



**READING BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL BOARD SESSION  
March 2, 2020**

The Board of Education of the Reading Community City School District met in Regular Session at Reading Community City School, 810 East Columbia Avenue on March 2, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Beth Wernery at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Present Five. Alycia Bemmes, Crystal Menner, Jim Perdue, Jason Rader, Beth Wernery.  
Absent None.

In Attendance:

Mr. Chuck Lafata, Superintendent; Ms. Colette Lewis, Treasurer; community members

Motion 56-20 Approve Agenda

It was moved by Jim Perdue, seconded by Jason Rader to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes Five. Alycia Bemmes, Crystal Menner, Jim Perdue, Jason Rader, Beth Wernery..  
Nays, None.  
The President declared the motion carried.

Public Participation

Mr. Chuck Lafata gave an update on the timeline for the demolition of both Central Elementary, 1301 Bonnell Ave, and Hilltop Elementary, 2360 Bolser Drive.

- Mr. LaFata explained the demo process for the building. It's expected to begin the week of March 16th. The contractors found more asbestos than anticipated above the ceiling in what was the media center, so that delayed the process a bit.
- Work will begin around 8:00AM and continue until approximately 4:00PM each day.
- The properties will be fenced in and all workers, trucks and equipment will be kept inside the fence.
- Utilities will be capped at the property line.
- Road closures are not anticipated. Should there be a closure, the contractors will contact the city and follow the proper steps and notify residents.
- Dust will be mitigated with a pumper truck.
- All foundations will be completely dug out. The site will be filled in with gravel and dirt then seeded.
- The concrete parts of the property will remain. The process is expected to take approximately 3 weeks.
- They are also going to send out flyers to surrounding properties.

What is the school going to do with the property?

- There has not been a decision made by the board of education. The purpose of the meeting was simply to gather public input and suggestions. The school is still deciding if they are going to keep or sell the property.
- If the property is sold, all the zoning, traffic and construction is out of the school's hands.

Suggestions for the property

- Sell property in hopes to generate new revenue for both the city and the school district
- Keep the property
  - o Athletic (soccer) field
  - o Green space
  - o Future education use

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, it was the consensus of the Board that the meeting adjourn at 6:53 p.m.

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President, Reading Board of Education

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Attest: Treasurer, Reading Board of Education