

May 18, 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, May 18, 2026 beginning at 6:30 PM in Conference Room 1148. MS/HS.

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

Chairman Fruechte opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion by Carson, second by DeBates, approved the agenda as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Presentation: Dr. Ploeger presented a request for Brady Dunn to attend Minnesota All-State Band with financial assistance of \$970.00 from the district. Motion by Carson, second by Likness, approved the presented request. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

- Motion by Wiese, second by DeBates, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0-1 with Likness abstaining (6-0).

Financials:

- The budget year-to-date shows expenditures as of May 13, 2026 at \$13,331,799.46 or 74%. This was non-action.
- The treasurer's report for month ended April 30, 2026 shows a cash balance of \$8,109,325.20. Motion by Wiese, second by Likness, approved the treasurer's report. Motion carried unanimously.
- The MN Trust 2023A Bonds treasurer's report for month ended April 30, 2026 has a cash balance of \$736,531.22. Motion by Carson, second by DeBates, approved the 2023A bonds treasurer's report. Motion carried unanimously.
- Regular bills paid through May 11, 2026 totaled \$395,494.84. Motion by DeBates, second by Hiniker, approved payment of the regular bills. Motion carried unanimously.
- High school activity bills paid through May 11, 2026 totaled \$23,352.15. Motion by Carson, second by Wiese, approved payment of the high school activity bills. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Report: Likness talked about the Reality Check event; a policy meeting was held, and it was discussed to have the PACE event February at the latest.

Superintendent's Report: Willert reported on legislation drawing to a close, Federal Title funding, upcoming negotiations with ESP, data collection on staff excellence survey, roofing update, Strategic Plan and design work, music recognition from the NAMM Foundation, Portrait of a Graduate progress, Northern Cass Personalized Learning Institute, PACE event, and teacher appreciation.

Principal's Board Report: Ortman reported on end of the year activities, PACE event, student leadership and community involvement assisting with city wide cleanup, Humanity Launch for seniors, summer school, senior updates and graduation. Moravetz reported on teacher appreciation week, physical education week, school nurse day, the elementary book fair, the art show on math/literacy night, author visit, upcoming preschool and 5th grade graduations, field day, upcoming field trips, Arrow Way assembly and last day of school.

Curriculum, Teaching, and Learning Board Report: Pease reported 50 students took the ACT, local literacy plan, DIBELS/NWEA testing, LETRS training, and Title I.

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:

PRG Financial Inc	\$275.00	Donation to Youth Football
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The motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution made by Carson, and duly seconded by Member Wiese, and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Fruechte, Carson, DeBates, Hiniker, Wiese, and Likness.

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 June 22, 2026

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Board of Pipestone Area Schools, ISD 2689, gratefully accepts the following donations 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 Carson, and duly seconded by Member Wiese, and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Fruechte, Carson, DeBates, Hiniker, Wiese, and Likness.

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The foregoing resolution passed 6-0.

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- Motion by Hiniker, second by DeBates, to retire Policy 560 - Administrative Restrictive Procedures. Motion carried unanimously.

NOTICE OF FILING DATES FOR ELECTION TO THE SCHOOL BOARD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.
2689
(Pipestone Area Schools)
STATE OF MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the period for filing affidavits of candidacy for the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 2689 shall begin on (July 14), 2026, and shall close at 5:00** o'clock p.m. on (July 28), 2026.

The general election shall be held on Tuesday, November (3), 2026. At that election, three (3) members will be elected to the School Board for terms of four (4) years each.

Affidavits of Candidacy are available from the school district clerk at (1401 7th St SW, Pipestone, MN 56164). The filing fee for this office is \$2. A candidate for this office must be an eligible voter, must be 21 years of age or more or will be upon assuming office, will have maintained residence in the school district from which the candidate seeks election for thirty (30) days before the general election, and must have no other affidavit on file for any other office at the same primary or next ensuing general election, except as authorized by Minnesota Statutes, section 204B.06, subdivision 9.

The affidavits of candidacy must be filed in the office of the school district clerk and the filing fee paid prior to 5:00** o'clock p.m. on (July 28), 2026.

The motion for adoption of the Resolution was made by Member Brad Carson, duly seconded by Member Katie Wiese,

The vote on adoption of the Resolution was as follows:
Aye: Likness, Wiese, Hiniker, DeBates, Carson, Fruechte
Nay: None
Absent: Taubert

Whereupon, said Resolution was declared duly adopted by Independent School District No. 2689, (Pipestone Area Schools, State of Minnesota, this 18th day of May, 2026.

By: /s/ Tyler Fruechte
School Board Chair

By: /s/ Daphne Likness
School Board Clerk

Dated: (May 18), 2026
BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
/s/ Daphne Likness
School Board Clerk

- Motion by Likness, second by DeBates, to approve 2026-2027 Resolution for Membership to MSHSL. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

- Motion by Likness, second by Wiese, to adjourn the meeting (7:16 PM). Motion carried unanimously.

/s/ Tyler Fruechte
Tyler Fruechte, Chairman

/s/ Daphne Likness
Daphne Likness, Clerk

Approved and dated by the board June 22, 2026
Submitted, Deb Peschon

