



**READING BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BOARD REGULAR SESSION  
September 15, 2021**

The Board of Education of the Reading Community City School District met in Regular Session at Reading Community City School, 810 East Columbia Ave at 5:30 p.m. and posted on RCCSD YouTube channel. Due to technical difficulties the meeting started at 5:37 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by the President Beth Wernery at 5:37 p.m.

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

In Attendance:

Mr. Jason Enix, Ms. Colette Lewis, Dr. Damon Davis, Ms. Rebecca Johnson, Ms. Stephanie Glad, Ms. Susan Fraley, Mr. Shane Ferguson.

Motion 224-21 Approve Agenda

It was moved by Jim Perdue, seconded by Crystal Menner to approve the agenda as presented.

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

Public Participation:

Mr. Dean Ramsey, 120 Waxwing Drive, addressed the board regarding his concerns around the safety and concern of the cafeteria and social distancing during the lunch period. Mr. Dean Ramsey asked that these challenges be addressed and restructured to allow for social distancing in the cafeteria.

Mr. Christopher Zander, 317 Walnut Street, wanted to share his gratitude for implementing a mask policy and hopes that the district can overcome some of the challenges.

Presentation

**Food Service – Acknowledgement for Summer Nutrition Program**

The Board of Education recognized Director of Food Service Mary-Lynne Bierman and staff for their hard work and dedication for serving over 15,000 lunches this past summer to students and parents in the community. The Summer Nutrition Program began June 7, 2021, and families were able to stop by the RCCSD campus each day to pick up lunch throughout the summer.

**School Spotlight – RES Responsive Classroom**

Elementary Principal Susan Fraley presented to the Board about Responsive Classroom in the elementary school. Responsive Classroom is a schoolwide student-centered approach to teaching social and emotional learning. Ms. Fraley explained that Responsive Classroom allows common language and expectations to be taught to students throughout the elementary building.

**Curriculum/Communication – Quarterly Update**

Dr. Damon Davis provided an overview of the districts focus for curriculum. The District implemented the Strategic Plan and the goal is to move the district forward. In addition, the District now has department chairs who meet monthly with Dr. Damon Davis. The goal of the District is to provide consistency and continuity across the curriculum throughout the District and provide a guaranteed and viable curriculum. Another focus area will be the program of studies for 7-12. The goal is to have the program of studies updated and finalized to the Board by December.

RCCSD will be looking into a curriculum revision of math for a PK-12.



**Communications –**

The goal of the district is to provide effective and transparent communication within all aspects of our Blue Devil Community. ~80% of families are satisfied with the amount of communication they are receiving. The goal is to build a recognize brand with the #BLUDEVILWAY

Board Committees:

Building & Grounds – Met prior to the board meeting on 9/15/2021

Memorial Bench – Jessica Carpenter asked that the committee consider presenting the Andy Ramsey/Amber Reed memorial beach.

Hilltop Basketball Court – Regina Richmond, community member, has asked that her family and friends be able to donate funds to repave the basketball court at 2236 Bolser Ave.

Central Property – It is the recommendation of the Building and Grounds Committee to hold onto the property and analyze the cost to fix and secure the property. Conversations were geared around the long-term plan for athletics.

Community Garden – The committee discussed the concept of the community garden and feel that the district should consider a community garden at the current PK-12 campus.

Resurfacing the track – will be discussed during the next meeting.

Next meeting is scheduled for December 1, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

Finance – Meeting scheduled for October 6, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

Policy – Meeting with Neola to discuss future updates.

Board Discussion Items

OSBA Legislative Update – No updates.

OSBA Student Achievement – No updates.

Great Oaks Highlights – Mr. Perdue provided the Board Highlights from the September 8, 2021 Great Oaks Board meeting.

Administrative Guidelines: AG7510 – Building Usage. Mr. Jason Enix discussed the Administrative Guidelines and the updates.

District Update

COVID-19 Update – Mr. Jason Enix provided an update on the most recent information regarding COVID-19.

ESSER Fund Usage –

**ESSER Funding - Funds have been spent**

Federal Relief Grants	Award Date	Usage	Funds	Funds Spent
CRF - URBAN	November 2020	Used for Personal Protective Equipment	\$65,810	Funds Exhausted
Hamilton Co. - CAREs Act (507-9121)	August 2020	Offset cost of Chromebooks	\$76,150	Funds Exhausted
BroadBand Connectivity	September 2020	T-Mobile - Network Connecting	\$20,000*	Funds Exhausted ~\$11,000



## ESSER Remaining Funds

Federal Relief Grants	Award Date	Usage	Funds	Funds Spent
ESSER - I (507-9021)	May 2020	COVID Cleaning, Supplies, & Clinical Clerical Aide, GERMStop, additional COVID Cleaning FY22	\$357,303	\$283,818
ESSER - II (507-9221)	February 2021 Spend by end of FY22	Supplant Remote Teacher salaries and benefits, K-8 Summer Learning, Classroom Supervisor, Wellness Teacher K-8	\$1,400,624	\$1,105,507
ESSER - III (507-9321)	Approved September 2021	Summer Learning Jump Start, Academic Enrichment Intervention- English & Math, Curriculum resources/programming, and Technology, Credit Recovery	\$3,147,839	Funds available through FY2024

### Motion 225-21 – Approve Board Minutes

It was moved by Jim Perdue, seconded by Alycia Bemmes to approve the minutes for the August 18, 2021 and September 1, 2021 Board meetings.

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

### Motion 226-21 Approve Financial Reports/Bank Reconciliation/Investments for August 2021

It was moved by Jim Perdue, seconded by Alycia Bemmes to approve the Financial Reports/ Bank Reconciliation/ Investments for August 2021.

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

### Motion 227-21 Approve Student Subsidies for 2021-2022

It was moved by Jim Perdue, seconded by Crystal Menner to approve the following student subsidies for the 2021-2022 school year

Athletic Transportation - \$45,000

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

### Motion 228-21 2021-2022 Approve Donations

It was moved by Alycia Bemmes, seconded by Amy Thamann to approve the following donations

Donation From	Donation To	Amount
Anonymous	Preschool	\$50.00
Jon Payne	Baseball Golf Outing (Hole Sponsor)	\$150.00

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



Motion 229-21 Approve unpaid Child Care Leave K. Knecht

It was moved by Jim Perdue, seconded by Amy Thamann to approve an unpaid child care leave for Kaitlin Knecht, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, for the 2021-2022 school year effective January 10, 2022 through August 15, 2022.

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

Motion 230-21 Approve Employment Tina Johnson – Part Time

It was moved by Alycia Bemmes, seconded by Crystal Menner to approve Tina Johnson as a Part-time reading specialist effective September 13, 2021.

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

Motion 231-21 Approve 2021-2022 Staff Supplemental

It was moved by Jim Perdue, seconded by Alycia Bemmes to approve the following staff supplemental positions for the 2021-2022.

Mandy Shinkle, Mike Denney, Cody Reardon, Nick Lunsford, James Singleton

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

Motion 232-21 Approve 2236 Bolser Drive Easement with Duke Energy

It was moved by Amy Thamann, seconded by Alycia Bemmes to approve 2236 Bolser Drive Easement between Duke Energy and RCCSD Board of Education.

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

Motion 233-21 Adjournment

It was moved by Jim Perdue, seconded by Crystal Menner to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. as there's no further business to come before the Board at this time.

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President, Reading Board of Education

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Attest: Treasurer, Board of Education