

MAY 19, 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, May 19, 2025 beginning at 6:30 PM in Conference Room 1148. MS/HS.

The following members were present: Daphne Likness, Katie Wiese, Tami Taubert, Tyler Fruechte, Brad Carson, Chrissy DeBates, and Mark Hiniker. Also present: Dr. Klint Willert, Jennifer Moravetz, Sonja Ortman, Lisa Pease, Deb Peschon, 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 Likness, second by Wiese, approved all items in the Consent Agenda with a cap of \$14,500 for summer band contracts. Motion unanimously carried. Items approved were minutes of the May 28, 2025 regular meeting; contracts for Cierra Tutt, 1st grade; Maggie Wertish, Ag teacher; summer custodians - Melissa Hansen, Cheryl Boneschans, Makenley DeWilde, Mason Lemke, Maria Perez Ambrocio, Tom DeSchepper, Scott Heidebrink, Junior Aguilon Munoz, and Jessica Chaulsett; summer band - Lauren Powers, Sarah Thursby, Mackenzie Griffith, Sophia Poppen, Ashton Weston, Sarah Rommann, Dante Tooley, Ashley Lopez, Oscar Hansen, Karter Bensen Garr; summer technology - Max Taubert, Emileigh Stukel, Jacey Ilse, Kailyn Burmeister, Alyssa Enger, Quinton Nolder, Aurora Winsel, and Zayne Zollner; Peter Hansen, band assistant; Wayne Page, summer custodian; Lindsay Horner, 3rd grade; Jodi Swenson, SpEd teacher; and Haley Langswierdt, Title; letter of resignation from Paige Slovek, elementary para.

Financials:

- The budget year-to-date shows expenditures as of May 14, 2025 at \$12,476,837.70 or 72%. This was non-action.
- The treasurer's report for month ended April 30, 2025 shows a cash balance of \$9,571,327.23. Motion by DeBates, second by Likness, approved the treasurer's report
- The MN Trust 2023A Bonds treasurer's report for month ended April 30, 2025 has a cash balance of \$2,812,914.11. Motion by Wiese, second by Hiniker, approved the 2023A bonds treasurer's report. Motion carried unanimously.
- Regular bills paid through May 14, 2025 totaled \$351,915.58. Motion by DeBates, second by Wiese, approved payment of the regular bills. Motion carried unanimously.
- High school activity bills paid through May 14, 2025 totaled \$10,855.57. Motion by Likness, second by Fruechte, approved payment of the high school activity bills. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Report: Negotiations committee met to discuss bus contract. Robot for striping fields was an excellent purchase. Prom and After Prom went well.

Superintendent's Board Report:

1. **School Day Legislation** - The proposal to allow more flexibility in instructional days was not included in final legislation. However, discussion with the MDE deputy commissioner suggests future opportunities remain, especially around competency-based learning.
2. **FFA Banquet** - Attended the FFA banquet; praised students, staff, and volunteers. Special congratulations to the state champion Meats Judging Team.
3. **District Vacancies** - Hiring efforts continue; an update will be provided at the board meeting.
4. **ESP Grievance** - No response received from the ESP group at the time of writing. Will update the board if new information is available.
5. **Roofing Project** - Flashing repairs are progressing well. Roof replacement is set to begin at the end of May.
6. **Music Department Recognition** - PAS was named one of the Best Communities for Music Education nationwide. Only eight MN schools received the honor. Thanks to Dr. Ploeger for leading the application process.
7. **Spring Musical** - Community feedback on the musical has been overwhelmingly positive. It was a successful event for the district.
8. **Portrait of a Graduate (POG)** - KnowledgeWorks will visit June 5 to help develop draft competencies for PAS graduates. A draft will be presented at the June board meeting, and a strategic planning group will be formed.
9. **Elementary Flooring** - Flooring issues in the elementary building are being reviewed with the contractor and other parties. A facility committee meeting is anticipated.
10. **Staff Training** - A team will attend a competency-based learning conference after the school year, with participation from all school levels.

11. **Legislative Update** - Legislative work has stalled, with June 30 as the likely deadline. Budget planning for 2025-26 is ongoing despite uncertainty.
12. **Teacher Appreciation** - Appreciation was shown through community donations and school efforts. The superintendent thanked everyone involved in making the week a success.

Principals Board Report:

Sonja Ortman reported on important dates for graduation; recognized the music department for being named on the the Best Communities for Music Education nationwide; and provided an update on scheduling, registration for high school classes, and mentioned Tanya Schroyer was appointed to the Minnesota School Counselor Association Board of Directors. Jennifer Moravetz reported on field trips, teacher appreciation week, the book fair, art show, literacy night, family and community engagement, Carson’s Cause, CLIMB theatre, testing, and summer school dates.

Curriculum, Teaching, and Learning Board Report:

Lisa Pease reported on MCA & ACCESS public release dates; delayed reporting on Science MCA IV; clarification on MCA data interpretation, and standard setting years for reading and math.

Unfinished Business

- Motion by Fruechte, second by Wiese, approved the second reading of Policy 712 - Video Surveillance Other than on Buses. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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:

Brian & Michelle Neihus	\$60.00	Donation to FFA for David Johnson Memorial
Terry Carson	\$20.00	
Minnesota State Patrol	\$50.00	
Daryl & Jan Stueven	\$20.00	
James and Linda Johansen	\$25.00	
Milo and Dawn Budahl	\$25.00	
Doug Sudenga	\$50.00	
Greg & Terri Larson	\$50.00	
L.S and B.R. Budahl	\$50.00	
MN Prairie Saddle Club Assoc	\$50.00	

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

and the following voted against the same: None.

The foregoing resolution was approved 7-0 this 19th day of May, 2025

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Pipestone American Legion	\$250.00	Donation for Teacher Appreciation Week
Sons of the American Legion	\$500.00	Donation for Teacher Appreciation Week
Pipestone American Legion	22 - \$25.00 Gift Cards (\$550)	Donation for Teacher Appreciation Week
First Bank & Trust	\$150 Hank's Gift Certificate	Donation for Teacher Appreciation Week
Kwik Trip	\$50 gift card for donuts	Donation for Teacher Appreciation Week
Sioux Valley Energy	\$100.00	Donation for Teacher Appreciation Week
Hank's Foods	11 dozen buns/chips	Donation for Teacher Appreciation Week
Coborn's	11 dozen buns/chips/ice cream	Donation for Teacher Appreciation Week
JBS	Hamburgers	Donation for Teacher Appreciation Week
Pepsi Cola	Pop and Water	Donation for Teacher Appreciation Week
Dari King	Ketchup/Mustard/Pickles	Donation for Teacher Appreciation Week
Building the Blessing	\$3,000	Talk to Me Technology Communication board and installation

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- Motion by DeBates, second by Fruechte, approved the Achievement and Integration Plan and Budget for FY26. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Wiese, second by to Likness, approve the 25-26 Resolution for membership in MSHSL. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Hiniker, second by Fruechte, to adjourn the meeting (7:04p.m.). Motion carried unanimously.

/s/ Brad Carson
Brad Carson, Chairman

/s/ Christina DeBates
Christina DeBates, Clerk

Approved and dated by the board June 23, 2025.
Submitted, Deb Peschon