

October 27, 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, October 27, 2025 beginning at 6:30 PM in Conference Room 1148. MS/HS.

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

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

Consent Agenda: Motion by Taubert, second by Hiniker, approved all items in the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Financials:

- The budget year-to-date shows expenditures as of October 22, 2025 at \$4,141,844.16 or 23%. This was non-action.
- The treasurer's report for month ended September 30, 2025 shows a cash balance of \$9,477,817.70 Motion by DeBates, second by Likness, approved the treasurer's report
- The MN Trust 2023A Bonds treasurer's report for month ended September 30, 2025 has a cash balance of \$856,035.06. Motion by Likness, second by Fruechte, approved the 2023A bonds treasurer's report. Motion carried unanimously.
- Regular bills paid through October 21, 2025 totaled \$544,690.99. Motion by DeBates, second by Hiniker, approved payment of the regular bills. Motion carried unanimously.
- High school activity bills paid through October 21, 2025 totaled \$6,916.36. Motion by Taubert, second by DeBates, approved payment of the high school activity bills. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Report: Certified staff have come to a tentative agreement.

Superintendent Board Report: Willert gave an update on the elementary gym floor, roofing, federal shutdown, strategic plan, certified negotiations, MSBA leadership conference, high school gym curtain, interruptible gas, and principal appreciation month.

Principal's Board Report: Moravetz reported on preschool screening, homecoming week, Indigenous Peoples' day, the great paper towel challenge, dental sealant clinic, Arrow Way assembly, Terrific Kid program, end of 1st quarter, elementary booster club grant, fire drills conducted, update on nonacademic goals, introducing monthly Arrow Way staff meetings, and national school principal month. Ortman reported on Cory Greenwood speaker, career and college exploration, FAFSA night, partnership with public library, homecoming parade expansion, Arrow Way recipients, and Red Ribbon Week

Curriculum, Teaching, and Learning Report: Pease reported on Indigenous Peoples Day, Wednesday early dismissal PD, CAPTI testing with new Read Act requirement, NAEP assessment, and Read Act training.

New Business:

- First reading of the 2025-2026 teacher seniority list. Non-action
- First reading of the 2025-2026 paraprofessional seniority list. Non-action
- First reading of the 2025-2026 secretary-tech-AP-custodian seniority list. Non-action

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 the **high school activities** as identified below:

Pipestone Holdings, LLC	\$1,000.00	Donation to Girls Tennis
Pipestone Grain Co	\$500.00	Donation to Girls Tennis
Zoetis	\$1,000.00	Donation to FFA (nominated by Pipestone Vet Clinic \$500.00 and Windy Ridge Vet Clinic \$500.00)
Woodstock Communications	\$5000.00	Donation to Esports

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

and the following voted against the same: None.

The foregoing resolution was approved 6-0 this 27th day of October, 2025.

- Motion by Likness, second by DeBates, approved the 2025-2026 E-Learning Plan. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Hiniker, second by DeBates, approved the quote for 2025-2026 snow removal from Outlaw Customs. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Fruechte, second by Taubert, to approve the Resolution of Governing Board Supporting Form A Application to Minnesota State High School League Foundation. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn:

- Motion by Fruechte, second by DeBates, to adjourn the meeting (8:02PM). Motion carried unanimously.

/s/ Brad Carson
Brad Carson, Chairman

/s/ Christina DeBates
Christina DeBates, Clerk

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