

The Board of Education of Rothsay Independent School District 850 held its regular meeting on May 13, 2025. Chairwoman Jessi Lehn called the meeting to order at 6:30 A.M. Board members Derek Froslic, David Simmer, Mike Metzger and Danielle Grunewald were noted as present. Member Kyle Blanchard was absent. Representing administration at the meeting were Superintendent/High School Principal David Oehrlein, Elementary Principal Karilee Traurig, and District Secretary/Bookkeeper Sarah Wolfer.

Superintendent Oehrlein read the mission statement, *“To prepare our students to become responsible citizens and life-long learners.”*

Simmer made a motion to approve the agenda with one change: moving the Bremer Insurance presentation up. Grunewald seconded this motion, which carried upon vote.

Froslic moved to approve the minutes of the regular April meeting. Simmer seconded this motion, which unanimously carried upon vote.

No members of the public were in attendance for the Open Forum.

Joel Quam from Bremer Insurance gave a brief presentation regarding the insurance coverage package for 2025-2026.

Froslic made a motion (Metzger 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 - \$222,390.11, Food Service - \$20,793.70, Community Service - \$0.00, Debt Service - \$0.00, Trust Fund - \$0.00, Student Activity Fund - \$25,837.43 total - \$269,021.24. Motion carried unanimously.

The student activity account balance was reported as \$191,797.31.

David Oehrlein began his report with a shout out and thank you for all the kind gestures that were brought in during teacher’s appreciation week. Including meals and snacks provided by the RPS Paraprofessionals, Rothsay Baptist Church, PTO and the School Board. He informed the board that the Minnesota graduation rate is at the highest rate ever recorded; 84.2%, but the testing scores continue to decline. Mr. Oehrlein listed many of the events happening at RPS with the end of the year wrapping up; including graduation practice, last day of school for the seniors on May 23rd, MN Honor Society and Tiger Awards Recognition Event on May 16th, Baccalaureate at the Rothsay Baptist Church on May 18th, and the Graduation ceremony being held on May 23rd at 7:00 p.m. The City of Rothsay worked with our head of custodians, Justin Nord, to get the senior banners hung up around town. Mr. Oehrlein stated there has been communication between the City of Rothsay and the school regarding the leasing of space for a potential daycare run by the city. Other options are being discussed as well regarding what will be done with the vacant space. Mr. Oehrlein concluded his report stating they had interviews for the Elementary Teaching positions and things are getting organized for the upcoming school year.

Karilee Traurig gave the Elementary Principal’s report. She informed the board that the 6th graders went on a Bike Trip in Fergus Falls on May 8th, Elementary track and field day was held on May 9th and this included grades K-5. The “Dive into Reading Challenge” has concluded and “Rolls with

Role Models will be held on May 22nd. All Preschool and Kindergarten programs took place and went smoothly. Mrs. Traurig informed the board of all the end-of-the-year field trips that were planned for elementary. And she concluded her report stating that Tiny Tigers/Tiger Cub Club Daycare will close on June 30th, 2025.

Trevor Hone gave the Activities Director Report. He reported that the Football schedule for 2025-2026 has been finalized. Softball and Baseball schedules for 2025-2026 are coming together. He informed the school board of the Boys Basketball uniforms not in compliance with the MSHSL rules. There was discussion on how to fix this upcoming problem. Quotes are being requested currently to look into a new set of jerseys. He reported that the Little Eight Conference is in discussion of creating a HUDL TV Streaming channel. And he concluded his report informing the board of the 2024-2025 MSHSL participation numbers.

The Preschool Report was included in the packet and reviewed by the board. The program currently has 41 students enrolled. Current numbers for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year are reported at seven - 3-year-old preschoolers, nineteen – 4-year-old preschoolers and twenty-seven – Kindergarteners.

The Technology Report was included in the packet and reviewed by the board. It was reported that the district is anticipating getting the E-rate funding shortly and will begin the network overhaul project.

Justin Nord, head of maintenance, was in attendance to give a brief report on facilities and maintenance around the district. He reported on helping the City of Rothsay with the hanging of the senior banners. He has plans to shingle the bus garage this summer and will do the work with his staff members. New mulch for the playground has been ordered and will be completed in the next couple weeks. Mr. Nord concluded his report informing the board of the two new student staff members to help with maintenance over the summer.

There was a special meeting held on April 8th regarding discussion of interviews for Elementary Principal, a Finance Committee meeting held on April 15th and a special meeting on April 17th regarding the approval of contract with the Elementary Principal.

Enrollment was reported at 300 pupils.

Joel Quam (Bremer Insurance) presented earlier in the meeting regarding the insurance package renewal for the upcoming school year. Quam fielded questions by board members surrounding the rationale/reasoning behind the rate increases, increased deductibles, etc. Metzger introduced a motion to approve the insurance renewal with Bremer for the 2025-2026 school year. Simmer seconded this motion, which unanimously carried upon vote.

The Health Insurance premiums for the 2025-2026 school year were reported to have a 6.7% increase. It was elected to stay with our present carrier, Minnesota Health Consortium, Medica.

Froslic moved to approve the Lakes Country Service Coop Technology support agreement for the 2025-26 school year at a cost of \$43,581.88. An increase of \$3,040.60 from 2024-25. Grunewald second this motion, which unanimously carried upon vote.

Metzger moved to approve the Greater Minnesota Community Services Agreement for school-based mental health services for the 2025-2026 school year at a cost of \$26,469.00 (an increase of \$519.00 from the previous year). Simmer second the motion, which unanimously carried upon vote.

Grunewald moved to approve the employment agreement with Monica Diestler as the Receptionist/Administrative Assistant for the month of June 2025. Metzger second this motion, which unanimously carried upon vote.

Simmer moved to approve the employment agreement with Lydia Umlauf as a Summer Custodial Student Worker. Metzger second this motion, which unanimously carried upon vote.

Froslic moved to approve the employment agreement with Mavyn Peterson as a Summer Custodial Student Worker. Metzger second this motion, which unanimously carried upon vote.

Simmer moved to approve the Lane Change for Jason Haas from a BA to a BA10 beginning the next school year contract. Metzger second this motion, which unanimously carried upon vote.

Member Grunewald introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

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 gift 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 board 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 Rothsay Public School ISD 850, gratefully accepts the following donations as identified below:

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Item/Amount</u>	<u>Designated Purpose (in any)</u>
Rothsay Booster Club	\$ 500.00	FFA – Meal at State Convention

Oscar Township	\$ 500.00	Rothsay Community Ed
Trondhjem Township	\$ 500.00	Rothsay Community Ed
City of Rothsay	\$ 3,000.00	Rothsay Community Ed

Simmer seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken with the following voting in favor: Simmer, Froslic, Grunwald, Metzger, Lehn; Voting against: None

Metzger moved to approve the Wilkin County Nursing Contract as presented for the 2025-2026 school year. Froslic seconded this motion, which unanimously carried upon vote.

Froslic introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

The Resolution for Membership is an annual resolution adopted by MSHSL member schools to renew their membership with the Minnesota State High School League. Each school's governing board agrees to adopt the Constitution, Bylaws, Policies and Regulations of the League and all amendments as the minimum standards governing participation in said League-sponsored activities and athletics.

Grunwald seconded this motion. A roll call vote was taken with the following voting in favor: Simmer, Froslic, Grunwald, Metzger, Colby / Voting against: None.

Whereas the said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Metzger moved to approve the extension of term with Teachers on Call, Kelly Education Company. Simmer seconded the motion, which unanimously carried upon vote.

Metzger moved to approve the Initiative Request for the graduate's street signs at a cost of \$1,100.00. Simmer seconded this motion, which unanimously carried upon vote.

Metzger moved to approve the Initiative Request for new Pep-Band music from band director, Heather Reber. Grunwald seconded this motion, which unanimously carried upon vote.

Metzger moved to approve the agreement from Hildi Inc. to prepare out GASB 75 reporting requirements at a cost of \$3,100.00. Simmer second the motion which unanimously carried upon vote.

Froslic moved to approve the Varsity Girls Volleyball request to attend camp in Watford City, ND. Metzger second the motion which unanimously carried upon vote.

Froslic moved to approve the opening of a Money Market account with Farmers State Bank. Metzger second the motion which unanimously carried upon vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 a.m.