

Fillmore Central School
Board of Education
Organizational Meeting
January 6, 2026

The organizational meeting of the Board of Education for Independent District #2198, Preston, Minnesota was called to order at 7:30 A.M. on the morning of Tuesday, January 6, 2026, in the Fillmore Central High 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.

Recognition of visitors. None.

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

Sikkink nominated Jennifer Pickett as Chairperson for 2026. Motion seconded by Schwarz. Sikkink moved for nominations to cease. Motion seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

Schwarz nominated Craig Britton as Vice-Chairperson for 2026. Motion seconded by Topness. Sikkink moved for nominations to cease. Motion seconded by Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

Britton nominated Michelle (Shelly) Topness as Clerk for 2026. Motion seconded by Sikkink. Schwarz moved for nominations to cease. Motion seconded by Mathison. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink nominated Jason Schwarz as Vice-Clerk for 2026. Motion seconded by Topness. Sikkink moved for nominations to cease. Motion seconded by Mathison. Motion carried unanimously.

Topness nominated Susan Sikkink as Treasurer for 2026. Motion seconded by Schwarz. Britton moved for nominations to cease. Motion seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink moved to set the school board salaries for 2026 as follows:
Chairperson \$1,660; Vice-Chairperson \$1,300; Clerk \$1,300; Vice-Clerk \$1,300;
Treasurer \$1,570; Director \$1,300; all extra meetings \$40 each.
Motion was seconded by Schwarz. Motion carried unanimously.

Michel moved to hold regular meetings on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 P.M. Motion seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

Britton moved to approve an 18-month subscription with Arbiter Sports beginning January 1, 2026 to pay referees and event workers. Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding the following:

- ~Dedicating the theater space at the Fillmore Central High School to Robert O'Reilly.
- ~The procedures for posting long-term substitute positions for staff members on extended leave.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Topness, Clerk
Independent School District #2198

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