

August 25, 2025

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2689, PIPESTONE COUNTY, PIPESTONE, MINNESOTA. A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Pipestone Area Schools was held on Monday, August 25, 2025 beginning at 6:30 PM in Conference Room 1148. MS/HS.

The following members were present: Brad Carson, Katie Wiese, Tami Taubert, Tyler Fruechte, Chrissy DeBates, and Mark Hiniker. Absent: Daphne Likness. Also present: Dr. Klint Willert, Deb Peschon, Jennifer Moravetz, Sonja Ortman, Lisa Pease and Jacque Kennedy.

Chairman Carson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion by Wiese, second by DeBates, approved the agenda as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Consent Agenda: Motion by DeBates, second by Fruechte, approved all items in the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Financials:

- The budget year-to-date shows expenditures as of August 21, 2025 at \$17,119,028.04 or 99%. This was non-action.
- The treasurer's report for month ended July 31, 2025 shows a cash balance of \$8,683,159.37 Motion by Wiese, second by DeBates, approved the treasurer's report
- The MN Trust 2023A Bonds treasurer's report for month ended July 31, 2025 has a cash balance of \$1,179,054.00. Motion by Wiese, second by DeBates, approved the 2023A bonds treasurer's report. Motion carried unanimously.
- Regular bills paid through August 15, 2025 totaled \$1,467,257.90. Motion by Taubert, second by Fruechte, approved payment of the regular bills. Motion carried unanimously.
- High school activity bills paid through August 15, 2025 totaled \$5,594.53. Motion by Wiese, second by Fruechte, approved payment of the high school activity bills. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Report: Taubert and Wiese attended the Portrait of a Graduate meeting in August, the negotiations team has meet with the certified staff 2 times.

Superintendent Report: Willert gave an update of Portrait of a Graduate, the start of teacher negotiations, phase I of the roof project is complete, fall activities and the AIM Award. Enrollment numbers are 1100.

Principals Report: Ortman reported on a new college and career readiness platform called SchoolLinks. Moravetz reported on BTS family connections conferences, new elementary flag pole, volleyball net, and communications board on the playground and a new SPED classroom constructed.

Curriculum, Teaching, & Learning Report: Pease reported on the para conference, CPR refresher training, BTS in-service and eduCLIMBER.

Unfinished Business:

- Motion by Wiese, second by Hiniker, approved the 2025-2026 MS/HS handbook. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Fruechte, second by Taubert, approved the second reading of policies 414 and 524. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Action:

- Motion by Wiese, second by Fruechte, approved the FFA Convention overnight trip and the school district to assist in payment for the substitute teacher cost, and transportation cost of the competing team in the school suburban in the amount of \$1,800. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATIONS

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 123B.02, Subd. 6 provides: "The board may receive, for the benefit of the district, bequests, donations, or gifts for any proper purpose and apply the same to the purpose designated. In that behalf, the board may act as trustee of any trust created for the benefit of the district, or for the benefit of pupils thereof, including trusts created to provide pupils of the district with advanced education after completion of high school, in the advancement of education.", and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 465.03 provides: "Any city, county, school district or town may accept a grant or devise of real or personal property and maintain such property for the benefit of its citizens in accordance with the terms prescribed by the donor. Nothing herein shall authorize such acceptance or use for religious or sectarian purposes.

Every such acceptance shall be by resolution of the governing body adopted by a two-thirds majority of its members, expressing such terms in full.” and

WHEREAS, every such acceptance shall be by resolution of the governing body adopted by a two-thirds majority of its members, expressing such terms in full;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Board of Pipestone Area Schools, ISD 2689, gratefully accepts the following donations to high school activities as identified below:

Gwen Biever	\$300.00	Donation to Baseball in Memory of Gary
Ag Committee	\$4,000	FFA Nationals

The motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution made by Member DeBates, and duly seconded by Member Fruechte, and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Carson, Wiese, Taubert, Fruechte, DeBates, and Hiniker.

and the following voted against the same: none.

The foregoing resolution was approved 6-0 this 25th day of August, 2025.

- Motion by Taubert, second by Fruechte, approved to surplus the rock from the roof project. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Wiese, second by Hiniker, approved the transportation contract with SWMN Christian for 2025-2026. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Wiese, second by Hiniker, approved Portrait of a Graduate. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by DeBates, second by Fruechte, approved the Crisis Management Plan for 2025-2026. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn:

- Motion by Wiese, second by Hiniker, to adjourn the meeting (7:30pm). Motion carried unanimously.

/s/ Brad Carson
Brad Carson, Chairman

/s/ Christina DeBates
Christina DeBates, Clerk

Approved and dated by the board September 22, 2025
Submitted, Deb Peschon