

ROTHSAY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 850
April 9, 2024, Board of Education Regular Meeting

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The Board of Education of Rothsay Independent School District 850 held its Regular meeting on April 9, 2024, in the Conference Room at the school. Chairperson Jessi Colby called the meeting to order at 6:30 A.M. Board members Derek Froslic, David Simmer, Kyle Blanchard, Mike Metzger and Danielle Grunewald were present. Superintendent/Principal Wade Johnson, Elementary Principal Karilee Taurig, and Secretary/Bookkeeper Sarah Wolfer were also in attendance representing administration.

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.”*

Froslic made a motion to approve the agenda with no changes; Simmer seconded this motion, which unanimously carried on vote.

Grunewald moved to approve the minutes of the regular March meeting with two minor corrections; Blanchard seconded this motion, which unanimously carried on vote. The school mailer and the *Rothsay Regional Report* will publish the minutes.

Grunewald made a motion, which carried unanimously on 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 amounts: General Fund - \$226,950.55, Food Service - \$18,540.22, Community Service - \$192.96, Debt Service - \$.00, Trust Fund - \$.00, Student Activity Fund - \$25,064.85 total - \$270,748.58.

The student activity account balance was reported as \$164,343.73.

Mr. Johnson gave the Superintendent/Principal’s report. It was reported that the district is still looking to fill a bus driver position. Thanks was given to the PTO for the donation of the Solar Eclipse glasses. Johnson stated the new baseball fencing project is going well considering the weather disruptions and that the project has an anticipated completion date of April 11th or 12th. The updates to the weight room have been finished. MCA testing starts April 9th continuing through May 1st. The cancelled (weather) ACT testing will not be made up - vouchers will be given for students to go on their own for make-up testing. Johnson reported that a draft of the 2024-25 master schedule is complete. The week of April 8th- 12th is Severe Weather Awareness week (drills will be run to prepare our students). The Technology Committee is working on options for 2024-2025 including shopping around for contracts. Johnson concluded with senior student, Ethan Olson, made the top 4 finals round for the Star MN State Degree with FFA. Ethan will continue onto a personal interview at the State FFA Convention on April 28th. Only 2% of MN FFA members earn the MN State Degree and this year Rothsay will have five seniors receiving this award.

Mrs. Taurig gave the elementary principal’s report which included a brief presentation regarding the 2024 Wild about Reading Challenge and the PBS celebrations that took place on March 18th and 19th. Collectively, our students read over 53,000 minutes with 83% of the elementary students participating.

She reported that MCA testing will begin April 9th – May 1st (proctors are coming in to help students on a one-on-one basis as needed). She reported that Tom Gibson with Breckenridge Soil and Water will be presenting on Lewis and Clark on April 18th. The district is still looking to hire an employee for the Tiny Tigers Daycare.

Activities Director Trevor Hone provided a verbal report including a brief recap of the March 18th winter sports banquet. Spring sports are up and running. An update regarding the new weightroom equipment was provided. He recommended the hiring of Nik Gardin for the Spring Training/Weight Training Program. Nik will train on Tuesdays, Thursday, and Fridays with two 1-hour classes. The search has begun for a new Head Boys Basketball Coach.

The Preschool Report was reviewed by all in attendance with the forecasted Preschool/Kindergarten numbers for the 2024-2025 school year discussed/reviewed. The next ECFE meeting is scheduled for April 19th @ 5:15 pm.

The Technology Report was reviewed by all in attendance and reflected a significant increase in contract pricing for the next school year. The board has not yet committed to the service contract.

The following Board Committees met this past month:

- Non-Certified Committee - Met twice in the past month discussing the daily rates for the Tiny Tigers Daycare.
- Technology Committee - Met with Loffler via Zoom to discuss a service contract for 2024-25 school year.
- Budget Committee - Met to discuss 2023-24 budget revisions (to be discussed later in the meeting).

Enrollment was reported at 290 pupils.

Metzger moved to accept the resignation from Steve Jacobson as a paraprofessional. Grunewald seconded this motion, which unanimously carried upon vote.

Blachard moved to accept the resignation from Steve Jacobson as Head Boys Basketball Coach. Metzger seconded this motion, which unanimously carried upon vote.

Grunewald moved to accept the Non-Renew of Clayton Dilly as JV/C Assistant Boys Basketball Coach. Metzger seconded this motion, which unanimously carried upon vote.

Froslic moved to accept the resignation from Dana Holland as Jr. High Baseball Coach. Simmer seconded this motion, which unanimously carried upon vote.

Blanchard moved to approve Robert Steiner as the Jr. High Baseball coach for the 2023-2024 school year. Froslic seconded the motion which unanimously carried upon vote.

Metzger moved to approve Danielle Grunewald as the Jr. High Golf coach for the 2023-2024 school year. Blanchard seconded the motion which unanimously carried upon vote (Grunewald abstained).

Grunewald moved to approve Nik Gardin as the Strength and Conditioning coach for the 2023-2024 school year. Froslic seconded the motion which unanimously carried upon vote.

Simmer moved to offer Extended School Year this summer to any students who qualify. Blanchard seconded this motion which unanimously carried upon vote.

After reviewing the material presented by the Budget Committee, Froslic moved to approve the 2023-2024 revised budget at \$15,910,302 expenses and \$15,459,415 revenue. Metzger seconded this motion, which unanimously carried upon vote.

There was a discussion regarding school funding for the upcoming school years.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 a.m.