



**READING BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD REGULAR SESSION
October 6, 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 streamed via RCCSD YouTube channel.

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

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

In Attendance:

Mr. Jason Enix, Ms. Colette Lewis, Dr. Damon Davis, Ms. Stephanie Glad, and community members.

Motion 234-21 Approve Agenda

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

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

Motion 235-21 Executive Session

It was moved by Alycia Bemmles, seconded by Crystal Menner to enter Executive Session for ORC 121.22 (G)(3) conferencing with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.

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

Mr. Chuck Lafata and Mr. Bill Deters were invited into Executive Session.

Time In: 5:35 p.m.

Time Out: 5:58 p.m.

Public Participation:

Ms. Tiffany Boreing, 733 Maple Drive, asked the board to consider not extending the current facial coverings.

Mr. Dave and Amanda Perry, 1213 Market Street, requested that the board to not extend the mask mandate.

Mr. Andy Robins, 199 West Crest Dr., also suggested that the board not adopt the extension of the mask mandate.

Presentation

Wellness and Community Outreach Coordinator Stephanie Glad presented to the Board a quarterly report on her role and work so far this year. Mrs. Glad shared that the first quarter of the school year has been focused on building relationships, reviewing data, and making community connections to provide planning and programming to better meet the wellness needs of our students. Social emotional learning and mental health education and initiatives are high priorities for the district, and this is being addressed through Ms.



Glad's work with school- and district-based teams that include administrators, student services members, teachers, and other staff as members of our PBIS, School Counseling, Mental Health, and Wellness teams. Ms. Beth Wernery asked about a regular communication to address the resources.

Board Committees:

Building & Grounds – No update.

Finance – Meeting was rescheduled for October 20, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

Policy – Meeting was updated to October 6, 2021 prior to the board meeting to discuss the Fall 40.1 update provided by Neola. Ms. Beth Wernery asked if the district could provide a tutorial of the district website and the information on the site.

Board Discussion Items

Calendar Revision 2021-2022

The 2021-2022 district calendar was originally approved in 2020 and created prior to the implementation and construction of the district's Strategic Plan. On September 15, the district was provided a report by Dr. Davis outlining the curriculum work planned for the 2021-2022 school year. This model would require release time for staff to attend curriculum work sessions. Throughout the course of this year substitute coverage of classroom vacancies have been difficult to fill.

COVID-19 Update –

COVID-19 information reported by Hamilton County Public Health and recent county/regional data. Updated district information that included the current total number of positive cases and quarantined students in the district. As of September 30, there were 29 cases and 121 students quarantined throughout the district. All quarantine cases are the result of lunch, athletics, and community exposure.

District daily attendance trends at both the elementary and Jr/Sr high levels have been tracked longitudinally since mid-September and the absences are steadily increasing across the district as a result of recent cases and quarantines.

Mr. Enix shared his recommendation for continuing a mask requirement for RCCSD, which reduces the number of quarantines from the classroom setting and allows more students to remain at school.

The Board of Education had discussion regarding the current District's masking requirement set to expire on October 8th.

Conversation:

Ms. Amy Thamann – Believes the mask mandate has not been effective to keep kids in school and it allows the parents to make the choice. Suggested streamlining the communication process.

Ms. Alycia Bemmes – Stated one consistent factor has been that quarantining is not occurring because of close contact in classrooms. Allows the teachers to continue teaching and not tracking mask wearing and classrooms seating charts. Believes that we will lose the progress of the last four weeks of momentum.

Ms. Crystal Menner – Confirmed that with the exception of last week the numbers were decreasing.

Ms. Beth Wernery – stated that the Board can agree that no one likes the quarantining process. Our goal is to keep kids in school and provide a safe learning environment. Quarantining rules have not changed and feels that the quarantining interrupts the learning process.



District Update

Full-Scale Safety Drill – October 15 – Mr. Enix informed the board that the district will be performing a full scale safety drill on October 15. The district will be sending out additional communication regarding the drill.

Motion 236-21 – Approve Donations

It is moved by Jim Perdue, seconded by Crystal Menner to approve the donation in the amount of \$1,200 from Vivian Morgan to the High School Baseball.

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

Motion 237-21 Approve Change Order #129R – Glycol Piping Extended Warranty

It was moved by Alycia Bemmes, seconded by Jim Perdue to approve change order #129-R- Glycol Piping Extended Warranty.

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

Motion 238-21 Approve Building Sub

It was moved by Jim Perdue, seconded by Alycia Bemmes to approve Dave Ramsey, Building Substitute hired through a purchase service, for the 2021-2022 school year at the rate \$120.00/day effective 10/03/2021.

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

Motion 239-21 Approve Extension of Facial Coverings

It was moved by Alycia Bemmes, seconded by Crystal Menner to approve extending the policy to require facial coverings through November 5, 2021, with reopening this discussion at the November 3, 2021 board meeting. Students, staff, and visitors will be expected to wear a mask properly at all times, with exceptions for lunch, physical activity, or outdoors.

Roll Call: Ayes, Three. Alycia Bemmes, Crystal Menner, Beth Wernery
Nays. Two. Jim Perdue, Amy Thamann

The president declared the motion carried.

Motion 240-21 Approve 2021-22 Contract

It was moved by Jim Perdue, seconded by Crystal Menner to approve the contract with Children's Home for a student placement for the 2021-2022 school year.

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



Motion 241-21 Approve Resignation Lewis

It was moved by Jim Perdue, seconded by Beth Wernery to approve the resignation of Colette Lewis, District Treasurer, effective April 1, 2022.

Roll Call: Ayes, Four. Alycia Bemmes, Crystal Menner, Amy Thamann, Beth Wernery
Nays. One. Jim Perdue
The president declared the motion carried.

Motion 242-21 Executive Session

It was moved by Jim Perdue, seconded by Crystal Menner to enter into Executive Session for ORC 121.22 (G)(1): to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official.

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

Time In: 7:11 p.m.

Ms. Colette Lewis invited in at 7:11pm excused at 9:25 p.m.

Mr. Jason Enix invited in at 9:25pm excused at 10:33 p.m.

Time Out: 10:33 p.m.

Motion 233-21 Adjournment

It was moved by Jim Perdue, seconded by Crystal Menner to adjourn the meeting at 10:33 p.m. as there's no further business to come before the Board at this time.

President, Reading Board of Education

Attest: Treasurer, Board of Education