

Fillmore Central School  
Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
December 16, 2025

The regular meeting of the Board of Education for Independent District #2198, Preston, Minnesota was called to order at 6:01 P.M. on the evening of Tuesday, December 16, 2025, in the Elementary meeting room by Chairperson Jennifer Pickett. Present: Superintendent Heath Olstad, Business Manager Darla Ebner, Board Members: Mathison, Michel, Pickett, and Sikkink. Absent: Britton, Schwarz and Topness. Visitors: Amanda Thomas and Hannah Wingert.

Recognition of visitors: none.

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

Michel moved to approve the minutes of the November 25, 2025, regular meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Mathison. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink moved to approve the [monthly claims](#) in the amount of \$481,690.24. Motion was seconded by Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Olstad presented the District's annual [Truth in Taxation](#) information.

Member Sikkink introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

Whereas, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes the school board of Fillmore Central School District, Preston, Minnesota, is authorized to make the following tax levies for general purposes:

General	\$1,614,055.37
Community Service	\$73,628.64
Debt Service	\$522,844.52
OPEB Debt Service	<u>\$93,550.22</u>
Total	\$2,304,078.75

Now Therefore, be it resolved by the School Board of Fillmore Central School District, Preston, Minnesota, that the levy to be levied in 2025 to be collected in 2026 is set at \$2,304,078.75. The clerk of the Fillmore Central School Board is authorized to certify the levy to the County Auditor of Fillmore County, Minnesota. Motion seconded by Mathison. Motion carried unanimously.

Elementary Principal's, Athletic Director's, High School Principal's, and Community Ed Director reports were presented by Heath Olstad.

Michel moved to approve the hire of Stephanie Strahl as a special education paraprofessional. Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Mathison moved to accept Courtney Sivesind's rescinding of her resignation. Motion seconded by Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

Mathison moved to approve the hire of Caitlyn Lowe as an aide at One Block at a Time daycare. Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Member Sikkink introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

Resolution Directing the Administration  
to Make Recommendations Regarding the Reduction and/or  
Discontinuance of Programs and Positions and Reasons Therefor

WHEREAS, there has been a reduction in overall student enrollment and the financial limitations of the District dictate that the School Board must reduce expenditures and

WHEREAS, this decrease in student enrollment and this reduction in expenditures may necessitate the discontinuance or reduction of programs and/or the discontinuance or reduction of positions, and

WHEREAS, a determination must be made as to whether programs or positions must be reduced and/or discontinued,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent District No. 2198, as follows:

That the School Board hereby directs the Superintendent and Administration to consider the discontinuance and/or reduction of programs or positions to effectuate economies in the District and reduce expenditures as a result of a reduction in enrollment and make recommendations to the School Board for the discontinuance of programs, reduction of programs, discontinuance of positions, or the reduction of positions.

The motion for the adoption of the preceding resolution was duly seconded by Member Michel and upon vote being taken thereon,

the following voted in favor thereof: Mathison, Michel, Pickett, and Sikkink  
the following voted against: none

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

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

Resolution Establishing Combined Polling Places  
For Multiple Precincts And Designating Hours During Which The Polling  
Places Will Remain Open For Voting For School District Elections Not Held  
On The Day Of A Statewide Election

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 2198, State of Minnesota, as follows:

1. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.11, the precincts and polling places for school district elections are those precincts or parts of precincts located within the boundaries of the school district which have been established by the cities or towns located in whole or in part within the school district. The board hereby confirms those precincts and polling places so established by those municipalities.

2. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.11, the board may establish a combined polling place for several precincts for school district elections not held on the day of a statewide election. Each combined polling place must be a polling place that has been designated by a county or municipality. The following combined polling places are established to serve the precincts specified for all school district special and general elections not held on the same day as a statewide election:

Combined Polling Place(s):

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

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.

Harmony Community Building, 225 Third Ave. SW, Harmony, MN 55939

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.

3. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.09, the polling places will remain open for voting for school district elections not held on the same day as the statewide election between the hours of 3:30 P.M. and 8:00 P.M.

4. The clerk is directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the county auditors of each of the counties in which the school district is located, in whole or in part, within thirty (30) days after its adoption.

5. As required by Minnesota Statutes, Section 204B.16, Subdivision 1a, the clerk is hereby authorized and directed to give written notice of new polling place locations to each affected household with at least one registered voter in the school district whose school district polling place location has been changed. The notice must be a nonforwardable notice mailed at least twenty-five (25) days before the date of the first election to which it will apply. A notice that is returned as undeliverable must be forwarded immediately to the appropriate county auditor, who shall change the registrant's status to "challenged" in the statewide registration system.

Voting in favor: Mathison, Michel, Pickett, and Sikkink

Voting against: none.

Motion carried unanimously.

Michel moved to set the 2026 Driver Training Fees as follows: \$360 for Fillmore Central students, \$460 for individuals that do not attend Fillmore Central or are part-time students, and \$60 per hour for extra BTW time. Motion was seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink moved to change the time of the regular January board meeting to 7:00 A.M. on Tuesday, January 27, 2026. The meeting will be held in the high school meeting room. Motion seconded by Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

Michel moved to approve a special organizational board meeting on Tuesday, January 6, 2026 at 7:30 A.M. in the high school meeting room. Motion seconded by Mathison. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Olstad updated the Board regarding the replacement of Door #8 at the High School.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Pickett, Chair  
Independent School District #2198

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