

Independent School District #850 School Board Minutes

ROTHSAY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 850
January 10, 2023
Board of Education Reorganizational and Regular Meeting

The Board of Education of Rothsay Independent School District 850 held its regular meeting on January 10, 2023, in the Conference Room at the school. Chairman Justin Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:30 a.m. Board members Derek Froslic, Kevin Brenden, David Simmer, Jessi Colby and Mike Metzger were present. In attendance from administration were Superintendent/Principal Wade Johnson, Elementary Principal Karilee Traurig, and District Secretary/Bookkeeper Diane Haugrud.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Metzger made a motion to approve the agenda with one addition (a Resolution of Employee Resignation); Brenden seconded this motion, which unanimously carried on vote.

The annual board reorganization took place with Phillips reopening the floor for nominations for the position of Board Chair. Brenden nominated Phillips with no further nominations voiced. Metzger made a motion that nominations cease, and a unanimous ballot be cast in favor of Phillips. Colby seconded this motion, which unanimously carried on vote.

Phillips solicited nominations for Vice Chair. Simmer nominated Brenden with no further nominations made by the board. Metzger made a motion that nominations cease, and a unanimous ballot be cast in favor of Brenden. Froslic seconded this motion, which unanimously carried on vote.

Phillips called for nominations for the position of Treasurer. Metzger nominated Colby with no further nominations made by the board. Metzger made a motion that nominations cease, and a unanimous ballot be cast in favor of Colby. Simmer seconded this motion, which unanimously carried on vote.

Phillips opened the floor for nominations for the position of Clerk. Froslic nominated Metzger with no further nominations made by the board. Colby moved that nominations cease, and a unanimous ballot be cast in favor of Metzger. Brenden seconded this motion, which unanimously carried on vote.

Froslic moved to approve the minutes of the regular December meeting as presented; Brenden seconded this motion which unanimously carried on vote. The school mailer and the Rothsay Regional Report will publish the minutes.

Colby made a motion (which carried unanimously upon vote following Metzger'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 denominations: General Fund - \$212,332.31, Food Service - \$16,540.55, Community Service - \$1,014.16, Debt Service - \$829,948.75, Trust Fund - \$0.00, Student Activity Fund - \$16,842.91; Total - \$1,076,678.68.

The student activity account balance was reported to stand at \$131,098.78.

Johnson gave the Superintendent/Principal report which provided an update on the pending sale of the property near the old school. Neither the City nor the School District can produce a copy of Addendum A. The new security cameras have arrived with two being installed thus far (and working very well). Travel plans for those attending the MSBA conference were finalized. Mr. Johnson indicated that he is working on a donation form

with Activities Director Lori Tillman. He is also looking at a different reading and writing curriculum for PreK through second grade that is a little more focused on phonics. The board was on the upcoming solar power project. Selections were made for the prestigious school board Curling Team to participate and compete against the students and staff during the reward day on January 27. Discussion took place regarding the importance of MREA over the next weeks as the legislature makes decisions on the state's \$17 billion dollar surplus. Finally, Mr. Johnson revisited a couple of previous items including fully-funded special education, a universal lunch program, and prohibiting suspension for K-3 graders.

Mrs. Traurig gave the Elementary Principal's report. Highlights included the 5/6 grade musical, the MnDOT Boost Bike Fleet grant awarded for \$25,000 (details addressed at the February meeting), and daycare updates. She also discussed the positive behavior celebration that took place in December and that the Reading Corp has hired two individuals who will be starting the middle part of January.

The Activities Director report was reviewed by the board. Positive numbers are being seen in JHBB, the search for a head VB coach will begin immediately, and the uniform rotation will focus on both volleyball and softball for the coming season.

The Technology Report was reviewed by all in attendance with no significant updates provided for the month.

The Preschool Report was reviewed by all in attendance and included updated enrollment numbers for the program (20 kids in each respective program).

Enrollment was reported at 292 pupils.

Brenden moved to designate Farmers State Bank as our District's official depository for the 2023 year. Froslic seconded this motion which unanimously carried on vote.

Metzger moved to designate the Barnesville Record Review as the official newspaper for the Rothsay Public School for the 2023 year. Colby seconded this motion which unanimously carried on vote.

Froslic moved to designate the second Tuesday of every month as the reoccurring date for the regular school board meetings (with a start time of 6:30 a.m.) for the remainder of the 2023 year. Simmer seconded the motion which unanimously carried on vote.

The 2023 committee assignments were set as follows:

- Special Education Cooperative
 - K. Brenden
- Minnesota State High School League
 - K. Brenden
- Certified Staff
 - K. Brenden
 - J. Colby
 - M. Metzger
- Non-Certified
 - D. Simmer
 - D. Froslic
 - J. Phillips
- Community Education
 - M. Metzger
- Transportation
 - J. Phillips
 - K. Brenden
- Policy Review
 - D. Froslic
 - J. Phillips
 - J. Colby
- Building and Grounds
 - D. Simmer
 - J. Phillips
- Long-Range Planning
 - K. Brenden
 - D. Froslic
 - J. Phillips
- LCSC Representative Assembly

- D. Simmer
- Legislative
 - J. Colby
- Budget
 - M. Metzger
 - J. Colby
 - J. Phillips
- Technology Committee
 - M. Metzger
 - D. Froslic

Metzger moved to establish Rothsay Board of Education expense allowances and salaries for calendar year 2023 at donated pay, mileage at the IRS rate, and the minute taker salary at \$28.50 per hour. Froslic seconded this motion which unanimously carried on vote.

Colby moved to approve authorizing the District Bookkeeper the ability to make electronic transfers among accounts as needed for cash flow including the Imprest Fund, which will be overseen by the Business Manager. Metzger seconded this motion which unanimously carried on vote.

Metzger moved to approve the resignation from John Reber as Head Volleyball Coach with the board's sincere thanks for his dedicated service. Brenden seconded this motion which unanimously carried on vote.

Brenden moved to approve the contract with Dana (DJ) Holland as Jr. High Boys Basketball Coach. Froslic seconded this motion, which unanimously carried on vote.

Metzger moved to adopt the Resolution Accepting Donations for the following donations received: \$2,572.60.

- Rothsay Booster Club - \$1,000.00
- Hudl Camera - 2021-2022
- Rothsay Booster Club - \$1,000.00
- Hudl Camera - 2022-2023
- Rothsay Booster Club - \$360.00
- Girls BB Fund - Team Building
- Wade Johnson LLC - \$212.60

Simmer seconded this motion. A roll call vote was taken with the following voting in favor: Metzger, Colby, Froslic, Simmer, Brenden, Phillips/Voting against: None. Whereas the said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Brenden moved to approve the second reading of the policies listed below. Colby seconded this motion, which unanimously carried on vote.

- 104 - School District Mission Statement
- 208 - Development, Addition, and Implementation of Policies
- 209 - Code of Ethics
- 210 - Conflict of Interest - School Board Members
- 404 - Employment Background Checks
- 410 - Family and Medical Leave Policy
- 415 - Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults
- 416 - Drug and Alcohol Testing
- 417 - Chemical Use and Abuse
- 418 - Drug-Free Workplace/Drug-Free School
- 420 - Students and employees with Sexually Transmitted Infections and Diseases and certain other Communicable Disease and Infectious Conditions
- 506 - Student Discipline
- 508 - Extended School Year for Certain Students with Individualized Education Programs
- 509 - Enrollment of Non-resident Students
- 515 - Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records
- 517 - Student Recruiting
- 522 - Title IX Sex Non-discrimination Policy, Grievance and Procedure and Process
- 524 - Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy

- 525 - Violence Prevention (Applicable to Students and Staff)
- 527 - Student Use and Parking of Motor Vehicles; Patrols, Inspections, and Searches
- 528 - Student Parental, Family, and Marital Status Non-discrimination
- 529 - Staff Notification of Violent Behavior by Students
- 532 - Use of Peace Officers and Crisis Teams to remove Students with IEPs from School Grounds
- 533 - Wellness
- 534 - School Meals Policy
- 603 - Curriculum Development
- 604 - Instructional Curriculum
- 601 - School District Curriculum and Instruction Goals
- 602 - Organization of School Calendar and School Day
- 613 - Graduation Requirements
- 617 - School District Insurance of Preparatory and High School Standards
- 618 - Assessment of Student Achievement
- 619 - Staff Development for Standards
- 620 - Credit for Learning
- 624 - Online Learning Options
- 701 - Establishment and Adoption of School District Budget
- 701.1 - Modification of School District Budget
- 702 - Accounting
- 703 - Annual Audit
- 704 - Development and Maintenance of an Inventory of Fixed Assets and a Fixed Asset Accounting System
- 705 - Investments
- 706 - Acceptance of Gifts
- 707 - Transportation of Public School Students
- 708 - Transportation of Non-public School Students
- 709 - Student Transportation Safety Policy
- 710 - Extracurricular Transportation
- 711 - Video Recording of School Buses
- 712 - Video Surveillance other than on Buses
- 713 - Student Activity Accounting
- 714 - Fund Balances
- 720 - Vending Machines
- 721 - Uniform Grant Guidance Policy Regarding Federal Revenue Sources
- 722 - Public Data and Data Subject Requests
- 801 - Equal Access to School Facilities
- 802 - Disposition of Obsolete Equipment and Material
- 805 - Waste Reduction and Recycling
- 806 - Crisis Management Policy
- 901 - Community Education
- 902 - Use of School District Facilities and Equipment
- 903 - Visitors to School District Buildings and Sites
- 906 - Community Notification if Predatory Offenders
- 907 - Rewards

Metzger moved to permit the Kicks Band to perform at the school on a Sunday in April or May. Brenden seconded this motion, which unanimously carried on vote.

Brenden moved to approve the Resolution Relating to the Resignation of Eugene Boyce as presented, Metzger seconded this motion. A roll call vote was taken with the following voting in favor: Metzger, Colby, Froslic, Simmer, Brenden, Phillips/Voting against: None. Whereas the said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Metzger, Clerk

Approved February 14, 2023

(February 20, 2023)

**Been There!...
...Done That!
Now I'm
Looking
Back...
Hunting Colorado**




By: Gene Prim

Daily Life In The Prison...

After a month of being incarcerated at Hillcrest of Wayzata there had been definite changes in my general condition. The changes had been slow, incidental and incremental. Looking back through my mental notes, I could see the improvement. Looking forward the crystal ball got a lot more hazy.

I had gained considerable strength back. I could now leverage myself to a sitting position on the bed without assistance. I needed help getting from bed to wheelchair and back. The weekday exhausting and demanding gym sessions with Sarah and Lelani were paying dividends.

The weekend sessions with JoJo, Stephanie, Chris and one young man I saw only once, were grueling. With the weekday girls I got a tough, hour of workout followed by a break, lunch and then back to the gym for another hour in the afternoon. Weekends I never got the break, it was the better part of two hours all in one session. The weekends brought out more and different cruel streaks from my physical and occupational terrorists.

We continued with light hearted banter whether it was the regular terrorists or the weekend substitutes. I accused them of inflicting cruel and unusual exercises meant to kill me. In return they accused me of being old, fat, unmanageable and lazy. We were likely both right.

Somewhere during that first month they came up with a little project called "cognitive testing". Now this is important. Pay attention. There will be a quiz on this later. With their cognitive tests they would give you a series of words, sometimes three, a few times five to six. Most of the time there were four random, unconnected words involved. Let's call them duck, school, doctor, ocean. Then the schedule would return to the regular workouts that we had been involved with in past sessions with a few new exercises added from time to time. A long time later you were asked to recall those words.

With Occupational Terrorist Sarah I was becoming more adept at taking things out of the refrigerator, putting them on a table then returning them to the fridge. I could also hang clothing and restock dresser drawers. Running coat hangers through an arm hole, dumping socks unpaired along with unfolded underwear, shirts and pants into the same drawer perplexed Sarah but she had never eliminated that result with her rules so I counted it.

Physical Terrorist Lelani, now that I was sort of walker ambulatory, was focusing on that arena. We alternated exercises between the rigid walker with wheels just on the front, the parallel bars and the wheeled walker with wheels on all four corners, hand brakes and a seat to sit down and rest. The "Cadillac" walker with all the options was slippery, fast and wanted to get away from you creating an additional level of difficulty. Both of the terrorists focused on getting me to use my legs, walk as best I could as far as I could, continue to build up arm and leg strength and improve my balance.

The gym sessions along with a lunch break, took a big bite out of the center of the day. While not involved in the gym, I had a lot of time to spend in my room. I read a lot of novels. I watched a good deal of daytime TV which will rot your mind. Karen was a frequent visitor. I developed a good friendship with Edward, one of the late afternoon-early evening attendants. He would make his appointed rounds and then stop in, occupy a spot on my sofa and together we would solve world problems.

The nursing staff was frequently stopping by to evaluate my "vitals". Occasionally that involved being poked and probed with one sharp instrument or another. A frequent test, as in at least once daily, I got a finger stick and a shot in the belly. I really began to question that and found out I was being treated for diabetes which I have never been a victim of. Some reading early in my imprisonment at UofM Hospitals must have triggered the diabetic concerns. After a few more tests the belly shots stopped.

On a daily basis, the one caregiver and I who had gotten off on the wrong foot, continued to be at odds on when exactly my out of bed time was to be. I made it perfectly clear to her that it was not somewhere around 6:00 a.m. so I could sit in a wheelchair for four hours. She pretty much left me alone early in the morning after that. Both she and I did not much care about the cold breakfasts she brought since I seldom ate anything anyway. An armed tuck.

Morning sleep was never a given anyway. There was always activity in the hall and the level of conversation increased as the day went on. I did have an interesting cell mate across the hall. Allan was a long retired professor with a number of physical issues. He was also missing a few gaps between the years that he gave lectures and after his retirement. Early most mornings he would loudly begin to rehearse his class lecture for the day.

At peak volume he would blast President Trump and proclaim the glories of the Democratic party. Actually he was kind of a fun guy to visit with when both he and I were so inclined. On days he was mostly with it, I would wheel over to his room for a lusty political debate that we both seemed to enjoy.

In addition to the aide that I did not get along with, there were a host of other very capable guys and gals working the floor. One gal in particular stayed longer than she needed daily just to shoot the breeze. To some it was a career, to others it was a stepping stone as they learned American ways and language. And to a couple, it was a way to earn college money as they pursued a degree in nursing or perhaps even, in one case, a doctorate.

I was having a difficult time of it trying to get working legs back under me. But I was one of the "lucky" and for sure blessed. They had enough confidence in my progression that I was getting the extra weekend sessions. The more fragile patients, with less chance of seeing improvement, got the weekends off.

Now back to more pressing matters. I told you early on there was going to be a quiz. This quiz has only one question and answer. What were the four words that I told you to remember at the beginning of this column? . . . See, it's not so darned easy is it? You are now officially, certifiably nuts, just like the rest of us.



During the course of my long imprisonment at Hillcrest of Wayzata, I was blessed with some excellent health care professionals. Gail and Emily were two of the great RNs who routinely poked me with sharp objects.

City Of Rothsay Council Minutes...



City Council Meeting
Rothsay City Hall
Approved Minutes
January 4, 2023 @ 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: Tulsa Kugler, Nathan Zeigler, Shane Balken, and Dana Holland Jr. Others present: Eric Larson, Amanda Kuschel, Jordan Barry, Sara Froslic, Darrell Tollefson, and Chris Buckingham.

2.0 Swearing in of the new Council Members.

3.0 Public Forum: Donation for post prom: Use of the Event Center.

4.0 Approval of Agenda: After one Addition; A MOTION was made by Kugler, seconded by Holland to approve the agenda. Carried.

5.0 Approval of December Council Minutes: A MOTION to approve was made by Holland, seconded by Tillman. Carried.

6.0 Approval of December 22, 2022 Budget Hearing Minutes: A MOTION to approve was made by Tillman, seconded by Holland. Carried.

7.0 Mayor Report: 2022 Recap and City Council Meeting Process for 2023. All employees to have written reports in packets before Council meeting and working on better book keeping and making corrections.

8.0 Budget Review:

8.1 December Statement & Ending Balance: A MOTION to approve was made by Kugler, seconded by Holland. Carried.

8.2 2023 Budget Performance Burn & Report: Spreadsheet to be made up for

monthly report.

8.3 Review & Approve January Accounts Payable: A MOTION to approve was made by Kugler, seconded by Holland. Carried.

9.0 ROTHSAY FIRE DEPARTMENT:

9.1 Fire Report:
• Fire Department was all fitted for new gear and sending ARPA Funds to financial group.

• Waiting to hear on open date for FEMA Grant.

• Trying to touch base on all outstanding fire call invoices.

9.2 Clerk's Collection Report: There was a total of 10 calls in the month of December; Three Medical, Five Accidents, and Two Cancelled. Additional billing is still being processed by Fire Chief.

10.0 EMPLOYEE REPORTS:

10.1 Jordan Barry:
• Electrical in Community Room was finished.

• Tractor needs new tires, looking into different brands and prices.

10.2 Eric Larson:
• New sander was installed on plow truck.

• Working on a quote for new wings for plow. Not to exceed \$3,000.00. A MOTION to approve was made by Kugler, seconded by Holland. Carried.

• J.S. Service installed new exhaust fans in Event Center bathrooms.

10.3 Amanda Kuschel:
• Audit date is set for February 8th.

• All of 2023 budget was entered and sent off reports to Wilkin and Otter Tail County. Big thank you to Roger from CarlsonSV for all his help and hard work to get this complete.

• Bulk water payments still being received.

• Working on getting all of year-end work completed and sent out.

• Still in communication with PERA regarding previous years that were not entered and paid.

• Approval for vacation on January 13th.

10.4 Sara Froslic:
• Santa Days went very well. Looking

into changing time to later in the day to accommodate with other events in town for next year.

• Have a Lawyer look over the current rental agreement since it has been updated.

• Storage racks and totes need to be purchased for storage room. Not to exceed \$500.00. A MOTION to approve was made by Kugler, seconded by Zeigler. Carried.

• Pickle Ball will be starting Sunday January 9th.

• Working on finding a projector for the REC Center.

• With winter here more fitness memberships coming in, most being family memberships.

• We are in need of security cameras outside the building.

• Approval for vacation February 13th-18th.

11.0 NEW BUSINESS:

11.1 Resolution No. 2023-1 Concerning Official Depository, Newspaper, Attorney, and Acting Mayor: MOTION by Holland, seconded by Zeigler to approve as presented. Carried.

11.2 Resolution No. 2023-2 Regarding Access to City of Rothsay Checking and Savings Accounts: MOTION by Balken, seconded by Holland to approve as presented. Carried.

11.3 Committee Assignments for 2023-2024: Committees will be a new section in the city council agenda. Each council member will take a lead in one of the committees. A MOTION to approve was made by Zeigler, seconded by Balken. Carried.

11.4 Water/Wastewater Rates: A spreadsheet was made with amount increase on certain percentages. Council will decide on this at a later date.

11.5 Township Fire Meeting Date: Date set for February 1st at 6:00 p.m. Location will be at the Rothsay Fire Hall.

11.6 New Council Apparel: Balken and Zeigler to put order in with Clerk.

12.0 OLD BUSINESS:

12.1 RAEDA Report:
• Created an email account and in use.

• Created a list of possible leadership team members.

• Website draft updates completed.

• In progress of trying to establish meeting cadence for leadership team starting in January.

• Connect with area businesses, SVEDA, the school about student members and engagement, and community groups.

• Review process for RAEDA to establish 501c3 by the end of 2023.

• Approval for leadership team seats: A MOTION to approve was made by Kugler, seconded by Zeigler. Carried.

• Chris Buckingham requested his office lease fee to be waived for working as the President of the RAEDA. A MOTION to approve was made by Kugler, seconded by Balken. Carried.

12.2 REC Project-Contractor: Green Concrete is working on finishing the project. Green Concrete working on quote for gutters.

12.3 REC-Chair & Table Storage: Doing more research.

12.4 REC-Community Room Flooring: Searching for Grants to pay for additional kitchen supplies. Find an inexpensive epoxy for flooring until remodel is complete.

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

13.0 MOTION to adjourn made by Kugler, seconded by Zeigler, and carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully Transcribed by,
Amanda Kuschel,
City Clerk/Treasurer

(02/27/2023)

