

Fillmore Central School
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
February 24, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of Education for Independent District #2198, Preston, Minnesota was called to order at 7:02 A.M. on the morning of Tuesday, February 24, 2026, in the Fillmore Central Elementary School Meeting Room by Chairperson Jennifer Pickett. Present: Superintendent Heath Olstad, Business Manager Darla Ebner, Board Members: Britton, Mathison, Michel, Pickett, Sikkink and Topness. Absent: Schwarz. Visitors: Karlee Spande and Hannah Wingert.

Recognition of visitors: None.

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

Sikkink moved to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2026, regular board meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink moved to approve the [monthly claims](#) in the amount of \$1,038,295.66. Motion was seconded by Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee updates: None.

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

Topness moved to approve the resignation of Stephanie Strahl as elementary special education paraprofessional. Motion seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

Michel moved to approve the hire of Alex Gulbranson as assistant speech coach for the 2025/26 season. Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Britton moved to approve the hire of Karlie Deyo as special education paraprofessional. Motion seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Topness moved to approve the hire of Ben Starr as JV baseball coach for the 2025/26 season. Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink moved to approve the resignation of Sarah Hutchison as high school art teacher and high school yearbook advisor at the end of the 2025/26 school year. Motion seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink moved to approve the 2026/27 school calendar as presented. Motion seconded by Mathison. Motion carried unanimously.

Britton moved to approve the following designation:

Designation of an Identified Official with Authority for Education Identity Access Management

The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE), Professional Educator Licensing Standards Board (PELSB), and Office of Higher Education (OHE) require annual designation of an Identified Official with Authority (IOwA) for each local education agency that uses the Education Identity Access Management (EDIAM) system. The IOwA is responsible for authorizing, reviewing, and recertifying user access for their local education agency in accordance with the State of Minnesota Enterprise Identity and Access Management Standard, which states that all user access rights to Minnesota state systems must be reviewed and recertified at least annually. The IOwA will authorize user access to State of Minnesota Education secure systems in accordance with the user's assigned job duties, and will revoke that user's access when it is no longer needed to perform their job duties.

The Director recommends the Board authorize Heath Olstad to act as the Identified Official with Authority (IOwA) for Fillmore Central 2198-01

Motion was seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Michel moved to seek proposals for lawn mowing and trimming services for designated areas at the Harmony and Preston sites for the 2026 mowing season. Motion seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Topness
Clerk, Independent School District #2198