

Fillmore Central School  
Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
April 28, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of Education for Independent District #2198, Preston, Minnesota was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on the evening of Tuesday, April 28, 2026, in the Fillmore Central Elementary School meeting room by Chairperson Pickett. Present: Superintendent Heath Olstad, Business Manager Darla Ebner, Board Members: Britton, Michel, Pickett, Schwarz, and Sikkink. Absent: Mathison and Topness. Visitor(s): Hannah Wingert.

Recognition of visitors - None.

Britton moved to approve the agenda with the following changes:

Remove Item #12 - Approve 2026/27 eLuma contract.

Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Sikkink moved to approve the [monthly claims](#) in the amount of \$714,320.13. Motion was seconded by Schwarz. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee updates - None.

The Community Ed Director, Elem Principal/Athletic Director, HS Principal's reports were presented by Heath Olstad.

Member Sikkink left the meeting.

Michel moved to approve the hire of Breanna Dietrich as substitute custodian from April 7, 2026 to May 31, 2026. She will be paid at the sub rate of \$15.00 per hour for up to 25 hours per week. Motion seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

Schwarz moved to approve Princess Dowell as a volunteer coach for the Spring Play. Motion seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

Britton moved to approve the hire of Tim Ostrom as Summer Rec Coordinator; Mary Beth Ostrom as Van Driver/Coach; Maddie Topness (year 5), Amelia Ringer (year 4), Joey Pederson (year 3), and Ryan Schroeder (year 3) as student coaches. Motion seconded by Schwarz. Motion carried unanimously.

Member Sikkink returned to the meeting.

Sikkink moved to accept the resignation/retirement of Nancy Broadwater as a special education paraprofessional effective June 30, 2026. Motion seconded by Schwarz. Motion carried unanimously.

Member Michel introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE TERMINATION  
AND NONRENEWAL OF THE TEACHING CONTRACT

OF CONNIE LINDSTROM, A PROBATIONARY TEACHER

WHEREAS, Connie Lindstrom is a probationary teacher in Independent School District No. 2198.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 2198 that pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 122A.40, Subdivision 5, that the teaching contract of Connie Lindstrom, a probationary teacher in Independent School District No. 2198 is hereby terminated at the close of the current 2025-2026 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that written notice be sent to said teacher regarding termination and non-renewal of her contract as provided by law, and that said notice shall be in substantially the following form:

NOTICE OF TERMINATION  
AND NON-RENEWAL

Ms. Connie Lindstrom  
320 6<sup>th</sup> St. SE  
Harmony, MN 55939

Dear Ms. Lindstrom:

You are hereby notified that at the regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 2198 held on April 28, 2026, a resolution was adopted by a majority vote to terminate your contract effective at the end of the current school year and not to renew your contract for the 2026-2027 school year. Said action of the board is taken pursuant to M.S. 122A.40, Subd. 5.

You may officially request that the school board give its reasons for the non-renewal of your teaching contract. For your information, however, this action is taken due to the financial constraints of the school district and the re-assignment of district personnel.

Yours very truly,

SCHOOL BOARD OF  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2198  
/s/ Jennifer Pickett  
Chairman of the School Board

The motion for the adoption for the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Britton and upon vote being taken thereon, the motion carried unanimously.

Schwarz moved to hire the following coaches for the 2026/27 school year:

Football: Chris Mensink, head; Andrew Pederson, assistant coach; Andy Todd, JV; David Broadwater, 9th; Tyler Sloan, 8th; Brady Ristau, 7th; Kurt Bockoven, Aaron Janssen, and Gary Sloan as volunteer assistants

Volleyball: Travis Malley, head; Shelly Topness, JV; Abbey Hellickson as volunteer assistant

Strength & Conditioning: Andrew Pederson, head

Cheerleading: Amanda Jansen, head

Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Britton moved to accept the resignation of Ben Starr as Jr. high baseball coach, effective April 14, 2026. Motion seconded by Schwarz. Motion carried unanimously.

Schwarz moved to approve the hire of Walker Ward and Logan Walker as co-coaches for Jr. high baseball for the remainder of the season. Motion seconded by Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

Britton moved to approve the hire of Ruth Mikos as high school art teacher for the 2026/27 school year (BA,5 Tier 2). Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Schwarz moved to approve the hire of Ashley Gusa (lead, year 5) and Karen Skretta (lead, year 4) as daycare substitutes. Motion seconded by Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

Sikkink moved to accept the resignation of Anna Lane as high school science teacher at the end of the 2025/26 school year. Motion seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

Britton moved to approve the 2025/26 Revised Revenue and Expense budget as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
General 01+21	8,824,174	9,674,444	(850,270)
Food Service 02	501,079	522,826	(21,747)
Community Svc 04	975,449	979,469	(4,020)
Debt Service 07	546,448	561,383	(14,935)
Custodial 18	40,515	40,445	70
<u>OPEB Debt Svc 47</u>	<u>104,889</u>	<u>101,145</u>	<u>3,744</u>
GRAND TOTAL	11,010,554	11,894,832	(884,278)
OPEB Retiree Ins. 25	18,000	15,120	2,880

Motion seconded by Michel. Motion carried unanimously.

Schwarz moved to approve an agreement with Christine Lannin as an independent contracted licensed media specialist for the 2025/26 and 2026/27 school years. Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Britton moved to approve an NSF check fee of \$10 per each non-sufficient fund check issued to Fillmore Central ISD 2198. Motion seconded by Schwarz. Motion carried unanimously. *Collection of NSF checks is now handled in the district office.*

Schwarz moved to approve a contract with Houston Public Schools for physical impairment and traumatic brain injury services for the 2026/27 school year. Motion seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

Michel moved to approve early childhood special education ESY (extended school year) hours for Cari Ledin (up to 42 hours) and Connie Berg (up to 20 hours). ESY will be held August 3-6, 10-13, 18-21, 2026. Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Michel moved to approve the quote received from Kingsley Mercantile, Inc. for the purchase of a new walk-in freezer for the Preston site. The quote includes all product and labor related to the project - \$38,683.00. Motion seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously. *(A second quote was received from Rochester Restaurant Supply. The quote only included the purchase of the freezer. No installation options were provided.)*

Schwarz moved to approve the list of [quarterly donations](#) (January-March 2026) in the amount of \$57,355.31. Motion seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously. *Thank you!*

Britton moved to approve a sports sharing agreement with Mabel-Canton Schools for the 2026/27 school year. Motion seconded by Schwarz. Motion carried unanimously.

Michel moved to approve a sports sharing agreement with Lanesboro Schools for the 2026/27 school year. Motion seconded by Sikkink. Motion carried unanimously.

Britton moved to approve open enrollment requests received from four (4) students for the 2026/27 school year. Motion seconded by Schwarz. Motion carried unanimously.

Schwarz moved to change the date and time of the May regular board meeting to May 19, 2026 at 7:00 AM at the high school. Motion seconded by Britton. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding:

~ The date, time, and location to hold the December 2026 Truth in Taxation meeting

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Schwarz  
Vice-Clerk, Independent School District #2198

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