

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 regular meeting held on July 27, 2026, at 6:30 pm in Conference Room 1148 in the Middle School/High School building.

Members present:

Members absent:

Documents attached:

Minutes of said meeting (including):

RESOLUTION RELATING TO DETERMINING THE NECESSITY OF
REVOKING AN EXISTING REFERENDUM REVENUE AUTHORIZATION
AND REPLACING IT WITH A NEW REFERENDUM REVENUE
AUTHORIZATION AND CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION THEREON

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 July 27, 2026.

School District Clerk

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

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BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board (the Board) of Independent School District No. 2689 (Pipestone Area Schools), Minnesota (the School District), as follows:

1. The Board has investigated the facts and does hereby find, determine and declare that it is necessary and expedient to revoke the School District's existing referendum revenue authorization of \$474.26 per pupil and replace that authorization with a new authorization of \$1,600 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.

2. The question on the revocation of the existing referendum revenue authorization and the approval of a new referendum revenue authorization of the School District shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the School District at a special election, which is hereby called and directed to be held in conjunction with the state general election on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

3. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.11, the precincts and polling places for this special election are those precincts or parts of precincts located within the boundaries of the School District which have been established by the governing bodies located in whole or in part within the School District.

4. The Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause written notice of the special election to be: (a) provided to each County Auditor at least eighty-four (84) days before the date of the special election; (b) provided to the Commissioner of Education at least seventy-four (74) days before the date of the special election; (c) mailed to every taxpayer in the School District, at least fifteen (15) days but no more than forty-five (45) days prior to the date of the special election; (d) posted at the administrative offices of the School District, for public inspection, at least ten (10) days before the date of the special election; and (e) published in the official newspaper of the School District once each week for at least two consecutive weeks, with the last publication being at least one week before the date of the special election. The Notice of Special Election shall be prepared in substantially the following form:

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2689
(PIPESTONE AREA SCHOOLS), MINNESOTA**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election has been called and will be held in and for Independent School District No. 2689 (Pipestone Area Schools), Minnesota, on November 3, 2026, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. to vote on the following question:

**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 \$1,600 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.

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?

**PASSAGE OF THIS REFERENDUM WILL RESULT IN AN INCREASE IN YOUR
PROPERTY TAXES**

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

The property tax portion of the revenue authorized will require an estimated referendum tax rate of 0.261623% for taxes payable in 2027 of the referendum market value of all classes of taxable property in the School District, as defined by Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.01, Subdivision 3, which excludes certain agricultural property, seasonal property and post-secondary student housing.

The projected annual dollar increases for typical residential homesteads, apartments, commercial-industrial properties, and most other classes of property within the School District are as shown in the table below, subject to an annual increase at the rate of inflation. Agricultural property will pay taxes for the proposed referendum based only on the value of the house, garage and one acre of land. Seasonal recreational residential property (*i.e.*, cabins) will pay no taxes for the proposed referendum.

The figures in the table below are based on School District taxes for the proposed referendum levy authorization only and do not include tax levies for other purposes:

ISD 2689 Pipestone Area Schools Referendum Estimated Tax Impact Analysis					
Estimated Tax Impact for Taxes Payable in 2027					
	Referendum Market Value	Revoked Authority	Proposed Authority	Annual Net Tax Increase	Monthly Net Tax Increase
Referendum Market Value	50,000	-\$35	\$131	\$96	\$8
	75,000	-\$52	\$196	\$144	\$12
	100,000	-\$70	\$262	\$192	\$16
	125,000	-\$87	\$327	\$240	\$20
	150,000	-\$105	\$392	\$288	\$24
	175,000	-\$122	\$458	\$335	\$28
	200,000	-\$140	\$523	\$383	\$32
	300,000	-\$210	\$785	\$575	\$48
	400,000	-\$280	\$1,046	\$767	\$64
	500,000	-\$350	\$1,308	\$958	\$80

The precincts and polling places for the special election will be the precincts and polling places used for the state general election.

All qualified electors residing in said School District may cast their ballots at the polling places for the precincts in which they reside during the polling hours specified above.

A voter must be registered to vote to be eligible to vote in the special election. Unregistered individuals may register to vote at the polling places on election day.

Dated: July 27, 2026.

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

/s/_____, Clerk

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5. The Clerk is authorized and directed to acquire and distribute such election materials as may be necessary for the proper conduct of this special election. If an optical scan voting system is being used, the Clerk shall comply with the laws and rules governing the procedures and requirements for optical scan voting systems. The Clerk is authorized and directed to acquire and distribute such election materials and to take such other actions as may be necessary for the proper conduct of this special election and generally to cooperate with election authorities conducting any other elections on that date. The Clerk and members of the administration are authorized and directed to take such actions as may be necessary to coordinate this election with other elections, including entering into agreements with appropriate municipal and county officials regarding preparation and distribution of ballots or ballot cards, election administration, and cost sharing.

6. The Clerk is authorized and directed to cause a printed ballot for the question to be prepared in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.08, Subdivision 5 and the rules of the secretary of state for use at the special election. If an optical scan voting system is being used, the Clerk shall cause official ballots to be printed according to the format of ballots for optical scan voting systems provided by the laws and rules governing optical scan voting systems. The Clerk is further authorized and directed to cause a sample ballot to be posted in the administrative offices of the School District, for public inspection, at least four (4) days before the date of the special election and to cause two sample ballots to be posted at each polling place on the date of the special election and to cooperate with the proper election officials to cause ballots or ballot cards to be prepared for use at said election. The ballot shall be in substantially the following form, with such changes in form and instructions as may be necessary to accommodate the use of an optical scan voting system:

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**Special Election Ballot
School District Ballot
Independent School District No. 2689
(Pipestone Area Schools), Minnesota**

November 3, 2026

Instructions to Voters

To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this: 

To vote for a question, fill in the oval next to the word "Yes" for that question.

To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to the word "No" for that question.

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 **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
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(Reverse side of ballot)

OFFICIAL BALLOT

November 3, 2026

Judge

Judge

(The ballot is to be initialed by two judges)

7. If the School District will be contracting to print the ballots for this special election, the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to prepare instructions to the printer for layout of the ballot. Before a contract in excess of \$1,000 is awarded for printing ballots, the printer shall, upon request, furnish in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 204D.04 a sufficient bond, letter of credit or certified check acceptable to the Clerk in an amount not less than \$1,000 conditioned on printing the ballots in conformity with the Minnesota election law and the instructions delivered. The Clerk shall set the amount of the bond, letter of credit or certified check in an amount equal to the value of the purchase.

8. The individuals designated as judges for the state general election shall act as election judges for this special election and shall conduct the special election at the various polling places in the manner prescribed by law.

9. The special election shall be held and the returns made and canvassed in the manner prescribed by law and the Board shall meet on a date between the third day, November 6, 2026, and the fourteenth day, November 17, 2026, after the special election for the purpose of canvassing the results thereof.

10. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sections 126C.17, Subdivision 9(e) and 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 the ballot question in written form within fifteen (15) days after the results have been certified by the Board.

11. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 211A.02, Subdivision 6, the Clerk is hereby instructed to make any campaign finance reports filed with the Clerk by campaign committees within seven (7) days after the special election available on the School District's web site as soon as possible, but no later than thirty (30) days after receipt of any such report. The Clerk is further instructed to provide the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board with a link to the section of web site where such reports are made available. Such reports must remain available on the web site for four (4) years from the date first posted.

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.