

September 22, 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, September 22, 2025 beginning at 6:30 PM in Conference Room 1148. MS/HS.

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

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

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

Financials:

- The budget year-to-date shows expenditures as of September 19, 2025 at \$2,682,134.27 or 15%. This was non-action.
- The treasurer's report for month ended August 31, 2025 shows a cash balance of \$9,814,882.74 Motion by DeBates, second by Fruechte, approved the treasurer's report
- The MN Trust 2023A Bonds treasurer's report for month ended August 31, 2025 has a cash balance of \$853,127.02. Motion by Taubert, second by Fruechte, approved the 2023A bonds treasurer's report. Motion carried unanimously.
- Regular bills paid through September 15, 2025 totaled \$1,143,975.75. Motion by DeBates, second by Taubert, approved payment of the regular bills. Motion carried unanimously.
- High school activity bills paid through September 15, 2025 totaled \$16,321.93. Motion by DeBates, second by Fruechte, approved payment of the high school activity bills. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Report:

Superintendent Report: Willert reported on surplus property, AI on the rise, strategic design and plan work, January school board conference, elementary gym floor, gym curtains, and Portrait of a Graduate.

Principal's Report: Ortman reported on the start of kinder-buddies; new flex furniture, and academic goals focusing on literacy. Moravetz reported on picture retakes, Patriot Day event, bus safety, back to school bash, grandparent day, and academic/non-academic goals.

Curriculum, Teaching, & Learning Report: Pease reported on Wednesday early dismissal PD, NWEA and DIBELS testing, MCA reports are being sent out, and some staff will be trained to administer medications.

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."

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 school and high school activities as identified below:

Christ the King	\$200.00	Donation to the Wellness Room
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Knights of Columbus	25 Winter Coats	Donation to Elem and MS/HS
Knights of Columbus	\$300.00	Donation to Wellness Room
Pipestone Publishing	\$1,425.00	Athletic Help Fund - Fall Poster/Calendar

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

and the following voted against the same: none.

The foregoing resolution was approved 4-0 this 22nd day of September, 2025.

- Motion by Fruechte, second by DeBates approved policies 211, 415, 417, 420, 508, 516, 525, 527, 528, 529, 533, 710, and 714 with eliminating the last sentence "In addition, the student may be referred to legal officials when appropriate" in policy 527. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Fruechte, second by DeBates, to surplus 100 jumbo junior toilet paper dispensers. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Taubert, second by Fruechte, to surplus the listed shop equipment. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by DeBates, second by Taubert, to certify proposed levy limitation and certification report 2025 payable 2026 for the maximum. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Taubert, second by DeBates, to set the truth-in-taxation meeting for December 15, 2025, 6:30pm, conference room 1148. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn:

- Motion by DeBates, second by Fruechte, to adjourn the meeting (7:30PM). Motion carried unanimously.

/s/ Brad Carson
Brad Carson, Chairman

/s/ Christina DeBates
Christina DeBates, Clerk

Approved and dated by the board October 27, 2025.
Submitted, Deb Peschon