

FEBRUARY 27, 2025

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2689, PIPESTONE COUNTY, PIPESTONE, MINNESOTA. A special meeting of the Board of Directors of Pipestone Area Schools was held on Thursday, February 27, 2025 beginning at 6:00 PM in Conference Room 1148. MS/HS.

The following members were present: Daphne Likness, Tyler Fruechte, Katie Wiese, Tami Taubert, Brad Carson, and Mark Hiniker. Absent: Chrissy DeBates. Also present: Dr. Klint Willert, Sonja Ortman, Jennifer Moravetz, Lisa Pease, Deb Peschon, Trinidad Garcia, Mary Palmer, McKenzie Helgeson, Brittany Wentzel, and Nancy Stiles.

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

Willert provided information on the difference of a 504 Plan and an IEP, the process and implementation of a 504 Plan and IEP, the legal requirements and protections of both, and the funding of both.

McKenzie Helgeson, Sped Director for Pipestone Area Schools, gave a special education overview, which included the process, which is pre-referral, due process paperwork, and IEP team roles and responsibilities. She listed the special education services Pipestone contracts with SWWC, discussed staff shortages, and how to support the special education department.

Motion by Fruechte, second by Hiniker to adjourn the meeting (7:35 p.m.). Motion unanimously carried.

/s/ Brad Carson  
Brad Carson, Chairman

/s/ Christina DeBates  
Christina DeBates, Clerk

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