

A Special School Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Pipestone Area Schools was held Thursday, February 27, 2025 beginning at 6:00PM in Conference Room 1148, MS/HS. This is a summary of those proceedings, which are not to be confused with the official minutes of the PAS School Board meetings, which are maintained by the Superintendent's Office. Complete official minutes and resolutions are available at: <https://meetings.boardbook.org/Public/Organization/1058> or in the District Office located at 1401 7th St SW, Pipestone, MN 56164.

Members Present: Carson, Likness, Wiese, Hiniker, Taubert, and Fruechte. Absent: DeBates. Also Present: Willert, Moravetz, Ortman, Pease, Peschon, T. Garcia, M. Palmer, M. Helgeson, B. Wentzel, and N. Stiles. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carson, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The agenda was approved unanimously (Motion by Wiese, second by Likness). Presentations and Discussions: Dr. Willert presented on 504 Plan and IEP's. Details covered were differences between a 504 Plan and an IEP, process and implementation for each, legal requirements and protections, funding for 504 Plans and IEPs. McKenzie Helgeson, Special Education Director covered special education process: pre-referral, due process paperwork, and IEP team roles; contracted services with SWWC for special education; and staff shortages and potential support strategies for the special education department.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM (Motion by Fruechte, second by Hiniker, unanimously carried)

/s/ Brad Carson, Chairman /s/ Christina DeBates, Clerk

Approved and dated by the board March 24, 2025. Submitted, Deb Peschon, Recording Secretary.