



READING BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Session
November 19, 2019

The Board of Education of the Reading Community City School District met in Regular Work Session at the Middle School Media Center, 810 East Columbia Ave, on November 19, 2019, at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Kevin Kaiser at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Present Five. Alycia Bemmes, Donna Engel, Kevin Kaiser, Jim Perdue, Beth Wernery.
Absent None.

In Attendance:

Mr. Chuck Lafata, Superintendent; Ms. Colette Lewis, Treasurer; Mr. Dennis Ramsey, High School Principal; Mr. Daniel Kist, Primary Principal; Ms. Susan Fraley, Intermediate Principal; and the honorees and their families.

Motion 226-19 Approve Agenda as presented:

It was moved by Donna Engel, seconded by Alycia Bemmes to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes, Five. Alycia Bemmes, Donna Engel, Kevin Kaiser, Jim Perdue, Beth Wernery.
Nays, None.

The President declared the motion carried.

Presentations

The Board recognized Students of Character. The students were introduced by their principal and presented a certificate by the Superintendent and Board Members.

The Board took a 15-minute recess for refreshments.

The Board reconvened at 6:04 p.m.

Public Participation

Mr. Jim Perdue distributed the Great Oaks Highlights from the past board meeting and the student spotlight.

Committee Update

Building/Grounds Committee – Ms. Alycia Bemmes informed the board that the city’s planning commission met on November 11, 2019 to discuss the school district’s request to clarify the PDD.

Finance Committee: No Update

Policy Committee – Waiting for the fall date to be determined by Neola.

Student Achievement Committee – No Update.

Superintendent Search Committee – Focus groups scheduled for December 2, 2019.

Motion 227-19 Approve Minutes

It was moved by Jim Perdue, seconded by Donna Engel to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2019, regular meeting, October 21, 2019 special meeting, and November 6, 2019, work session.

Roll Call: Ayes, Five. Alycia Bemmes, Donna Engel, Kevin Kaiser, Jim Perdue, Beth Wernery.
Nays, None.

The President declared the motion carried.



Motion 228-19 Approve Financial Report, Warrant List, Records of Investments and Bank Reconciliation for October 2019

It was moved by Jim Perdue, seconded by Donna Engel to approve the financial report, warrant list, records of investments, and bank reconciliation for October 2019.

Roll Call: Ayes, Five. Alycia Bemmes, Donna Engel, Kevin Kaiser, Jim Perdue, Beth Wernery.
Nays, None.

The President declared the motion carried.

Motion 229-19 Approve Amended Certificate/Appropriation Resolution

It was moved by Donna Engel, seconded by Beth Wernery to approve the amended certificates and appropriation resolutions.

Roll Call: Ayes, Five. Alycia Bemmes, Donna Engel, Kevin Kaiser, Jim Perdue, Beth Wernery.
Nays, None.

The President declared the motion carried.

Motion 230-19 Accept Donations

It was moved by Donna Engel, seconded by Alycia Bemmes to approve the following invoices:

From	To	Amount
Reading PTO	PBIS	\$289.99
Luke & Danielle Cripe	Kinesthetic Learning Lab	\$1000.00
Reading PTO	Elementary	\$5000.00
Reading Athletic Boosters	Kinesthetic Learning Lab	\$5000.00
Kiwanis	Thanksgiving Celebration (Elementary)	\$200.00

Roll Call: Ayes, Five. Alycia Bemmes, Donna Engel, Kevin Kaiser, Jim Perdue, Beth Wernery.
Nays, None.

The President declared the motion carried.

Motion 231-19 Approve the following invoices

It was moved by Jim Perdue, seconded by Donna Engel to approve the following invoices.

Vendor	PO Date	Invoice Date	PO Number	Amount	Item
Mike Day	10/01/2019	08/02/2019	4000804	63.00	GreenFee@Beech Creek Golf Course
Medical Staffing	10/01/2019	05/05/2019	4000887	1326.76	Nurse Aide
High Aims	11/1/2019	08/26/2019		4500.00	Membership Fees
Quality Sports	11/1/2019	07/26/2019	4000973	500.83	Girls Soccer Items

Roll Call: Ayes, Five. Alycia Bemmes, Donna Engel, Kevin Kaiser, Jim Perdue, Beth Wernery.
Nays, None.

The President declared the motion carried.



Motion 232-19 Tax Advances

It was moved by Donna Engel, seconded by Alycia Bemmes to adopt the Resolution Requesting the County Auditor to make Advance Payments of Taxes Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 321.34.

WHEREAS, the Ohio Revised Code allows a taxing authority to request payment from the County Auditor funds derived from taxes or other sources to the County Treasurer, which may be held on account of a local subdivision;

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Reading Board of Education:

Section 1. That the Auditor and the Treasurer of Hamilton County in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 321.34, be requested to draw and pay to the Reading Community City School District upon the written request of Colette Lewis, Treasurer, to the County Auditor, funds due in any settlement of 2019 derived from taxes or other sources, payable to the County Treasurer to the account of the Reading Community City Schools, and lawfully applicable for purposes of the 2020 and 2021 fiscal year.

Section 2. That the Treasurer of the Reading Community City Schools shall forward to the County Auditor a certified copy of this Resolution.

Roll Call: Ayes, Five. Alycia Bemmes, Donna Engel, Kevin Kaiser, Jim Perdue, Beth Wernery.
Nays, None.

The President declared the motion carried.

Motion 233-19 Approve Modified Tax Budget Form

It was moved by Donna Engel, seconded by Jim Perdue to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING AUTHORITY
FROM THE HAMILTON COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION
TO FILE A MODIFIED TAX BUDGET FOR THE 2020/2021 FISCAL YEAR**

WHEREAS, Section 5705.28 of the Ohio Revised Code requires a board of education to adopt an annual tax budget on or before January 15th for the next succeeding fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, Section 5705.281 of the Ohio Revised Code authorizes the county budget commission to waive the requirement that a school district adopt a tax budget as provided under Section 5705.28 of the Ohio Revised Code, and instead authorize the board of education to provide such information to the county budget commission as may be required by the commission to perform its duties under Chapter 5705 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton County Auditor has informed the Board of Education of the Reading Community City School District (the "Board of Education") that it is required to pass a Resolution authorizing the Treasurer of the Board of Education to make a request to waive the requirement of the adoption of a tax budget, and instead request to file a modified tax budget in accordance with Section 5705.281 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has utilized a modified tax budget in prior years and believes that its continued use is advantageous since it provides additional information on the long-term financial plan of the District and utilizes a format that has become familiar to the Board of Education and its community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Reading Community City School District Board of Education as follows:

SECTION I

The Treasurer of the Board of Education is hereby authorized and directed to request the ability to file a modified tax budget for the 2020/2021 fiscal year. The Treasurer shall make said request by sending a letter addressed to the Hamilton County Budget Commission and including a copy of this Resolution with his letter.



SECTION II

The Treasurer of the Board of Education is hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to ensure the Board of Education may utilize the modified tax budget for the 2019/2020 fiscal year.

SECTION III

It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning or related to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were adopted in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all applicable requirements of the Ohio Revised Code.

Roll Call: Ayes, Five. Alycia Bemmes, Donna Engel, Kevin Kaiser, Jim Perdue, Beth Wernery.
Nays, None.

The President declared the motion carried.

Motion 234-19 Approve Volunteer

It was moved by Beth Wernery, seconded by Donna Engel to approve the following volunteer
Haley Kocisko Girls Basketball, Varsity Volunteer

Roll Call: Ayes, Five. Alycia Bemmes, Donna Engel, Kevin Kaiser, Jim Perdue, Beth Wernery.
Nays, None.

The President declared the motion carried

Motion 235-19 Approve the Non Staff Supplemental 2019-2020

It was approved by Alycia Bemmes, seconded by Jim Perdue to approve the following non-staff supplemental contracts

WHEREAS, the following positions have been offered to employees of the district who have a certificate of a type described in ORC #3313.53, and that no such employee qualified to fill these positions has accepted, and

WHEREAS, the Board then advertised the positions as available to any individual with such a certificate who is qualified to fill these positions and who is not employed by the Reading Board of Education, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the following non-teaching personnel be given contracts for supplemental positions for the school year 2019-2020:

Non Staff Member	Supplemental
Tyler Estep	Basketball, Boys JV Head Coach
Abby Suggs	Dance Team, Middle School
Jeremy Pletz	Wrestling, Middle School
Josh Caudill	7 th Grade Boys Basketball, 50%
Tyler Kelly	MS Wrestling Volunteer
Richard Bush	JV Boys Bowling

Roll Call: Ayes, Five. Alycia Bemmes, Donna Engel, Kevin Kaiser, Jim Perdue, Beth Wernery.
Nays, None.

The President declared the motion carried.



Motion 236-19 Approved Gertz's Resignation

It was moved by Beth Wernery, seconded by Donna Engel to approve Meredith Gertz's resignation effective December 21, 2019 (last day of work December 20, 2019).

Roll Call: Ayes, Five. Alycia Bemmes, Donna Engel, Kevin Kaiser, Jim Perdue, Beth Wernery.
Nays, None.

The President declared the motion carried.

Motion 237-19 Approve Volunteer

It was moved by Donna Engel, seconded by Beth Wernery to approve Sandy Ruschell as a volunteer to cover RAC and Detentions on an as needed basis.

Roll Call: Ayes, Five. Alycia Bemmes, Donna Engel, Kevin Kaiser, Jim Perdue, Beth Wernery.
Nays, None.

The president declared the motion carried.

Motion 238-19 Establish Organizational Meeting & Budget Hearing

It was moved by Jim Perdue, seconded by Donna Engel to establish January 8, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. as the Budget hearing and the Organizational Meeting directly after that at Reading Middle School Media Center, 810 East Columbia Ave

Roll Call: Ayes, Five. Alycia Bemmes, Donna Engel, Kevin Kaiser, Jim Perdue, Beth Wernery.
Nays, None.

The president declared the motion carried.

Motion 239-19 Approve Temporary Chairperson

It was moved by Donna Engel, seconded by Beth Wernery to appoint Jim Perdue as the temporary chairperson to preside over the organizational meeting until such time the Board President is elected and sworn in.

Roll Call: Ayes, Five. Alycia Bemmes, Donna Engel, Kevin Kaiser, Jim Perdue, Beth Wernery.
Nays, None.

The president declared the motion carried.

Motion 240-19 Approve MOU

It was moved by Donna Engel, seconded by Beth Wernery to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Reading Board of Education and the Reading Education Association for adding the position of "After School Supervisor."

Roll Call: Ayes, Five. Alycia Bemmes, Donna Engel, Kevin Kaiser, Jim Perdue, Beth Wernery.
Nays, None.

The president declared the motion carried.

Motion 241-19 New Program

It was moved by Jim Perdue, seconded by Donna Engel to establish the new RHS Mentor program and allow funds to be placed into 019-9220.

Roll Call: Ayes, Five. Alycia Bemmes, Donna Engel, Kevin Kaiser, Jim Perdue, Beth Wernery.
Nays, None.

The president declared the motion carried.



Motion 242-19 Resolution for Substitution of Project Facilities

It was moved by Jim Perdue, seconded by Donna Engel to approve the resolution authorizing the substitution of Project Facilities.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBSTITUTION OF PROJECT FACILITIES UNDER A 2012 TRUST AGREEMENT, GROUND LEASE, AND LEASE AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH 2012 CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION

WHEREAS, the School District and PS&W Holding Company executed a Ground Lease (and a memoranda thereto), dated as of July 1, 2012 (collectively, the “Ground Lease”) whereby the School District leased certain real property (the “Project Site”) to PS&W Holding Company in order to facilitate the issuance of certificates of participation to finance certain improvements for the benefit of the School District; and

WHEREAS, PS&W Holding Company and the School District executed a Lease Agreement (and a memoranda thereto), dated as of July 1, 2012 (collectively, the “Lease”) whereby PS&W Holding Company leased-back certain real property and improvements (the “Project Facilities”) to the School District; and

WHEREAS, in order to finance the Project Facilities, the School District approved the issuance of the \$2,000,000 Certificates of Participation, Series 2012, School Facilities Project, Evidencing Proportionate Interests in Base Rent to be Paid by Reading Community City School District, County of Hamilton, Ohio (the “2012 Certificates”); and

WHEREAS, the 2012 Certificates were issued pursuant to the terms of the Trust Indenture, dated as of July 1, 2012 (the “Trust Indenture”), by and between PS&W Holding Company and U.S. Bank National Association (the “Trustee”); and

WHEREAS, all of the right, title, and interest of PS&W Holding Company under the Ground Lease and the Lease were assigned to the Trustee by virtue of the Assignment Agreement, dated as of July 1, 2012 (the “Assignment”) and together with the Ground Lease, the Lease, the 2012 Certificates, and the Trust Indenture, collectively, the “Documentation for the 2012 Certificates”) by and between PS&W Holding Company and the Trustee; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of the Ground Lease and the Lease, the Trustee has a leasehold interest in the Project Site and the Project Facilities for the benefit of the holders of the 2012 Certificates; and

WHEREAS, the Project Facilities originally consisted of an elementary school known as Hilltop Elementary School to which certain improvements were made with a portion of the proceeds of the 2012 Certificates; and

WHEREAS, since the date of issuance of the 2012 Certificates, the School District underwent a master facilities assessment plan with the Ohio School Facilities Commission (“OFCC”) whereby OFCC recommended that the School District’s buildings and facilities be newly constructed, renovated, and improved as a campus-style site on a site located near the Project Site which will provide PK-12 buildings and educational classrooms and related facilities (the “Campus Facilities”); and

WHEREAS, the electors of the School District passed a voted bond issue on November 3, 2015, approving a portion of the construction of the Campus Facilities (that is, the School District’s local share), and shortly thereafter, the School District entered into a Project Agreement with OFCC whereby OFCC agreed to provide funding for the remainder of the Campus Facilities; and

WHEREAS, the School District, in conjunction with OFCC, substantially completed construction of the Campus Facilities on or about September 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS, as part of the OFCC’s master facilities plan, the original Project Facilities (Hilltop Elementary School) are scheduled to be abated and demolished (along with the School District’s former middle school located at another site); and



WHEREAS, the School District has provided the Trustee with an Affidavit (which is on file with the School District), stating that the existing Project Facilities (specifically, Hilltop Elementary School), are in disrepair and constitute a liability of the School District; and

WHEREAS, the future use of the Project Facilities, as substitute Project Facilities, are expected to have a greater value than Hilltop Elementary School in terms of monetary value and in terms of utility, with approximately \$940,000 in planned improvements to be expended by the School District providing for athletic fields and facilities and over an additional one million dollars in other improvements expected to be acquired and installed over the next 2-3 years (collectively, the “Substitute Project Facilities”); and

WHEREAS, based on the above-stated recitations, this Board of Education desires to execute a Modification Agreement Regarding Certificate of Participation in order to effectuate the substitution of the Substitute Project Facilities for the existing Project Facilities, and to acknowledge that the Project Site shall remain unchanged; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Reading Community City School District, County of Hamilton, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. This Board of Education determines that (a) the value and utility of Hilltop Elementary School, which is scheduled for abatement and demolition, is substantially less than the Substitute Project Facilities described in the preambles hereto, (b) the School District has plans to acquire and improve the Substitute Project Facilities in the amount of approximately \$940,000 immediately after the abatement and demolition of Hilltop Elementary School, as well as future plans, which are subject to further approval, to further improve the Substitute Project Facilities with funds totaling more than one million dollars, and (c) the existing Project Site identified in the Documentation for the 2012 Certificates is not intended to change; accordingly, this Board of Education hereby authorizes the School District to provide for the Substitute Project Facilities in place of Hilltop Elementary School.

SECTION 2. The Treasurer of this Board of Education, and/or the President of this Board of Education, and/or the Superintendent of the School District, individually or in any combination, are hereby authorized to effectuate documentation, deemed necessary by bond counsel, to provide for the Substitute Project Facilities in place of Hilltop Elementary School.

SECTION 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board; and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

SECTION 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Roll Call: Ayes, Five. Alycia Bemmes, Donna Engel, Kevin Kaiser, Jim Perdue, Beth Wernery.
Nays, None.

The president declared the motion carried.

Motion 243-19 Approve Pletz as a Home Instructor

It was moved by Donna Engel, seconded by Jim Perdue to approve Mary Pletz as a home instructor, 5 hours/ week effective 11/19/19 -1/23/20 at \$30 an hour.

Roll Call: Ayes, Five. Alycia Bemmes, Donna Engel, Kevin Kaiser, Jim Perdue, Beth Wernery.
Nays, None.

The president declared the motion carried.



Motion 244-19 Approve Energy Management Agreement

It was moved by Jim Perdue, seconded by Donna Engel to approve the energy management agreement with The Utilities Group.

Roll Call: Ayes, Five. Alycia Bemmes, Donna Engel, Kevin Kaiser, Jim Perdue, Beth Wernery.
Nays, None.

The president declared the motion carried.

Motion 245-19 Approve contract with First Energy

It was moved by Donna Engel, seconded by Beth Wernery to approve the 4-year contract with First Energy for electricity to lock in the lowest prices that we have seen in over a decade

Roll Call: Ayes, Five. Alycia Bemmes, Donna Engel, Kevin Kaiser, Jim Perdue, Beth Wernery.
Nays, None.

The president declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Chuck Lafata reported on the following items:

- Colette and I have been vetting some strategic communicator consultants; more information to come.
- Curriculum: Mr. Dennis Ramsey and Mr. Chuck Lafata have been observing Milford's Makers Lab and plan to order 3D Printers and crickets to include in Mr. Tom Seyss class.
- Safe Routes to School: Heidi Sandlin and the committee are gathering information and plan to continue to move forward with the grant after the data collection is completed.
- Camp Kern: Fifth graders are heading to Camp Kern.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, it was moved by Donna Engel, seconded by Jim Perdue that the meeting be adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

President, Reading Board of Education

Attest: Treasurer, Reading Board of Education