

December 15, 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, December 15, 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, Daphne Likness, Mark Hiniker, and Chrissy DeBates. Also present: Dr. Clint Willert, Jennifer Moravetz, Sonja Ortman, Lisa Pease, Jacque Kennedy, and Deb Peschon.

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

Presentation: Matt Taubert presented the audit report. He reviewed the key financial highlights for fiscal year 2024-2025.

- Net position increased by \$1,084,769 or 6.5% over June 30, 2024 due primarily to the GASB 68 required adjustment for TRA and PERA obligations.
- General Fund Balance decreased by \$232,549 or 3.08% decrease over June 30, 2024. Revenues increased by \$466,729 or 2.80% from the prior year. Expenditures increased by \$884,534 or 5.36% from the prior year.
- Food Service Fund Balance increased by \$59,637 or 6.28% over June 30, 2024. Revenues decreased by \$73,805 or 6.22% from the prior year. Expenditures increased by \$28,855 or 2.82% from the prior year.
- Community Service Fund Balance increased by \$16,766 or 3.04% over June 30, 2024. Revenues decreased by \$34,676 or 10.62% from the prior year. Expenditures decreased by \$84,629 or 23.52% from the prior year.
- Debt Service Fund revenue increased by \$396,861 or 21.37% from the prior year. Expenditures increased by \$361,102 or 19.72% from the prior year.
- Capital Projects Fund had \$127,892 of revenue and \$1,430,806 of expenditures. There was a Fund Balance of \$1,487,883 at June 30, 2025. The Capital Projects fund balance decreased by \$1,302,914 due to roofing project expenditures in FY2025 and revenue reported in FY2024.
- Total Governmental revenues increased by \$766,351 or 3.8% in comparison to fiscal year 2024, and governmental expenditures increased by \$2,411,595 or 12.1% in comparison to fiscal year 2024.

The audit was an unqualified opinion. "In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Independent School District No. 2689, Pipestone Area Schools, Pipestone, Minnesota as of June 30, 2025, and the respective changes in financial position, and the respective budgetary comparison for General Fund and the Major Special Revenue Funds (Food Service Fund and Community Service Fund) for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America."

In accordance with the recommendation made during the audit presentation, in order for the district accounting system to be in agreement with the year-end audit, all journal entries made after June 30, 2025 need to be approved by the board. A motion by Wiese, second by DeBates, approved the audit and journal entries. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Financials:

- The budget year-to-date shows expenditures as of November 20, 2025 at \$5,900,250.78 or 33%. This was non-action.
- The treasurer's report for month ended November 30, 2025 shows a cash balance of \$8,653,796.02. Motion by Wiese, second by DeBates, approved the treasurer's report.
- The MN Trust 2023A Bonds treasurer's report for month ended November 30, 2025 has a cash balance of \$835,657.10. Motion by Taubert, second by Fruechte, approved the 2023A bonds treasurer's report. Motion carried unanimously.
- Regular bills paid through December 8, 2025 totaled \$270,375.73. Motion by DeBates, second by Taubert, approved payment of the regular bills. Motion carried unanimously.
- High school activity bills paid through December 9, 2025 totaled \$8,390.96. Motion by Wiese, second by DeBates, approved payment of the high school activity bills. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Reports: A policy and facility committee meetings need to be scheduled.

Superintendent Board Report: Willert gave an update on the flooring in the elementary, he reported on the Strategic Plan feedback, a technology conference he will be attending in January, staff Christmas party, and MSBA Leadership Conference in January.

Principals Board Report: Ortman reported on a new mentoring program she is working on getting started for middle school for 2nd semester, and new classes she is looking into for next year. Moravetz reported on recent events including JK field trip to Pizza Ranch, 3rd grade and preschool gingerbread house project, TERRIFIC Kid, kindergarten and 1st grade concert, preschool screening, elementary staff breakfast for Christmas, and December Character Traits.

Curriculum, Teaching, and Learning Board Report: Pease reported on high school staff reviewing student registration books, Portrait of a Graduate upcoming meeting, grade band competencies, READ Act training requirements updates, and provided a spreadsheet of MCA data from the last 5 years.

Board Action:

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATIONS

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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

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

Christ the King Lutheran	\$100.00	Donation to Wellness Room
Peace United Methodist	\$520.18	Donation to Wellness Room
Pipestone Publishing Co.	\$1,425.00	Donation to Athletic Help Fund (Fall Poster)

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

and the following voted against the same: None.

The foregoing resolution was approved 7-0 this 15th day of December, 2025

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First Bank & Trust	\$100.00	Senior-Kinder Buddy Program
Kwik Trip, Inc	\$200.00	Senior-Kinder Buddy Program

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- Motion by Taubert, second by Wiese, to Adopt Levy Limitation and Certification 2025 Payable 2026 for \$4,428,218.04. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Wiese, second by Likness, to declare food service grill surplus. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Taubert, second by Fruechte, to change to start time of the January 5, 2026 Organizational Meeting to 5:30 p.m. in Conference Room 1148. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn:

- Motion by Hiniker, second by Fruechte, to adjourn the meeting (7:55PM). Motion carried unanimously.

/s/ Tyler Fruechte
Tyler Fruechte, Chairman

/s/ Daphne Likness
Daphne Likness, Clerk

Approved and dated by the board January 26, 2026.
Submitted, Deb Peschon