

February 23, 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, February 23, 2026 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 Fruechte opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion by Wiese, second by Carson, approved the agenda as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Public Forum: Roger Elgersma

Presentation: Neil Ramsbey, Esports coach presented on the newly established program. They have 3 participants that qualified for state in Esports.

Consent Agenda:

- Motion by Carson, second by DeBates, approved the January 26, 2026 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by DeBates, second by Wiese, approved the Personnel Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Financials:

- The budget year-to-date shows expenditures as of February 20, 2026 at \$10,160,706.36 or 56%. This was non-action.
- The treasurer's report for month ended January 31, 2026 shows a cash balance of \$8,054,479.91. Motion by Taubert, second by Carson, approved the treasurer's report.
- The MN Trust 2023A Bonds treasurer's report for month ended January 31, 2026 has a cash balance of \$730,111.23. Motion by Carson, second by Hiniker, approved the 2023A bonds treasurer's report. Motion carried unanimously.
- Regular bills paid through February 18, 2026 totaled \$625,031.89. Motion by Hiniker, second by DeBates, approved payment of the regular bills. Motion carried unanimously.
- High school activity bills paid through February 18, 2026 totaled \$20,855.51. Motion by Carson, second by Wiese, approved payment of the high school activity bills. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Reports: Facilities meeting was held with legal counsel for the elementary flooring, a pipe crushed by rock and a toilet issue. A calendar and policy meeting will be held in March. Taubert read a letter stating she would like to adhere to policy 203.5 and follow the rules and protocol established.

Superintendent Board Report: Willert reported the Legislative session begins, budget preparation, social media campaign "What I Love about PAS", Quiver Quips monthly newsletter, upcoming calendar and facilities committee meetings, upcoming student career fair, and moving into an AI partnership with Flint AI.

Principals Board Report: Ortman reported on the College/Career/Skills Expo stated for May 1 and 2. She also reported on Esports, increasing student engagement and school connection, and development of transferable skills. Moravetz reported on February I Love to Read Month and activities planned, attending the elementary principal's conference, 4th grade community connections event, wellness week, pre-school "Someone I Love Day", field trip to SoJo's, upcoming pre-school screening, Arrow Way assembly and the upcoming TERRIFIC kid program.

Curriculum, Teaching, and Learning Board Report: Pease was unable to attend the meeting. Her report was on Portrait of a Graduate Design Team work session, ACCESS/ACA testing, starting 2026-2027 district are required to provide mental health instruction in grades 4-12, and Flint K12 Pilot with 12 staff members signed up.

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 **Community Ed** as identified below:

American Legion Post 6	\$500.00	Donation to Youth Tackle FB - Community Ed
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The motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution made by Member Carson, and duly seconded by Member Hiniker, and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Carson, Hiniker, Taubert, Fruechte, DeBates, Wiese, and Likness

and the following voted against the same: None.

The foregoing resolution was approved 7-0 this 23rd day of February, 2026.

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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:

D & T Meat Market	\$500.00	Donation to Robotics
Dr. Paul Henriksen	\$100.00	Donation to Robotics
Midland Tire, LLC	\$200.00	Donation to Robotics
Pipestone Building Materials	\$100.00	Donation to Robotics
Darveaux Foods of Pipestone	\$250.00	Donation to Robotics
Pipestone Auto Body & Glass	\$150.00	Donation to Robotics
Whips Auto Sales	\$25.00	Donation to Robotics
Steve Everett - Everett Tire	\$100.00	Donation to Robotics
Scott's Auto	\$50.00	Donation to Robotics
G & S Body Shop	\$100.00	Donation to Robotics
Pepsi Cola Bottling Pipestone	\$100.00	Donation to Robotics
Pipestone Family Chiropractic	\$100.00	Donation to Robotics
Woodstock Communications	\$1,140.00	Donation to Esports
First State Bank SW	\$500.00	Donation to Esports

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and the following voted against the same: None.

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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:

Elem Booster Club and Jasper Lions Club		Chapstick and Lotion for all Elementary students
Christ the King Lutheran	\$100.00	Donation to Wellness Room
Jasper ELC	\$175.00	Donation to Wellness Room
Sioux Valley Energy	\$1,490.35	Donation for translating earbuds for elementary (Operation Round-Up)

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and the following voted against the same: None.

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- Motion by Likness, second by Taubert, to authorize the administration to secure a partner/vendor to complete a new district strategic plan consistent with Policy 601 utilizing funds from the CEOG funding. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Likness, second by Taubert to allow the existing ALC seniors on the path to graduate to walk this year and to defer to ask more questions and clarity for subsequent classes. Motion passed 4-3 (DeBates, Hiniker, Carson).
- Motion by Wiese, second by Hiniker, to approve the FY26 General Fund Budget Amendment. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn:

- Motion by DeBates, second by Hiniker, to adjourn the meeting (8:04PM). Motion carried unanimously.

/s/ Tyler Fruechte
Tyler Fruechte, Chairman

/s/ Daphne Likness
Daphne Likness, Clerk

Approved and dated by the board March 23, 2026
Submitted, Deb Peschon