Special School Board Meeting

Monday, November 9, 2026 6:00 PM
Conference Room 1148 MS/HS, 1401 7th St SW, Pipestone, MN 56164

1. **Call Meeting to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Approval of Agenda**
4. **Board Action**
   - 4.1. Resolution Canvassing Return of Votes of School District General Election
   - 4.2. Resolution Canvassing Returns of Votes of School District Special Election
   - 4.3. Approve Contract for Law Enforcement Resource Officer from November 1, 2026 to May 27, 2027
5. **Adjourn**

RESOLUTION CANVASSING RETURNS OF VOTES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL ELECTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 2689, State of Minnesota, as follows:

1. It is hereby found, determined, and declared that the general election of the voters of the district held on November 3, 2026, was in all respects duly and legally called and held.

2. As specified in the attached Abstract and Return of Votes Cast, a total of 3,156 voters of the district voted at said election on the election of three (3) school board members for four-year term vacancies on the board caused by expiration of term on the first Monday in January next following the general election as follows:

Daphne Likness	2091
Mark Hiniker	1982
Tish Kalla	1906
Write -In	105

3. Daphne Likness, Mark Hiniker, and Tish Kalla, having received the highest number of votes, are elected to four-year term beginning the first Monday in January, 2027.

4. The school district clerk is hereby authorized to certify the results of the election to the county auditor of each county in which the school district is located in whole or in part.

(Attach Abstract and Return of Votes Cast)

Abstract of Votes Cast
Independent School District No. 2689 (PIPESTONE AREA)
State of Minnesota
at the State General Election
Held Tuesday, November 3, 2026

Compiled from the Official Returns.

Summary of Totals
Independent School District No. 2689 (PIPESTONE AREA)
Tuesday, November 3, 2026 State General Election

KEY TO PARTY ABBREVIATIONS

NP - Nonpartisan

School Board Member (ISD #2689) (Elect 3)

NP	NP	NP	WI
Daphne Likness	Tish Kalla	Mark Hiniker	WRITE-IN
2091	1906	1982	105

SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTION 1 (ISD #2689)

NP	NP
YES	NO
1149	1842

Detail of Election Results
Independent School District No. 2689 (PIPESTONE AREA)
Tuesday, November 3, 2026 State General Election

Office Title: School Board Member (ISD #2689) (Elect 3)

Precinct	NP Daphne Likness	NP Tish Kalla	NP Mark Hiniker	WI WRITE-IN
51 0020 : CAMERON TWP	1	1	1	0
51 0025 : CHANARAMBIE TWP	7	5	6	0
59 0010 : ALTONA TWP.	32	36	40	9
59 0015 : BURKE TWP.	29	24	23	0
59 0020 : EDEN TWP.	85	67	81	4
59 0030 : ELMER TWP.	37	36	33	2
59 0035 : FOUNTAIN PRAIRIE TWP.	47	42	63	1
59 0040 : GRANGE TWP.	79	66	89	9
59 0045 : GRAY TWP.	76	73	80	4
59 0050 : HATFIELD	8	9	11	0
59 0055 : HOLLAND	49	46	51	3
59 0060 : IHLEN	24	23	24	0
59 0065 : JASPER	126	122	126	0
59 0075 : PIPESTONE PRECINCT 1	435	399	372	18
59 0080 : PIPESTONE PRECINCT 2	675	619	591	30
59 0100 : ROCK TWP.	26	23	26	1
59 0110 : SWEET TWP.	123	106	130	11
59 0115 : TROSKY	26	25	25	1
59 0120 : TROY TWP.	99	85	91	2
59 0125 : WOODSTOCK	23	24	23	4
67 0025 : DENVER TWP	5	4	4	0
67 0040 : JASPER	16	14	15	1
67 0100 : ROSE DELL TWP	42	35	50	5
67 0105 : SPRINGWATER TWP	21	22	27	0

Detail of Election Results
Independent School District No. 2689 (PIPESTONE AREA)
Tuesday, November 3, 2026 State General Election

Office Title: School Board Member (ISD #2689) (Elect 3)

Total:	**2091**	**1906**	**1982**	**105**

Office Title: SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTION 1 (ISD #2689)

Precinct	NP YES	NP NO
51 0020 : CAMERON TWP	0	1
51 0025 : CHANARAMBIE TWP	1	9
59 0010 : ALTONA TWP.	12	50
59 0015 : BURKE TWP.	7	33
59 0020 : EDEN TWP.	38	77
59 0030 : ELMER TWP.	12	44
59 0035 : FOUNTAIN PRAIRIE TWP.	41	36
59 0040 : GRANGE TWP.	29	79
59 0045 : GRAY TWP.	40	70
59 0050 : HATFIELD	5	14
59 0055 : HOLLAND	19	51
59 0060 : IHLEN	7	23
59 0065 : JASPER	41	151
59 0075 : PIPESTONE PRECINCT 1	283	338
59 0080 : PIPESTONE PRECINCT 2	436	457
59 0100 : ROCK TWP.	14	35
59 0110 : SWEET TWP.	79	102
59 0115 : TROSKY	2	31
59 0120 : TROY TWP.	44	94
59 0125 : WOODSTOCK	11	26
67 0025 : DENVER TWP	2	6
67 0040 : JASPER	8	13
67 0100 : ROSE DELL TWP	12	66

Detail of Election Results
Independent School District No. 2689 (PIPESTONE AREA)
Tuesday, November 3, 2026 State General Election

Office Title: SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTION 1 (ISD #2689)

Precinct	NP YES	NP NO
67 0105 : SPRINGWATER TWP	6	36
Total:	**1149**	**1842**

We, the school board members of Independent School District No. 2689 (PIPESTONE AREA), certify that we have canvassed the returns of the State General Election held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026 and have herein specified the names of any candidates receiving votes and the number of votes received by each candidate, and have herein specified the number of votes for and against any ballot questions voted on in this election.

As appears by the returns of the election precincts voting in this election, duly returned to, filed, opened, and canvassed, and now remaining on file in the office of the clerk of Independent School District No. 2689 (PIPESTONE AREA).

Witness our official signature at _____ in _____ County this _____ day of _____, 2026.

_____
School Board Member

_____
School Board Member

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School Board Member

_____
School Board Member

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School Board Member

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School Board Member

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School Board Member

State of Minnesota
Independent School District No. 2689 (PIPESTONE AREA)

I, _____, Clerk of the Independent School District No. 2689 (PIPESTONE AREA) do hereby certify the within and foregoing _____ pages to be a full and correct copy of the original abstract and return of the votes cast in the Independent School District No. 2689 (PIPESTONE AREA) State General Election held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026.

Witness my hand and official seal of office this _____ day of _____, 2026.

_____

School Bd Mbr ISD No. 2689
(VOTE FOR) 3
(WITH 2 OF 2 PRECINCT COUNTED)

	VOTES	PERCENT
Daphne Likness.	8	38.10
Tish Kalla	6	28.57
Mark Hiniker	7	33.33
WRITE-IN.	0	

	VOTES	PERCENT
Sch Dst Qstn 1 ISD No. 2689		
(VOTE FOR) 1		
(WITH 2 OF 2 PRECINCT COUNTED)		
Yes	1	9.09
No.	10	90.91

Denver Twp

School Bd Mbr ISD No. 2689

Vote For 3

	TOTAL
Daphne Likness	5
Tish Kalla	4
Mark Hiniker	4
Write-In Totals	0
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	11
Contest Totals	24

Sch Dst Qstn 1 ISD No. 2689

Vote For 1

	TOTAL
Yes	2
No	6
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	0
Contest Totals	8

Jasper

School Bd Mbr ISD No. 2689

Vote For 3

	TOTAL
Daphne Likness	16
Tish Kalla	14
Mark Hiniker	15
Write-In Totals	1
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	20
Contest Totals	66

Sch Dst Qstn 1 ISD No. 2689

Vote For 1

	TOTAL
Yes	8
No	13
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	1
Contest Totals	22

Rose Dell Twp

School Bd Mbr ISD No. 2689
Vote For 3

	TOTAL
Daphne Likness	42
Tish Kalla	35
Mark Hiniker	50
Write-In Totals	5
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	111
Contest Totals	243

Sch Dst Qstn 1 ISD No. 2689
Vote For 1

	TOTAL
Yes	12
No	66
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	3
Contest Totals	81

Springwater Twp

School Bd Mbr ISD No. 2689

Vote For 3

	TOTAL
Daphne Likness	21
Tish Kalla	22
Mark Hiniker	27
Write-In Totals	0
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	59
Contest Totals	129

Sch Dst Qstn 1 ISD No. 2689

Vote For 1

	TOTAL
Yes	6
No	36
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	1
Contest Totals	43

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 2689
ELECTION DAY WRITE-IN VOTES
STATE GENERAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 3, 2026

ISD 2689 SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

Blank	3
Lee Tapper	2
Mark DeShepper	1
TOTAL	**6**

RESOLUTION CANVASSING RETURNS OF SPECIAL ELECTION CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES RELATING TO SPECIAL ELECTION

Issuer: Independent School District No. 2689 (Pipestone Area Schools), Minnesota

Governing Body: School Board

Kind, date, time and place of meeting: A special meeting held on November 9, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room 1148, Pipestone Area Schools.

Members present: Wiese, Fruechte, Likness, Taubert, and DeBates

Members absent: Carson, Hiniker

Documents attached:

Minutes of said meeting (including):

RESOLUTION RELATING TO CANVASSING RETURNS OF SPECIAL ELECTION

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting recording officer of the public corporation referred to in the title of this certificate, certify that the documents attached hereto, as described above, have been carefully compared with the original records of said corporation in my legal custody, from which they have been transcribed; that said documents are a correct and complete transcript of the minutes of a meeting of the governing body of said corporation, and correct and complete copies of all resolutions and other actions taken and of all documents approved by the governing body at said meeting; and that said meeting was duly held by the governing body at the time and place and was attended throughout by the members indicated above, pursuant to call and notice of such meeting given as required by law.

WITNESS my hand officially as such recording officer on _____, 2026.

_____
School District Clerk

The Clerk presented affidavits showing filing, mailing, publishing and posting of notice, in accordance with the resolution adopted July 27, 2026, of the special election held November 3, 2026, to vote on the question on approval of revoking an existing referendum revenue authorization and replacing it with a new referendum revenue authorization of the District. The Clerk also presented the Official Returns and Summary Statements of Judges. The affidavits and the Official Returns and Summary Statements of Judges were duly examined, approved and ordered placed on file in the office of the Clerk.

Member _____ introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, which motion was seconded by Member _____:

RESOLUTION RELATING TO CANVASSING RETURNS OF SPECIAL ELECTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 2689 (Pipestone Area Schools), Minnesota that the special election held in and for the School District on November 3, 2026, was in all respects duly and legally called and held, the returns thereof have been duly canvassed, and the votes cast at the special election for and against the question submitted to the electors was as follows:

School District Question
Revoking Existing Referendum Revenue Authorization;
Approving New Authorization

The board of Independent School District No. 2689 (Pipestone Area Schools), Minnesota has proposed to revoke the School District's existing referendum revenue authorization of $474.26 per pupil and to replace that authorization with a new authorization of $1,500 per pupil, subject to an annual increase at the rate of inflation. The proposed referendum revenue authorization would be first levied in 2026 for taxes payable in 2027 and applicable for ten (10) years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

○	**YES**	Shall the revocation of the existing referendum authorization and the approval of the new authorization proposed by the board of Independent School District No. 2689 (Pipestone Area Schools), Minnesota be approved?
○	**NO**	

BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The ballot question, having [not] received the approval of a majority of the votes cast, is hereby declared [not] to have carried.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.07, subdivision 3a, the Clerk is hereby instructed to notify the Commissioner of Education of the results of the special election and to provide the certified vote totals for each ballot question in written form within 15 days after the results have been certified by the Board.

Upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

and the following voted against the same:

whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted and was signed by the Chairperson and attested by the Clerk.

_____
Chairperson

Attest: _____
School District Clerk

CONTRACT BETWEEN PIPESTONE COUNTY
AND SCHOOL DISTRICT #2689
TO PROVIDE A LAW ENFORCEMENT RESOURCE OFFICER

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this 9th day of November ,2026, Through June 30,2027, by and between the County of Pipestone, hereinafter referred as the "County", and the Pipestone Area School District #2689, hereinafter referred to as the "School District".

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the School District desires to contract with the County whereby the County, through its Sheriff's Office, would provide law enforcement services within its School District boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the County and the Sheriff agree to render such services upon the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth; and

WHEREAS, such contracts are authorized by the provisions of Minn. Stat. 471.59.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained, it is agreed between the parties as follows:

Section 1. PERFORMANCE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT PROTECTION

The County agrees, through the office of the Sheriff of the County, to provide five (5) days per week, when school is in session, police protection within the limits of the School District to the extent and in the manner hereinafter set forth.

Except otherwise specifically provided herein, the service to be provided by the County shall encompass those duties and functions which are the type normally coming within the jurisdiction of and customarily rendered by the Sheriff under the applicable statutes of the State of Minnesota.

It is agreed that the School District shall receive police protection to be provided by such personnel as may be assigned by the Sheriff using such vehicles as the Sheriff, in his discretion, shall deem necessary. The police protection contemplated hereby shall include patrolling and answering police calls within the School District. The manner in which such service is rendered, the standards of performance, discipline of officers and all matters incident to the performance of such service or the control of personnel employed to render such service shall be and remain in the County through the Sheriff's Office.

The services contemplated hereby are scheduled police services which will, in fact, be provided to the School District for the number of contracted hours reasonably anticipated and required. It shall include in which, in the opinion of the Sheriff, a police emergency occurs which requires a different use of the officer and/or the patrol vehicle,

performance of special details relating to the law enforcement service, the enforcement of State statutes, performance of traffic law enforcement, enforcement of the Juvenile Code of the State as said code relates to the School District.

This contract covers regular on-duty, off-duty, special events, or special services to be performed for the School District of Pipestone.

In addition to the hours that are anticipated under this agreement, it is expected that additional hours will need to be provided on behalf of the School District including, but not limited to, the following: court appearances by Deputies for matters arising in the School District; extended shifts which may be required as the result of a Deputy being involved in business prior to the end of his shift which requires him to spend time beyond the end of this shift; emergency calls; investigations; and official events which are held in the School District that would require additional law enforcement protections. The Sheriff will be responsible for proper statutory required licensing of all the Deputies.

It is agreed that all personnel employed to render the services contemplated hereby shall be employees of the County, and that the County shall therefore be responsible for providing worker's compensation insurance and all other benefits to which such personnel shall become entitled by reasons of their contract with the County entered into through its collective bargaining units.

The County agrees that all insurance required to adequately cover vehicles, personnel and equipment used by the County in the provision of the services contemplated herein will be provided by the County including licensing said vehicles, and these costs are included in the total costs of the contract.

It is agreed that the County shall provide all necessary labor, supervision, equipment, communication facilities, dispatching and necessary supplies to maintain and provide the police service to be rendered hereunder and these costs are included in the total costs of contract to the School District of Pipestone. The School District is not obligated to, or responsible for, or liable for compensation or indemnity to any County official, agent or employee for injury or sickness arising out of his employment, and the County agrees to hold harmless the School District against such claim.

It is hereby agreed the School District and all of its officers, agents and employees shall cooperate and assist the County and the Sheriff to facilitate the provision of the services contemplated here.

The Pipestone Area School District and Pipestone County Sheriff's Office will adopt MSBA/Masa Policy 507.5 (see attached)

Section 2. TERM OF CONTRACT

The term of this contract extension shall be October 31, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

Section 3. COSTS AND PAYMENTS

For performing and services contemplated hereby, the County agrees to contract for (5) days per week, when school is in session.

It is understood by the County and the School District that costs and expenses herein do not include items of cost and expense attributable to services and facilities provided or available to the School District which by state law the County must provide to the School District.

Section 4. SUPERVISION

The Sheriff will establish the work schedule to perform the law enforcement services to the School District of Pipestone. The School District of Pipestone or their designee will give input in regards to scheduled police services for their School District. The County shall have the exclusive control and supervision of the personnel provided by the County to render police protection to the School District.

Section 5. INDEMNIFICATION

The School District does not assume any liability for the direct payment of any salaries, wages or other compensation to personnel employed by the County to perform the services contemplated hereby, nor does it assume any other liability other than that provided for in this agreement. Deputy Sheriffs and officers, agents and employees of the Sheriff's Office are deemed to be officers, agents and employees of the County.

There will be annual reviews of Costs and Payments to reflect changes, if any, resulting from the total budget.

The School District, its officers, agents and employees, shall not be deemed to assume any liability for any intentional or negligent acts of the County or any officer, agent or employee of the County, and the County shall indemnify and hold the School District and its officers, agents and employees harmless from any intentional or negligent act of the County or any officer, agent or employee of the County, and the County agrees to defend the School District, and its officers, agents and employees from any claim for damages resulting from any act or circumstances involving the County, its officers, agents or employees or equipment. The County upon the School District's request shall provide a copy of an adequate liability insurance policy to the School District.

The County, its officers and employees and the Sheriff shall not be deemed to assume liability for any intentional or negligent acts of the School District. The School District agrees that it will hold the County and Sheriff harmless from and shall defend its officers, agents and employees against any claim for damages resulting from such acts.

Section 6. COMMUNICATION

In order to maintain a direct channel of communication between the County and the School District, the Sheriff or one of his Deputies appointed by him, shall attend any School Board meetings when requested by either the board or the School District Superintendent. The Sheriff may also request to appear before the School Board.

Section 7. MOTOR VEHICLES

The County will lease or purchase at its option one (1) squad car for use in the School District of Pipestone. The County will maintain full insurance coverage for the vehicle. The vehicle shall be fully equipped for police use. Use or ownership of the vehicles will remain with Pipestone County.

Section 8. NONDISCRIMINATION; PENALTY

No discrimination because of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex or religion shall be made in the employment of persons to perform services by the County under this contract. The County agrees to meet all requirements of Federal and State Statutes pertaining to nondiscrimination employment.

Section 9. COMPLETENESS OF AGREEMENT

The provision embodied in this agreement contain all covenants, agreements, obligations, and stipulations agreed to by the parties and on execution hereof, any and all previous and existing agreements and/or contracts entered into between the parties are hereby declared by mutual consent to be null and void. Further, there are no other understandings, representations or agreements, written or oral, not incorporated herein. This agreement may not be enlarged, modified or altered except in writing, signed by the parties and endorsed herein. Upon notice given by any party, later negotiations may

be undertaken for the purpose of revising, adding to or striking any provision(s) of this agreement which appears unworkable or insufficient to perfect, maintain, and ensure the purpose of this agreement. Any change of the original provisions of this agreement, after agreement between the County and School District, shall be written and attached to this agreement. This later revision, addition or deletion shall only apply to the provision revised, added or deleted and the remainder of this agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

This contract between the County and the School District will include Exhibit A.

Exhibit A = 2026 Proposed costs for the School District of Pipestone Contractual Agreement calculated on a nine (9) month. **IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** the School District has caused this agreement to be executed by its School District Chair and Clerk by the authority of its governing body adopted on the 9th day of**, November, 2026** and the County of Pipestone has caused this Agreement to be executed by its Chair and attested by its Auditor pursuant to the authority of the Board of County Commissioners by Resolution dully adopted on the_____day of November**, 2026.**

SCHOOL DISTRICT #2689 State of MN

BY:_____
Chair of the Board

BY:_____
Clerk of the Board

COUNTY OF PIPESTONE

BY:_____
Chair of the Board

BY:_____
Clerk of the Board

EXHIBIT A
School District #2689 Law Enforcement Contract

One (1) Deputy is assigned to the School District #2689 State of Minnesota for five days each week of the school year.

The total due to maintain the School Resource Officer for the school year 2026/2027 will be $61,215.

The amounts are based on the salary of the officer and the equipment used by the officer for the calendar year.

Amounts due may be submitted quarterly to:

Pipestone County Auditor/Treasurer
416 Hiawatha Ave. South
Pipestone, MN 56164

Respectfully submitted,

_____
Keith Vreeman
Pipestone County Sheriff

10/26