

A Regular School Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Pipestone Area Schools was held Monday, August 17, 2026 beginning at 6:30PM in Conference Room 1148, MS/HS. This is a summary of those proceedings, which are not to be confused with the official minutes of the PAS School Board meetings, which are maintained by the Superintendent's Office. Complete official minutes and resolutions are available at: <https://meetings.boardbook.org/Public/Organization/1058> or in the District Office located at 1401 7<sup>th</sup> St SW, Pipestone, MN 56164.

**Call to Order** by Vice Chair Wiese at 6:30 PM. Present: Carson, Wiese, DeBates, Likness, Taubert, and Hiniker. Absent: Fruechte. **Board Action: : 1.** DeBates/Carson/All in favor: approve agenda as presented. **2.** DeBates to approve the consent agenda as presented. Failed for lack of second. Likness/DeBates/All in favor: to enter into closed session to discuss a personnel settlement prior to board action at that point in the meeting. Carson/DeBates/All in favor: approve the July 27, 2026 regular school board meeting minutes. Likness/DeBates/All in favor: approve the Consent Agenda **3.** Carson/Likness/All in favor: approve the July 31, 2026 treasurer's report. **4.** Taubert/DeBates/All in favor: approve the July 31, 2026 2023A bonds treasurer's report. **5.** Carson/DeBates/All in favor: approve the 2026A facilities maintenance bonds treasurer's report. **6.** Taubert/Likness/All in favor: approve payment of the regular bills. **6.** Carson/DeBates/All in favor: approve payment of the high school activity bills. **7.** Carson/Wiese/All in favor: resolution to approve donations to high school activities and the school. **8.** Hiniker/Likness/All in favor: approve Resolution accepting donations to high school activities and the school. **9.** Carson/DeBates/All in favor: retire policy 560- Administrative Restrictive Procedures. **10.** Carson/DeBates/All in favor: approve policy 524.5 - Personal Electronic Communication Devices. **11.** Carson/DeBates/All in favor: approve the Resolution Directing Superintendent to Make Recommendations for Adjustments in Curriculum, Programs, and Staff for the Following School Year (2027) up to \$1.2 million.

Vice Chair Katie Wiese called for a brief recess at 7:15 PM. The meeting resumed at 7:34 PM.

Wiese - After conferring with legal counsel, board policy and state statute does not allow us to enter into closed session regarding this matter. Therefore, we move to 11.5 for action and a motion. A reminder we cannot discuss private personnel in open meeting. **12.** Carson/Hiniker/4-2 (Wiese, Likness): approve separation agreement with Kathryn Baker. **13.** Carson/DeBates/All in favor: approve the 2026-2027 MSHS Handbook. **14.** Carson/Hiniker/All in favor: approve the 2026-2027 Employee Handbook. **15.** Carson/Likness/All in favor: approve the 2026-2027 Crisis Management Plan. **16.** DeBates/Hiniker/All in favor: approve the transportation contract with SWMN Christian for 2026-2027. **17.** Carson/Wiese/5-0-1(Hiniker): approve the teacher sub rate of pay for 2026-2026 at \$185.00 flat rate per day. **18.** Likness/Hiniker/All in favor: approve the renewal of food service management company cost reimbursable contract for 2026-2027. **Other:** Board and Admin reports; Budget Year-to-Date, first reading of policy 624 - online instruction. **Adjourn:** Carson/Hiniker/All in favor: 7:53 PM.

/s/ Tyler Fruechte, Chairman /s/ Daphne Likness, Clerk

Approved and dated by the board September 28, 2026. Submitted, Deb Peschon