

Fillmore Central School  
Board of Education  
Special Meeting  
November 12, 2025

A special meeting of the Board of Education for Independent District #2198, Preston, Minnesota was called to order at 7:10 a.m. on the morning of Wednesday, November 12, 2025, in the Fillmore Central High School meeting room by Chairperson Pickett. Present: Superintendent Heath Olstad, Business Manager Darla Ebner, Board Members: Michel, Pickett, Schwarz, Sikkink, and Topness. Absent: Britton and Mathison. Visitors: None.

Recognition of visitors: None.

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

The Clerk presented affidavits showing filing, mailing, publishing and posting of notice, in accordance with the resolution adopted June 24, 2025, of the special election held November 4, 2025, to vote on the question of approval of a new referendum revenue authorization. The Clerk also presented the Official Returns and Summary Statements of Judges. The affidavits and the Official Returns and Summary Statements of Judges were duly examined, approved and ordered placed on file in the office of the Clerk. Discussion was held regarding precinct summaries.

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

**RESOLUTION RELATING TO CANVASSING RETURNS OF SPECIAL ELECTION**

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 2198 (Fillmore Central), Minnesota that the special election held in and for the School District on November 4, 2025, was in all respects duly and legally called and held, the returns thereof have been duly canvassed, and the votes cast at the special election for and against the question submitted to the electors was as follows:

**School District Question  
Approval of New School District Referendum Revenue Authorization**

The board of Independent School District No. 2198 (Fillmore Central), Minnesota has proposed to increase the School District’s general education revenue by \$876 per pupil, subject to an annual increase at the rate of inflation. The proposed new referendum revenue authorization would be first levied in 2025 for taxes payable in 2026 and applicable for ten (10) years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

<b>YES</b>	Shall the new referendum revenue authorization proposed by the
<b>NO</b>	board of Independent School District No. 2198 (Fillmore Central),
	Minnesota be approved?

**BY VOTING “YES” ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A  
PROPERTY TAX INCREASE**

Votes <u>YES</u>	Votes <u>NO</u>	Spoiled, Defective or <u>Blank Ballots</u>	TOTAL <u>VOTES</u>
<u>719</u>	<u>466</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1187</u>

The ballot question, having received the approval of a majority of the votes cast, is hereby declared to have carried.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.17, subdivision 9(e) and Section 205A.07, subdivision 3a, the Clerk is hereby instructed to notify the Commissioner of Education of the results of the special election and to provide the certified vote totals for each ballot question in written form within 15 days after the results have been certified by the Board.

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

and the following voted against the same: None

whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted and was signed by the Chairperson and attested by the Clerk.

/s/ Jennifer Pickett  
Chairperson

Attest:/s/ Shelly Topness  
School District Clerk

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

Respectfully submitted,

Shelly Topness, Clerk  
Independent School District #2198