



**READING BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Regular Board Meeting  
December 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 December 2, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. Due to COVID-19 restrictions the Board of Education meetings are being lived streamed on RCCSD YouTube channel.

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

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

In Attendance:

Mr. Jason Enix, Superintendent; Ms. Colette Lewis, Treasurer

Motion 255-20 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.

Motion 256-20 Executive Session

It was moved by Jason Rader, seconded by Alycia Bemmes to enter into executive session ORC 121.22 (G)(3) for the purpose to conference with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action

Mr. Bill Deters, attorney; Mr. Jason Enix, and Ms. Colette Lewis were invited into the executive session

Time In: 5:36 p.m.

Time Out: 6:18 p.m.

Board Meeting resumed in the Media Center at 6:18 p.m.

Board Discussion Items:

1. Review BOE mission, vision, and code of conduct – Ms. Beth Wernery asked the board to review the documents provided by Deb Campbell, Consultant, and provide any feedback to Mr. Enix prior to the next board meeting.
2. District Financial Planning 2021 – Ms. Colette Lewis and Mr. Jason Enix provided an update on potential levy campaign timelines.

<b>Election Timelines for Potential Levy 2021</b>			
	<b>May 4, 2021</b>	<b>August 3, 2021</b>	<b>November 2, 2021</b>
	Primary/Special Election	Special Election	General Election
<b>Resolution of Necessity</b>	RCCSD BOE: 12/16/20	RCCSD BOE: 3/18/21	RCCSD BOE: 6/17/21
<b>Resolution to Proceed</b>	RCCSD BOE: 01/20/21	RCCSD BOE: 4/15/21	RCCSD BOE: 7/15/21
	Board of Elections: 2/3/21	Board of Elections: 5/5/21	Board of Elections: 8/4/21






3. Preschool Planning 2021-2022 – Mr. Enix provided an overview of the previous presentation. Discussed the suspension of the preschool due to the pandemic, however, the goal is to be able to bring back the preschool program during the 2021-2022 school year to provide foundation skills and readiness for Kindergarten while ensuring fiscal sustainability.
  - a. Recommendations:
    - i. Half Day Session with 18 students per session with a certified teacher and aide.
    - ii. Enrollment Prioritize students
      1. Reading 4 year olds
      2. Reading 3 years olds
      3. Staff 4 year olds
      4. Staff 3 year olds
      5. Open enrollment 4 year olds
      6. Open enrollment 3 year olds
    - iii. Increase tuition to \$2,750 per year for a 9-month period
      1. \$50 deposit
      2. \$300 monthly for 9 months
      3. Still in alignment with other regional district preschool programs
      4. Review tuition on an annual basis
    - iv. Add students with speech and language needs when possible
      1. Supports peer training within the program
      2. Does not require additional staff licensure

Superintendent Report

1. District COVID-19: Mr. Enix provided the links for Hamilton County Public Health and the Ohio Public Health Advisory System for statistics. Mr. Enix provided an update from ODE regarding the considerations for Schools and Districts in purple counties. This document states that education qualifies as a service and there is no state mandate that schools operate exclusively in a remote manner. However, the decision is still a local decision for flexibility based upon RCCSD and our region specific data. The most recent information on RCCSD specific data is below. Since the return of school 20 RHS, 23 RMS, and 25 RES have switched to remote only learning since the return the Thanksgiving break.

Reading Community City School District COVID-19 Data Update				
11/26/2020 - 12/02/2020				
	Reading Elementary	Reading Middle School	Reading High School	District Totals
<b>STAFF</b>	<b>1</b> # of confirmed first hand positive cases of COVID-19	<b>1</b> # of confirmed first hand positive cases of COVID-19	<b>0</b> # of confirmed first hand positive cases of COVID-19	<b>2</b> # of confirmed first hand positive cases of COVID-19
	<b>1</b> # of quarantines	<b>2</b> # of quarantines	<b>0</b> # of quarantines	<b>2</b> # of quarantines
<b>STUDENTS</b>	<b>3</b> # of confirmed first hand positive cases of COVID-19	<b>3</b> # of confirmed first hand positive cases of COVID-19	<b>1</b> # of confirmed first hand positive cases of COVID-19	<b>7</b> # of confirmed first hand positive cases of COVID-19
	<b>27</b> # of quarantines	<b>17</b> # of quarantines	<b>16</b> # of quarantines	<b>60</b> # of quarantines



2. Second Semester Learning Model
  - a. Maintaining blended learning model for second semester
  - b. Add in-person learning on Wednesday
    - i. Impacts schedules differently across buildings
    - ii. Adjustments would be finalized between Dec. 2 and January 19
  - c. Remote learning still an option
    - i. Survey will be sent to remote learning families for commitment to remain remote learning or return to in person learning
    - ii. Current in-person learning may shift to remote learning upon request
    - iii. Commitment form planned for December 3; response requested by 12/08/2020
3. Construction Update
  - a. November 30 - Status update meeting with VSWC and OFCC
    - i. 273 punch list items still outstanding
    - ii. Includes furniture, large projects (scheduled for breaks), and exterior items for spring/summer
    - iii. Communicated concerns regarding progress in recent months
  - b. December 1 - Construction Finance Meeting
  - c. December 2 - Follow up walkthrough to address punch list and other outstanding items
    - i. Collaborative review of all punch out items
    - ii. Verification of classroom items submitted by staff
    - iii. Furniture items scheduled for completion Dec. 9
    - iv. Contractors scheduled Dec. 9 and 16, and throughout the holiday break
  - d. December 4 - VSWC/OFCC follow up meeting regarding contractor concerns
  - e. December 10 - Follow up meeting to plan for closeout of the project
4. Community Chat – Schedule provided below.

## Community Chat Schedule

Superintendent and Treasurer Facilitated Community Meetings

Community Chat #1:	Creamy Whip	Tue. Sept. 29	2:00 p.m.	
Community Chat #2:	Koenig Park	Wed. Oct. 7	1:30 a.m.	
Community Chat #3:	RCCSD Amphitheater	Wed. Oct. 14	5:30 p.m.	
Community Chat #4:	Haffey Fieldhouse	Thu. Oct. 22	9:00 a.m.	
Community Chat #5:	Benson's Tavern	Tue. Oct. 27	2:30 p.m.	
Community Chat #6:	Virtual Google Meet	Wed. Oct. 28	7:00 p.m.	**Additional Date
Community Chat #7:	Strong's Pizza	Wed. Nov. 4	2:00 p.m.	**Date Change
Community Chat #8:	Virtual Google Meet	Thu. Nov. 5	5:30 p.m.	**Additional Date
Community Chat #9:	Media Center	Wed. Nov. 11	5:30 p.m.	**Location Change
Community Chat #10:	Virtual Google Meet	Fri. Nov. 20	10:00 a.m.	**Location Change
Community Chat #11:	Virtual Google Meet	Wed. Dec. 9	4:30 p.m.	**Location Change



\*\*New schedule being developed beginning in January



Motion 257-20 Approve Resolution Requesting County Auditor to make Advance Payments of Taxes

It was moved by Jason Rader, seconded by Alycia Bemmes to approve the resolution requesting the Auditor to make Advance Payments of taxes

**Resolution Requesting the County Auditor to Make Advance Payments of Taxes**

It was moved by Jason Rader, 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 2021 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 2021 and 2022 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, Crystal Menner, Jim Perdue, Jason Rader, Beth Wernery.  
Nays, None.

The President declared the motion carried.

Motion 258-20 Approve Resolution to file a Modified Tax Budget

It was moved Alycia Bemmes, seconded by Crystal Menner to adopt the resolution requesting authority from the Hamilton County Budget Commission to file a modified tax budget for the 2021-2022 year.

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING AUTHORITY  
FROM THE HAMILTON COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION  
TO FILE A MODIFIED TAX BUDGET FOR THE 2021/2022 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 2021/2022 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 this 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 2021/2022 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, Crystal Menner, Jim Perdue, Jason Rader, Beth Wernery.  
Nays, None.

The President declared the motion carried.

**Motion 259-20 Accept Resignation of Mattingly**

It was moved by Jason Rader, seconded by Crystal Menner to accept the resignation of Heather Mattingly, building secretary, effective January 1, 2021.

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

The President declared the motion carried.

**Motion 260-20 Approve Second Semester Learning Model**

It was moved by Jason Rader, seconded by Beth Wernery to approve the second semester learning model as presented

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

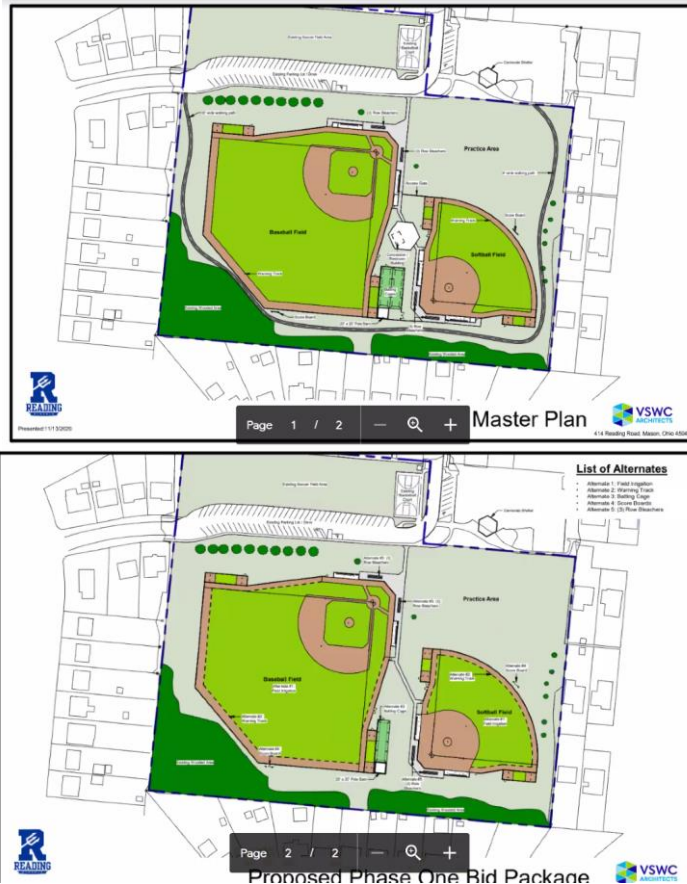
The President declared the motion carried.



### 261-20 Approve Phase 1 of the Hilltop Property

It was moved by Alycia Bemmes, seconded by Jason Rader to approve the phase one of the development of the Hilltop property

*The first image is the Master plan and the second image is phase one.*



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

The President declared the motion carried.

### 262-20 Approve Diploma seal for Class 2023 and beyond

It was moved by Alycia Bemmes, seconded by Crystal Menner to approve the diploma seal for the class of 2023 and beyond as listed below.

- State law requires students to demonstrate readiness by earning at least two diploma seals
- One must be state defined; state law also requires school districts to develop guidelines for at least one locally defined seal (RCCSD defined below):
  - o Community Service - 30 or more hours
  - o Fine and Performing Arts - Earn 2 credits or equivalent (art of music)
  - o Student Engagement - must meet one of the following:
    - o Participate in at least two athletic seasons of any sport
    - o Participate in any club for at least two years
- Local seals must be approved by Board of Education



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

The President declared the motion carried.

Motion 263-20 Approve suspension on In-Person Coaching and Competitions

It was moved by Alycia Bemmes, seconded by Crystal Menner to approve the suspension of in-person coaching and competitions of winter athletic effective November 12, 2020 – January 4, 2021.

Discussion: Coaches are still encouraging to connect with teams and provide work outs and virtual instruction.

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

The President declared the motion carried.

Motion 264-20 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.

Motion 265-20 Adjournment

It was moved by Jason Rader, seconded by Alycia Bemmes to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m. as there is no further business to come before the Board at this time.

Motion carried unanimously.

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President, Reading Board of Education

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Attest: Treasurer, Reading Board of Education