



**READING BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD WORK SESSION MEETING
August 7, 2024**

The Board of Education of the Reading Community City School District met in Regular Work Session at Reading Community City School, 810 East Columbia Avenue on August 7, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by the President Beth Wernery at 5:30 p.m.

Motion 218-24 Appoint Treasurer Pro Tempore for the Purpose of Taking Minutes:

It was moved by Amy Thamann, seconded by Beth Wernery to appoint Jim Perdue as Treasurer Pro Tempore for the purpose of taking minutes at the August 7, 2024 Work Session.

Mrs. Burke was on vacation and absent from the meeting.

Roll Call: Ayes Four: Alycia Bemmes, Jim Perdue, Amy Thamann, Beth Wernery
 Absent: Crystal Menner
 Nays: None
 The President declared the motion carried.

Roll Call: Present Four: Alycia Bemmes, Jim Perdue, Amy Thamann, Beth Wernery
 Absent One: Crystal Menner

Amy Thamann motioned, Jim Perdue seconded to excuse Mrs. Menner from the meeting.

Roll Call: Ayes Four: Alycia Bemmes, Jim Perdue, Amy Thamann, Beth Wernery
 Absent: Crystal Menner
 Nays: None
 The President declared the motion carried.

In Attendance:

Dr. Damon Davis, Mark Edwards, Mr. Todd Schilling.

Motion 219-24 Approve Agenda

It was moved by Amy Thamann, seconded by Alycia Bemmes to approve the agenda as written.

Roll Call: Ayes Four: Alycia Bemmes, Jim Perdue, Amy Thamann, Beth Wernery
 Absent: Crystal Menner
 Nays: None
 The President declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

PRESENTATIONS

Introduction of Todd Schilling, Career Based Learning Coordinator

Todd Schilling was introduced as the new Career-Based Learning Coordinator, a two-year position funded by the CTE grant from the State of Ohio. Mr. Schilling has a background in career connections and pre-apprenticeships, previously working in Dark County and at Sinclair Community College. He expressed excitement about enhancing K-12 career-based learning opportunities.

BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATES

Building & Grounds – Next meeting August 21, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. in the Media Center.



Finance Committee – Next meeting September 4, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. in the Media Center.

Policy – Next meeting October 30, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. in the Board of Education Office.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Meeting Dates for Recognitions and Presentations

The board discussed potentially moving recognitions and presentations to the board work session (1st meeting) of each month to balance the two monthly meetings. Recognitions will occur at the Work Session and allow Board meeting (2nd meeting) to focus more on business matters.

Capital Conference - November 10-12, 2024

The board discussed the upcoming Capital Conference on November 10-12, 2024. Board members will notify Mrs. Burke of their intentions to attend.

DISTRICT REPORT

Superintendent Damon Davis provided a district report and the presentation can be found [here](#).

District Strategic Plan

Dr. Davis provided an overview of the district's new five-year Strategic Plan, which aims to lead the district to 2030. The plan was developed with extensive community input, including surveys and meetings, and focuses on five main goals: academic excellence, inclusive school culture, communication and engagement, health and wellness, and financial stewardship. The plan emphasizes data-driven decision-making, with regular data meetings to monitor progress and adjust strategies as needed.

New Staff Orientation

Dr. Davis reported on a successful new staff orientation held on August 2. The event included presentations, building tours, and a warm welcome for new teachers, many of whom are just starting their teaching careers.

TREASURER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion 220-24 Approval of Lease Agreement between City of Reading and Reading Board of Education for the Football Stadium August 2024-August 2026:

It was moved by Amy Thamann, seconded by Alycia Bemmes to approve the lease agreement between the City of Reading and the Board of Education for the football stadium from August 2024-August 2026.

Roll Call: Ayes Four: Alycia Bemmes, Jim Perdue, Amy Thamann, Beth Wernery

Absent: Crystal Menner

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Motion 221-24 Adjournment

It was moved by Jim Perdue, seconded by Amy Thamann to adjourn at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Ayes Four: Alycia Bemmes, Jim Perdue, Amy Thamann, Beth Wernery

Absent: Crystal Menner

Nays: None

The President declared the motion carried.



Beth Wernery

President, Reading Board of Education

Jenny Burke

Attest: Treasurer, Reading Board of Education