October 26, 2026

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, October 26, 2026 beginning at 6:30 PM in Conference Room 1148. MS/HS.

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

Chair Fruechte opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion by DeBates, second by Likness, approved the agenda as presented. Motion carried

Public Forum: Rachel Reit

Consent Agenda:

- Motion by Hiniker, second by DeBates, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Financials:

- The budget year-to-date shows expenditures as of October 21, 2026 at $4,342,726.64 or 23%. This was non-action.
- The treasurer's report for month ended September 30, 2026 shows a cash balance of $8,617,921.37. Motion by Wiese, second by Hiniker, approved the treasurer's report. Motion carried unanimously.
- The 2026A Facilities Maintenance Bond treasurer's report for month ended September 30, 2026 has a cash balance of $293,835.05 Motion by Likness, second by Taubert, approved the 2026A Facilities Maintenance Bond treasurer's report. Motion carried unanimously.
- Regular bills paid through October 21, 2026 totaled $834,639.25 Motion by Taubert, second by Hiniker, approved payment of the regular bills. Motion carried unanimously.
- High school activity bills paid through October 20, 2026 totaled $5,270.04. Motion by Wiese, second by Likness, approved payment of the high school activity bills. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Report:

Superintendent Report: Willert reported on Portrait of a Graduate competencies, elementary gym floor update, roofing project, Christmas party, issues will with the high school gym curtain, referendum updates, the permanent fund constitutional amendment, and principal appreciation month.

Principal's Report: Ortman reported on POG communicator recognition for grades 6-12, middle school choir concert, middle and high school academic goals, and attendance. Moravetz reported on picture retakes, preschool screening, ecology bus, fire truck tour, back to school bash, kindness fundraiser launch, POG, Terrific Kids, attendance and academic goals.

Curriculum, Teaching, and Learning Report: Pease gave a review on the A & I grant, para compliance training, MCA data update, continuous improvement, and special education curriculum review.

Board Action:

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

WHERAS, 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

WHERAS, 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 and community ed** as identified below:

Sons of American Legion	$350.00	Donation to Youth Football (CE)
Arrow Athletic Booster Club	$5.599.00	$2000 – Acceleration $1000 – GB Practice Jerseys $2599 – Pitching Machine

The motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution made by Member Wiese, and duly seconded by Member Likness, and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: DeBates, Fruechte, Hiniker, Likness, Taubert, and Wiese.
and the following voted against the same: None
The foregoing resolution passed 6-0.
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- Motion by Wiese, second by Taubert, approved the Resolution Governing Board Supporting Form A Application to the MSHSL Foundation. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Likness, second by Taubert, approved the 2026-2027 Seniority Lists for Secretaries, AP, and Custodians. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Likness, second by Taubert, approved the 2026-2027 Seniority List for Paraprofessionals. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Wiese, second by Likness, approved the 2026-2027 Seniority List for Certified Staff. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Likness, second by Hiniker, approved the 2026-2027 E-Learning Plan with a change of "voicemail" to "email". Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Taubert, second by DeBates, approved the snow removal quote from Outlaw Customs. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Wiese, second by Taubert, approved to declare 36 student textbooks obsolete. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn:

- Motion by Wiese, second by Hiniker, to adjourn (7:51PM). Motion carried unanimously.

/s/ Tyler Fruechte
Tyler Fruechte, Chairman

/s/ Daphne Likness
Daphne Likness, Clerk

Approved and dated by the board November 23, 2026
Submitted, Deb Peschon