

Fillmore Central School
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
September 23, 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, September 23, 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 Sikkink. Absent: Britton and Topness. Visitors: Hannah Wingert and Anna Lane.

Recognition of visitors: none.

Michel moved to approve the agenda with the following addition:

~Item E under Personnel: Approve the hire of SAC Assistants.

Motion was seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Mathison moved to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2025, regular board meeting, September 10, 2025 special meeting, and the September 18, 2025 special meeting with the correction that the September 18, 2025, special meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Motion seconded by Schwarz. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink moved to approve the [monthly claims](#) in the amount of \$457,949.93. Motion was seconded by Mathison. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mathison moved to approve the hire of Deb Ebner as an ECFE Assistant for meetings held in Preston and Kay Himlie as an ECFE Assistant for meetings held in Harmony. Motion was seconded by Schwarz. Motion carried unanimously.

Mathison moved to approve the hire of Deb Ebner for up to 5 hours a week in the District Office to assist with clerical needs. Motion was seconded by Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink moved to accept the resignation of Nathan Rindels as a special education paraprofessional. Motion was seconded by Mathison. Motion carried unanimously.

Schwarz moved to approve the hire of Samantha Russell as a Daycare Lead Teacher. Motion was seconded by Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

Schwarz moved to approve the hire of Heidi Kingsley, Tara Morem, and Kaelyn Peters as SAC Assistants. Motion was seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Schwarz moved to approve the proposed [2025 Payable 2026 Levy](#) at the maximum amount. Motion was seconded by Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

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

RESOLUTION RELATING TO APPOINTING ADDITIONAL ELECTION JUDGES 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 Dawn Ristau, Head Deb Ebner Judy Johnson Kathy Tesmer Dick Broadwater, Alternate Head Bonnie Underbakke, Alternate David Hokenson, Alternate Carrie Mathison, Alternate Dallas Dornink, Alternate Amy Bishop, 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 Pam Mensink, Head Eileen Schansberg Samantha Grabau Eunice Biel Dick Broadwater, Alternate Head Jud Dornink, Alternate Bonnie Underbakke, Alternate Carrie Mathison, Alternate Dallas Dornink, Alternate Amy Bishop, 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.

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.

Mathison moved to approve the 2025/26 advisor assignments as follows:

- 7th grade advisor: Anna Lane
- 8th grade advisor: Aaron Mensink
- 9th grade advisor: Brad Holten & Alex Lange
- 10th grade advisor: Gerri Neisen & Becky Mueller
- 11th grade advisor: Amanda Thomas
- 12th grade advisor: Kayla Koch

- 12th grade asst. advisor: Deb Ristau
- Academic Competition- 10-12 Knowledge Bowl: Brad Holten
- Academic Competition- 7-9 Knowledge Bowl: Aaron Mensink
- Academic Competition-MS Math: Sara Xavier & Sarah O'Connell (*splitting advisor pay*)
- Chorus - HS: Sarah Holten
- Chorus - Elem: Jessica Spencer
- Extra-Curricular Band 7-12: Emily Hahn Larson
- FFA advisor: Kayla Koch
- FFA asst. advisor: Kelsey Biel
- Jazz Band 7-12: Emily Hahn Larson
- National Honor Society: Anna Lane
- Photography Club: Joni Mehus
- Radio Show: Gerri Nielsen
- Spelling Bee: Sarah O'Connell
- Strength and Conditioning Coach: Andrew Pederson
- Student Council 7-12: Brad Holten
- Tapestry 9-12: Sarah Holten
- Tapestry 7-8: Sarah Holten
- TNT: Kelsey Biel
- Yearbook HS: Sarah Hutchison
- Yearbook K-6: Jeanette Burns

Motion was seconded by Schwarz. Motion carried unanimously.

Mathison moved to approve a MOU with Fillmore Central Education Minnesota regarding compensation for retired District teachers rehired to teach a concurrent (dual-enrollment, college-level) course. Motion was seconded by Schwarz. Motion carried unanimously.

Schwarz moved to approve the change of date and time for the October regular board meeting to October 27, 2025 at 6:45 p.m. Motion was seconded by Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding the following:

~Superintendent Olstad announced that the date and time of the Truth in Taxation meeting will be on December 16, 2025, at 6:01 p.m. in the Elementary Meeting Room.

~Superintendent Olstad also announced that there will be a public accuracy test of the optical scan voting system on October 27, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. at the District Office.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Schwarz
Vice-Clerk, Independent School District #2198

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