

November 24, 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, November 24, 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. Klint Willert, Jennifer Moravetz, Sonja Ortman, Jacque Kennedy, and Deb Peschon.

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

Financials:

- The budget year-to-date shows expenditures as of November 20, 2025 at \$5,671,984.53 or 32%. This was non-action.
- The treasurer's report for month ended October 31, 2025 shows a cash balance of \$9,158,883.72 Motion by DeBates, second by Likness, approved the treasurer's report.
- The MN Trust 2023A Bonds treasurer's report for month ended October 31, 2025 has a cash balance of \$833,011.12. Motion by Fruechte, second by Wiese, approved the 2023A bonds treasurer's report. Motion carried unanimously.
- Regular bills paid through November 18, 2025 totaled \$690,189.61. Motion by Hiniker, second by Fruechte, approved payment of the regular bills. Motion carried unanimously.
- High school activity bills paid through November 18, 2025 totaled \$9,931.51. Motion by Taubert, second by Wiese, approved payment of the high school activity bills. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Reports:

Superintendent Board Report: November enrollment is 1087. Willert reported on the MREA fall conference, the roof project, negotiations with PAEA, Christmas party, Pipestone Christmas Care, MSBA Leadership Conference, MN Paid Leave, Strategic Plan Survey, and student data state assessment results.

Principals Board Report: Ortman reported the MSHS hosted the Veterans Day program and the Big South Choir Festival. Parent teacher conferences had 27% attendance from parents. In academics, they are utilizing Reading Plus as a key tool to personalize literacy instruction in the middle school. Moravetz reported on student focus meetings held with her staff to discuss the individual needs of students. A fire drill was held along with vision and hearing screenings at the Colony. The book fair was a big success and attendance at parent teacher conferences was a great turnout. The 4th grade had their concert last week, it was American Education Week, and the elementary is focusing on responsibility as their character trait for November.

Curriculum, Teaching and Learning Board Report: Moravetz reported on amendments to the end of the year report for Title and Wednesday early dismissal professional development. The date for the NAEP test for select 8th grade students is March 5, 2026. She also reported on the READ Act training update from MDE and paraprofessional literacy training.

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:

Kiwanis Club	\$350.00	Senior-Kinder Buddy Program
Karla Loll Boutique	\$40.00	Senior-Kinder Buddy Program
Sandra Rieck & Associates	\$50.00	Senior-Kinder Buddy Program
A & S Drugs, LLC	\$50.00	Senior-Kinder Buddy Program
Mark Morgan, DDS	\$25.00	Senior-Kinder Buddy Program
Hord Farms West, LLP	\$250.00	Senior-Kinder Buddy Program
Luann's Gas & More	\$40.00	Senior-Kinder Buddy Program
First Farmers & Merchants	\$50.00	Senior-Kinder Buddy Program

The motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution made by Member DeBates and duly seconded by Member Wiese, 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 this 24th day of November, 2025.

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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
United Women of Faith	\$300.00	Donation to Wellness Room
Pipestone Holdings, LLC	\$1,356.30	Donation to Wellness Room for Winter Clothing (District Wide)

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The foregoing resolution was approved this 24th day of November, 2025.

- Motion by Taubert, second by Wiese, approved the Master Agreement with PAEA for July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2027. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Wiese, second by Taubert, approved the 2024-2025 Comprehensive Achievement and Civic readiness and Achievement and Integration Grant Summary Report. Motion carried unanimously.

- Motion by Wiese, second by Likness, approved the updated 25-26 Employee Handbook with MN Paid Leave Language added. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Fruechte, second by Likness, to declare a welder obsolete. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Fruechte, second by Taubert, to approve the final reading of the 25-26 certified staff seniority list, the 25-26 paraprofessional seniority list, and the 25-26 secretary, custodian, AP, and tech seniority list. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn:

- Motion by Wiese, second by Fruechte, to adjourn the meeting (8:00PM). Motion carried unanimously.

/s/ Brad Carson
Brad Carson, Chairman

/s/ Christina DeBates
Christina DeBates, Clerk

Approved and dated by the board December 15, 2025.
Submitted, Deb Peschon