

September 28, 2026

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 28, 2026 beginning at 6:30 PM in Conference Room 1148. MS/HS.

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

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

Public Forum: None.

Presentation: Willert presented on the potential budget cuts that may happen in the district if the operating referendum does not pass. Emelyn Fernandez presented on her Filipino heritage.

Consent Agenda:

- Motion by DeBates, second by Taubert to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Financials:

- The budget year-to-date shows expenditures as of September 20, 2026 at \$2,996,843.03 or 16%. This was non-action.
- The treasurer's report for month ended August 31, 2026 shows a cash balance of \$8,372,477.17. Motion by Carson, second by DeBates, approved the treasurer's report. Motion carried unanimously.
- The 2026A Facilities Maintenance Bond treasurer's report for month ended August 31, 2026 has a cash balance of \$414,381.58 Motion by Wiese, second by Likness, approved the 2026A Facilities Maintenance Bond treasurer's report. Motion carried unanimously.
- Regular bills paid through August 21, 2026 totaled \$1,117,718.55 Motion by Carson, second by Wiese, approved payment of the regular bills. Motion carried unanimously.
- High school activity bills paid through August 21, 2026 totaled \$23,101.35. Motion by Wiese, second by DeBates, approved payment of the high school activity bills. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Report: A facilities meeting was held.

Superintendent Report: Willert reported on rock surplus, roofing project, strategic design launch, MSBA conference in January, update on the referendum, ballot initiative for Constitutional Amendment, school improvement plans, Portrait of a Graduate, and homecoming concerns.

Principal's Report: Moravetz reported on first day of school assemblies, POG staff meetings, Patriot Day, environment fair for 5th graders, bus safety training, grand person day, back-to-school bash, September Character Focus- Respect, school improvement plan, and goals. Ortman reported on the cell phone policy, POG, new staff, middle school mentoring, and student/staff health.

Curriculum, Teaching, & Learning Report: Pease reported on the Back-to-School In-Service survey, staff visit to Northern Cass, Data Meetings, and MCA Public release date of September 30, 2026.

New Business: First reading of the 26-27 paraprofessional seniority list, secretary, custodian, tech, AP seniority list, and the certified staff seniority lists.

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 and the school** as identified below:

Christ the King Lutheran	\$200.00	Donation to Wellness Room
First Lutheran Church	\$117.00	Donation to Wellness Room
Arrow Athletic Booster Club	\$4,750.00	See Attached
PASBA	\$1,001.22	Donation to Girls Tennis

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

and the following voted against the same: None.

The foregoing resolution passed 6-0.

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Minutes approved and dated by the board October 26, 2026

- Motion by Taubert, second by DeBates, to declare elementary library picture books surplus. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Likness, second by DeBates, to declare an ETC Express 96 channel light control console obsolete. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Wiese, second by Likness, to certify the proposed levy limitation and certification report for 2026 payable 2027 for the maximum.
- Motion by Likness, second by Wiese, to set the truth-in-taxation meeting for December 16, 2026 at 6:30 PM. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by DeBates, second by Wiese, to approve the second reading of Policy 624 - Online Instruction. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn:

- Motion by Taubert, second by Wiese to adjourn (8:11 PM). Motion carried unanimously.

/s/ Tyler Fruechte
Tyler Fruechte, Chairman

/s/ Daphne Likness
Daphne Likness, Clerk

Approved and dated by the board October 26, 2026
Submitted, Deb Peschon