

Fillmore Central School
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
January 27, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of Education for Independent District #2198, Preston, Minnesota was called to order at 7:00 a.m. on the morning of Tuesday, January 27, 2026, 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: Kayla Koch, Kelsey Biel, Hannah Wingert, and Aaron Bishop.

Recognition of visitors: none.

Mathison moved to approve the agenda with the following changes:

- ~ Item 7, Official Appointments/Designations: Add the student JMC Messenger system as a posting place for school closings.
- ~ Item 10, Personnel: Remove the hire of Kelsey Biel as the Head Softball Coach (previously hired in October 2025).
- ~ Item 10, Personnel: Remove the hire of Austin Bahler as a Volunteer Baseball Coach.

Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Schwarz moved to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2025 regular board meeting and the January 6, 2026 special board meeting. Motion seconded by Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink moved to approve the [monthly claims](#) in the amount of \$784,011.58. Motion seconded by Schwarz. Motion carried unanimously.

Michel moved to set the 2026 committee assignments as follows:

Community Education	Mathison, Topness
Continuing Education	Sikkink
Meet and Confer	Sikkink, Topness
MSBA Liaison	Pickett
MSHSL/Three-Rivers Conference	Schwarz
Special Education Advisory Council	Sikkink
Negotiations	Michel, Pickett, Topness
Policy	Michel, Schwarz, Sikkink
System Accountability	Topness
Extra-Curricular Advisory	Britton, Pickett
Staff Development	Mathison
Vendor Negotiations	Britton, Michel, Schwarz
Facility Focus	Britton, Mathison, Michel
Budget	Britton, Pickett, Schwarz
Technology	Britton
Curriculum/Calendar	Mathison, Sikkink
Vocational Studies	Mathison, Pickett

Motion seconded by Mathison. Motion carried unanimously.

Schwarz moved to designate the First Southeast Bank of Harmony, F&M Community Bank of Preston, First State Bank of Fountain, and the Minnesota School District Liquid Asset Fund (MSDLAF) as the official depositories for 2026. Motion seconded by Michel. Sikkink abstained due to conflict of interest. Motion carried.

Michel moved to designate the Fillmore County Journal as the official newspaper for 2026. Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Mathison moved to designate KTTC-TV, as the official television station for school closings along with the Fillmore Central school website, Fillmore Central Facebook page, and the student JMC Messenger system. Motion seconded by Schwarz. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink moved to give authority to wire-transfer funds and purchase Certificates of Deposit to Darla Ebner, Keeley Todd, and Heath Olstad. Motion seconded by Schwarz. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink moved to authorize payment of bills prior to school board meetings that have a penalty for late payment. Motion seconded by Schwarz. Motion carried unanimously.

Schwarz moved to designate Knutson, Flynn, and Deans as official school district legal counsel. Motion was seconded by Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink moved to designate the elementary office, district office, and the high school office as designated posting places for official notices. Motion seconded by Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Committee Updates: Mathison updated the board on a few topics discussed during the community education committee meeting held in early January.

- Daycare newsletter
- Non-refundable daycare deposit, discussion tabled

Schwarz moved to approve Connie Lindstrom's contract to include the 2nd semester of this current school year. Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Michel moved to accept Andy Todd's resignation as an Assistant Golf Coach. Motion seconded by Schwarz. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink moved to approve the hire of the following spring coaches:

Amanda Jansen (Softball Assistant), Aaron Mensink (Girls Golf Head), Brad Holten (Boys Golf Head), Ty Sloan (Golf Assistant), Andy Todd (Golf Volunteer), Josh Jones (Baseball Head), Don Schoepski (Baseball Assistant), and Andrew Johnson (Baseball Volunteer).

Motion seconded by Schwarz. Motion carried unanimously.

Michel moved to approve the following as Volunteer Wrestling Coaches: Caleb Fischer, Joel Thomas, and Cole Sass. Motion seconded by Mathison. Motion carried unanimously.

Mathison moved to approve the transfer of \$103.75 from the Milk Break/Lunch Assistance Fund in fund 01 to fund 02. Motion seconded by Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink moved to approve the clay target activity fee of \$50 per participant. Motion seconded by Schwarz. Motion carried unanimously.

Mathison moved to approve the 2025/26 seniority list as presented. Motion seconded by Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

Mathison moved to approve the ALP Summer Program as presented (one day per week for eight weeks - June to July 2026.) Marsha Dowe-Indahl will be the teacher and a paraprofessional (to be determined) will be hired should enrollment in the ALP program exceed 7 students per session. Motion seconded by Schwarz. Motion carried unanimously.

Schwarz moved to accept, with thanks, the generous community [donations](#) to the district from October 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025 totaling \$64,769.43 as presented (*complete list of donations is on file in the district office.*) Motion seconded by Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink moved to change the time of the February 2026, regular board meeting to 7:00 a.m. on February 24, 2026 in the Elementary Meeting Room in Preston. Motion seconded by Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

Mathison moved to approve the results of the electronic vote, which was unanimously in favor to dedicate the theater space at the Fillmore Central High School to Robert O'Reilly. Motion seconded by Schwarz. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was heard regarding:

- Radon mitigation system installed at the High School and IEA came to do clearance testing in January. Results showed the system is working and levels are acceptable.

Sikkink 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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