

# Independent School District #850 School Board Minutes

ROTHSAY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL  
DISTRICT 850  
November 8, 2022  
Board of Education Regular Meeting

The Board of Education of Rothsay Independent School District 850 held its regular monthly meeting on November 8, 2022, in the Conference Room. Chairman Justin Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:32 a.m. Present for the meeting were board members Kevin Brenden, David Simmer, Derek Froslie and Jessi Colby. Metzger was absent. Administration members in attendance for the meeting included Superintendent, Wade Johnson; Principal, Karilee Traurig; and District Secretary/Bookkeeper, Diane Haugrud.

Superintendent Johnson read the mission statement, "To prepare our students to become responsible citizens and life-long learners."

Brenden made a motion to approve the agenda; Froslie seconded this motion, which unanimously carried on vote.

Froslie moved to approve the minutes of the regular October meeting with one change and the special October 18th meeting; Colby seconded this motion, which unanimously carried on vote. The school mailer and Rothsay Regional Report will publish the minutes.

Colby made a motion, which carried on vote following Simmer's second, to approve the financial reports and to authorize the fiscal agent for ISD 850 to pay accounts payable and hand payables in the following amounts: General Fund -

\$234,530.57, Food Service - \$27,014.34, Community Service - \$180.63, Student Activity - \$857.07 total - \$262,582.61. It was reported that the student activity account balance stands at \$121,646.54.

Johnson gave the Superintendent/Principal's report. He updated the board on the vacant lot we are going to sell. He told the board the high school PLC is reading a book and has brought up some very good communication. An update was given on technology and the issues we are having, we will need a technology committee meeting to make some decisions. Five cameras have been purchased to put in our route buses. He informed the board on his meeting with the booster club and a process of how to handle donations is being worked on to streamline the process. He told the board that he is rewriting the World's Best Workforce report. There is a need for a certified committee and possibility a transportation committee meeting within the next couple of weeks. He informed the board that he has purchased Turkey Bingo trophies in lieu of the candy prizes. He updated the board on a meet and confer meeting that was held with the teacher union. He reminded the board of the upcoming conference schedule and the Veteran's Day program on Friday.

Traurig gave the Elementary Principal's report updating the board on upcoming conferences for November 10 and 17. The elementary is doing some special things for the World Kindness Day on November 13. She noted the Title I model and noted the date of events

## M State Announces 2022 Fall Graduates

The following area students are among the 247 2022 fall semester graduates of Minnesota State Community and Technical College, with campuses in Detroit Lakes, Fergus Falls, Moorhead and Wadena.

Elizabeth, MN -  
• Peter Steinbach, Liberal Arts & Sciences-AA  
Rothsay, MN -  
• Hannah Kujava, Liberal Arts & Sciences-AA

A member of the Minnesota State system of colleges and universities, M State serves more than 7,000 students in credit courses each year in over 70 career and liberal arts programs online and at its campuses in Detroit Lakes, Fergus Falls, Moorhead and Wadena. By partnering with communities, the college also provides workforce development services and other responsive training programs.



## WCI Awards Funds To Small Town Fire Departments

West Central Initiative awarded more than \$20,000 from The Funders Network's Community Disaster Response Fund to 20 fire departments in west central Minnesota, receiving \$1,000 grants from The Funders Network



"We received a grant from The Funders Network for emergency preparedness activities," said West Central Initiative's Director of Development, Rebecca Lynn Petersen. "We're choosing to distribute the funds to the fire departments that serve our smallest communities. We're thrilled to help others help others."

The COVID-19 pandemic affected funding opportunities for fire departments nationally because emergency management teams had to focus their resources on pandemic response. Fire departments also saw an increase in expenses due to the increased use of personal protective equipment and inflation.

Grant Recipients are the cities of Bluffton, Callaway, Campbell, Carsonville, Dalton, Dent, Dumont, Elizabeth, Felton, Forada, Foxhome, Hitterdal, Millerville, Ogema, Sedan, Tintah, Vining, Wendell, Wolflake, Wolverton.

Support Your Local Fire Department

"The top needs in our area are personnel, equipment funding, and training," said Dave Coufal, Fire Chief of the Lake Park Fire Department and President of the Northwest Region of the Minnesota

State Fire Departments Association. "Recruiting new members is one of the biggest challenges that we face as rural, paid, on-call, and volunteer departments. The baby boomers are retiring, and many departments are seeing a decrease in applications."

You can support your local fire department in a variety of ways. "Whether it's a simple thank you, a plate of cookies, or a donation to the equipment fund, supporting your fire department is one of the most important things any community can do," said Coufal.

About West Central Initiative- West Central Initiative (WCI) is a regional community foundation and an economic development organization serving the nine west central Minnesota counties of Becker, Clay, Douglas, Grant, Otter Tail, Pope, Stevens, Traverse, and Wilkin and a portion of White Earth Nation. Through philanthropy and planning, WCI fuels insight and action for the benefit of our region and our world. Since 1986, WCI has provided more than \$57 million in loans and \$72 million in grants to businesses and organizations. Learn more at wci.org.

# City Of Rothsay Council Minutes...



City Council Meeting  
Approved Minutes  
December 7, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Joseph Tillman opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.0 Call to Order: The council meeting was called to order by Mayor Joseph Tillman at 7:00 p.m. Council Members present: Darrell Tollefson and Dana Holland Jr. Others present: Eric Larson, Amanda Kuschel, Jordan Barry, Sara Froslie, Shane Balken, Nathan Ziegler, Chris Buckingham, and Heather Weber. Council Members absent: Tulsa Kugler and Daryl Schleter.

2.0 Public Forum: No Public Forum  
3.0 Approval of Agenda: After two Additions; A MOTION was made by Holland, seconded by Tollefson to approve the agenda. Carried

4.0 Approval of November Council Minutes: A MOTION to approve was made by Holland, seconded by Tollefson. Carried.

5.0 ROTHSAY FIRE DEPARTMENT:

5.1 Fire Report:  
• Heard nothing more on FEMA Grant.

• FEMA Grant information was sent in and ready for next year.

• Fire training burn was completed and was a success.

• Fire Chief wants to give a pay raise to Eric Larson and Nate Johnson. Tillman suggested talking with the Fire Department and Council would approve.

5.2 Clerk's Collection Report: There was a total of four calls in the month of November; Three medical and one training burn. Additional billing is still being processed by Fire Chief.

6.0 EMPLOYEE REPORTS:

6.1 Jordan Barry:

• There are now two lights in gym, one on each end.

• The electrical in the Community Room needs to be looked at.

• Talk about eliminating pallets on spring clean up.

• Working on wastewater permit.

• Estimate from Code 4 for flashing lights on skid steer came in at \$985.00.

A MOTION to approve was made by Tollefson, seconded by Holland. Carried.

6.2 Eric Larson:

• Land survey estimates; Anderson quoted \$2,400.00 and Nyberg quoted \$2,500.00. Glen Lankow has used Anderson in the past. Approval to use Anderson. A MOTION to approve was made by Tollefson, seconded by Holland. Carried.

• J.S. Service will be installing exhaust fans in the Event Center.

• Need a new solar light at the ice rink.

• The old cabinet in the Event Center gym will be removed.

• Larson needs to burn up comp time

before end of year.

6.3 Amanda Kuschel:

• Bulk water bills were sent out the middle of November.

• Enrolled Larson and Barry for health insurance. It lapsed back in February. Start date is December 1.

• Booked hotel room for MCFOA conferences in St. Cloud for March.

• Registration for SAM was not completed. Finished registration process last month.

• Froslie was to have a pay raise the beginning of the year. Wrote a check in full to make up for the loss of pay from January to December 2022.

• Still have some invoices coming in that were left unpaid. Sending out payments to vendors.

• Hoover Fence has delivered all the fencing for east park field.

6.4 Sara Froslie:

• Santa Days coming up and all ready to go. Donations given by MRGA, Shada Seed, Rothsay Lions, T.C.'s, and J.S. Service. Big thank you to all of them.

• Oscar Township needs a new meeting place. Talk about using the Community Room for meetings.

• Larson needs to be reimbursed for his fitness membership, since he had no insurance and it wasn't being covered.

7.0 NEW BUSINESS:

7.1 ARPA Funds Distribution: Amount of \$25,735.97.

7.2 Custodial Position(s): Updated job description. A MOTION to approve was made by Holland, seconded by Tollefson. Carried.

7.3 Old School Parking Lot: Moved to end of the EDA meeting. Mayor Tillman closed meeting at 8:58 p.m. to discuss.

7.4 Building Official Job Duties: Discussed what the Building Official role is. To ensure that all building projects are being done correctly.

7.5 Building Permits: Starting January 2023 Amanda will be making a spreadsheet with name, address, and project description on all building permits.

7.6 Bulk Water Billing: Bulk water bills were sent out in November.

7.7 Addition to agenda: REC Parking Lot: Tillman drew up a new layout for the parking lot.

8.0 OLD BUSINESS:

8.1 REC Project: Green Concrete looking to have done before Christmas. Estimated cost for corrugated metal is \$500.00 and barn wood is \$700.00-\$1,000.00 for entryway. A MOTION to approve was made by Holland, seconded by Tollefson. Carried.

8.2 Veteran's Memorial Park: Move to Spring.

8.3 City Apparel: Putting in an order with JK Sports.

8.4 Resident Yards: Send out letters.

8.5 Addition to Agenda: 2023 Budget

Approval Date: Try to set date for next week.

9.0 Present & Approve November Financial Statements and Hand-Payables: MOTION by Tollefson, seconded by Holland to approve as presented. Carried.

10.0 Present & Approve December Accounts Payables: MOTION by Holland, seconded by Tollefson to approve as presented. Carried.

11.0 MOTION to adjourn made by Tollefson, seconded by Holland, and carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

Transcribed by,  
Amanda Kuschel,  
City Clerk/Treasurer

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Rothsay Economic Development Authority  
Rothsay City Hall  
Approved Minutes  
December 7, 2022

1.0 The EDA meeting was called to order by President Joe Tillman at 8:18 p.m. Board members present: Darrell Tollefson, Dana Holland Jr., and Amanda Kuschel. Others present: Chris Buckingham, Nathan Ziegler, and Shane Balken.

2.0 Approval of Agenda: A MOTION to approve the agenda was made by Tillman, seconded by Holland. Carried.

3.0 Approval of December 2022 EDA Minutes: A MOTION to approve the December Minutes was made by Tillman, seconded by Holland. Carried.

4.0 NEW BUSINESS:

4.1 EDA Reorganization:  
• Charter drafted and final logo was approved.

• Finish press release with logo included.

• Connect with possible Leadership Team members for approval at January meeting.

• Establish Meeting Cadence for Leadership Team starting in January.

4.2 Gutters on REC: Green Concrete looking into putting them up.

5.0 OLD BUSINESS:

5.1 EDA Growth Opportunities: SVEDA board meeting 2023 next week.

5.2 Chair/Table Storage: Have Froslie look over and make sure they will work.

5.3 Flooring in Community Room: Green Concrete looking into different epoxy for floors.

6.0 MOTION to adjourn made by Tillman, and seconded by Holland. Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Submitted by,  
Amanda Kuschel,  
EDA Secretary/Treasurer

(01/09/2023)

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