

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

The regular meeting of the Board of Education for Independent District #2198, Preston, Minnesota was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the evening of Tuesday, March 24, 2026, in the Fillmore Central High School Meeting Room by Chairperson Jennifer Pickett. Present: Superintendent Heath Olstad, Payroll/Accounting Clerk Keeley Todd, Board Members: Britton, Mathison, Michel, Pickett, Schwarz, and Topness. Absent: Sikkink. Visitors: Shelby Ristau, Hannah Wingert, Aaron Bishop, and a representative from CassMan the GrassMan Lawn Care Company.

Recognition of visitors: none.

Britton moved to approve the agenda with the following additions:

~Tree Removal as an action item.

~Window Replacement as an action item.

~Item B under Personnel: also approve the hire of an accompanist for the spring play.

Motion was seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Schwarz moved to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2026, regular board meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

Britton moved to approve the [monthly claims](#) in the amount of \$561,941.30. Motion was seconded by Schwarz. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee updates: The facilities committee met prior to this meeting to discuss a few projects. The committee recommended adding the tree removal and window replacement projects to this meeting's agenda.

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

Schwarz moved to approve Mike Schibursky and Logan Walker as volunteer baseball coaches. Motion seconded by Topness. Motion carried unanimously.

Mathison moved to approve Jackie Whitacre as the Spring Play Director and Sarah Holten as the Spring Play Accompanist. Motion seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

Topness moved to hire the following as ESY (Extended School Year) teachers for summer 2026: Connie Berg, Amanda Thomas, and Kelsey Woellert. Motion seconded by Mathison. Motion carried unanimously.

Mathison moved to accept the resignation/retirement of Paula Birch from her Speech clinician position at the end of the 25/26 school year. Motion was seconded by Schwarz. Motion carried unanimously. Thank you to Mrs. Birch for her years of service.

Britton moved to approve the hire of Ryder Witte as a Special Education/ALP teacher for the 26/27 school year contingent on Ryder receiving a Tier 1 license. Motion seconded by Schwarz. Motion carried unanimously.

Topness moved to approve the hire of Roger Bacon as a Special Education teacher for the 26/27 school year. Motion seconded by Schwarz. Motion carried unanimously.

Britton moved to approve the hire of Katelyn Scheevel and Audrey Stackhouse as SAC Aides. Motion seconded by Schwarz. Motion carried unanimously.

Topness moved to approve Region V's services for fiscal year 2027 (\$13,057.00). Motion seconded by Mathison. Motion carried unanimously.

Mathison moved to approve the transfer of \$125.00 from Fund 01 (Angel Fund) to Fund 01 (Elementary Supply Fee Revenue Account) for elementary supply fee assistance. Motion seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

Michel moved to accept the bid received from Gossman Dirtwork LLC to remove two sections of trees at the elementary site. The facilities committee recommended to remove both section #1 and section #2 at the same time. Quote total \$16,300.00. The quote covers the labor for seeding but there will be an additional cost for the seed variety selected by the district. Motion seconded by Mathison. Motion carried unanimously. *Other quotes received from TLC Excavating, Inc. and Norby Tree Service LLC.*

Michel moved to approve the replacement of 18 windows at the elementary school with materials from Nolan Lumber and labor by Ron Schroeder, Quality Construction. The facilities committee recommended option 2 which is for single hung windows. Quote total \$22,645.00. Motion seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously. *Another quote was received from Yoder's Contracting LLC.*

Discussion was heard regarding the dehumidification project that has begun in the elementary stage gym in Preston.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Topness
Clerk, Independent School District #2198