

March 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, March 23, 2026 beginning at 6:30 PM in Conference Room 1148. MS/HS.

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

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

Public Forum: Dave Andres

Presentation: Robert Faber, Trapshooting. Dr. Zach Ploeger, request for overnight band trip, use of band uniforms, and instruments. Motion by Carson, second by Hiniker approved the request. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

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

Financials:

- The budget year-to-date shows expenditures as of March 19, 2026 at \$11,656,411.24 or 65%. This was non-action.
- The treasurer's report for month ended February 28, 2026 shows a cash balance of \$7,895,855.47. Motion by DeBates, second by Carson, approved the treasurer's report. Motion carried unanimously.
- The MN Trust 2023A Bonds treasurer's report for month ended February 28, 2026 has a cash balance of \$732,143.50. Motion by Carson, second by Likness, approved the 2023A bonds treasurer's report. Motion carried unanimously.
- Regular bills paid through March 17, 2026 totaled \$549,031.44. Motion by Carson, second by DeBates, approved payment of the regular bills. Motion carried unanimously.
- High school activity bills paid through March 13, 2026 totaled \$9,071.44. Motion by Likness, second by Taubert, approved payment of the high school activity bills. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Reports: Negotiations, Policy, Calendar, and Finance Committees all held meetings in the past month.

Superintendent Board Report: Current enrollment is 1079. Willert reported on scheduling a work session in April, budget development for 26-27, renewing our social media contract, upcoming college and career expo, FFA Alumni chapter being reactivated, district website changing to Apptegy, legislative activity, robotic demonstrations for custodial services, site visit to North Dakota, and AI in the district.

Principals Board Report: Ortman reported on important dates for remember for seniors and 9th grade student registration. Moravetz reported on student led conferences, staff in-service, student focus meetings, Arrow Way assembly, kindergarten round-up, TERRIFIC Kids and attendance goal.

Curriculum, Teaching, and Learning Board Report: Pease reported on district assessment updates, attending curriculum director networking meetings each month, updates to the A& I budget, reflecting purchasing attendance boards and FLINT12

Board Action:

- Motion by Carson, second by DeBates, to approve the State FFA Convention request not to exceed \$9,900.00. Motion carried unanimously.

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 the **school** as identified below:

Christ the King Lutheran	\$100.00	Donation to Wellness Room
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The motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution made by Member Likness, and duly seconded by Member Taubert, and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Carson, Hiniker, Likness, Wiese, DeBates, and Taubert.

and the following voted against the same: None.

The foregoing resolution was approved 6-0 this 23rd day of March, 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:

Mark T Morgan, DDS	\$30.00	Donation to Robotics
First Bank & Trust	\$150.00	Donation to Robotics
M & H Communications	\$25.00	Donation to Robotics
Hartquist Funeral Homes	\$25.00	Donation to Robotics
Peak Pros Inc	\$50.00	Donation to Robotics
Pater Landscaping LLC	\$100.00	Donation to Robotics
Gorters Clay & Dairy	\$250.00	Donation to Robotics
Pipestone Grain Company	\$500.00	Donation to Robotics
GROWMARK Lubricants	\$50.00	Donation to Robotics
O'Neill O'Neill & Barduson	\$50.00	Donation to Robotics
Jer's Electric, Inc.	\$100.00	Donation to Robotics
Eagle Trucking Inc., Jeff Baatz	\$1,500.00	Donation to Robotics

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

and the following voted against the same: None.

The foregoing resolution was approved 6-0 this 23rd day of March, 2026.

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- Motion by Carson, second by Hiniker, to approve May 19 as the last day for seniors. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Taubert, second by DeBates, to approve policies 306, 410, 502, 503, 510, 511, 515, 526, 530, 606, 712, 722, 901, 902, and 903. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Carson, second by DeBates, to approve policies 614 and 615. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Taubert, second by Likness, to set April 9, 2026 at 5:15 PM for a work session meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Hiniker, second by DeBates, to approve the Budget Parameters set forth. Motion carried unanimously.

- Motion by Taubert, second by Carson, to approve the 2026-2027 Calendar B and 2027-2028 Calendar B. Motion carried unanimously.

Member Carson introduced the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE TERMINATION
AND NONRENEWAL OF THE TEACHING CONTRACT
OF A PROBATIONARY TEACHER**

WHEREAS, Kristin Walerius is a probationary teacher employed by Independent School District No. 2689, Pipestone Area Schools;

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

1. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 122A.40, subdivision 5, the teaching contract of Kristin Walerius, probationary teacher employed by Independent School District No. 2689, is hereby terminated at the close of the current 2025-2026 school year and not renewed for the 2026-2027 school year;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a written notice be sent to said teacher regarding termination and nonrenewal of the contract as provided by law. The Board has reviewed and hereby approves the letter to be sent to the teacher.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly seconded by Hiniker, and upon a vote being taken thereon, the follow voted in favor of the motion: Carson, Hiniker, Likness, Wiese, DeBates, and Taubert. and the following voted against the motion: None.

Where upon said resolution was declared duly passed 6-0 this 23rd day of March.

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- Motion by Carson, second by DeBates, approved the MOU with Leonard Burzynski regarding vacation. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Likness, second by Wiese, to approve 2026-2027 contracts with SWWC Service Cooperative. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Likness, second by Hiniker, to approve Business Manager Jacque Kennedy's contract for July 1, 2026 - June 20, 2028. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Carson, second by DeBates, to approve the principal's contracts for July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2028. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Hiniker, second by Carson, to approve Coordinator of CTL Lisa Pease's contract for July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2028. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn:

- Motion by Carson, second by Hiniker, to adjourn the meeting (7:48 PM). Motion carried unanimously.

/s/ Tyler Fruechte
Tyler Fruechte, Chairman

/s/ Daphne Likness
Daphne Likness, Clerk

Approved and dated by the board April 27, 2026
Submitted, Deb Peschon