sara	6 credits	\$240
	<u>Current Lane</u>	<u>New Lane</u>
Corson, Logan	BA	MA
Duff, Kelly	BA+20	MA
Lane, Anna	MA	MA+20
Nelson, Jolene	MA+10	MA+20
Xavier, Sara	MA+10	MA+20

Motion seconded by Schwarz. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Schwarz moved to approve the open enrollment requests received from students from the Mabel-Canton school district. Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting went into closed session for Superintendent Review.

Chairperson Pickett called for unanimous consent to reopen the meeting. Hearing no descent, the meeting was reopened for general business.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Schwarz  
Vice-Clerk, Independent School District #2198

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