

READING BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD REGULAR SESSION JANUARY 19, 2022

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 January 19, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

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

Roll Call:

Present, Five. Alycia Bemmes, Crystal Menner, Jim Perdue, Amy Thamann, Beth Wernery

Absent. None.

In Attendance:

Mr. Jason Enix, Ms. Jennifer Burke, Mayor Bo Bemmes, and School District Administrators.

Motion 25-22 Approve Revised Agenda & Pro Tempore Treasurer

It was moved by Alycia Bemmes, seconded by Amy Thamann to approve the agenda as revised to appoint Mr. Jim Perdue as the Pro Tempore Treasurer.

Ms. Colette Lewis excused for health reasons.

Roll Call:

Present, Five. Alycia Bemmes, Crystal Menner, Jim Perdue, Amy Thamann, Beth Wernery

Absent. None.

The president declared the motion carried.

Public Participation

Mayor Bo Bemmes congratulated all the members of the board for their re-election.

Mr. Enix presented the board members with a small token of appreciation for Board Appreciation month and acknowledged each of them for their service and dedication to the district and community.

Facility Maintenance Report - Omnia360 provided a six-month operational report regarding the ongoing maintenance of the building.

RJSH School Spotlight - Luke and Danielle Cripe shared information about the Academic Enrichment and Intervention classrooms new to the building this year. Mr. Shane Ferguson shared information and topics discussed at the parent forum on January 11th.

Wellness and Community Outreach Quarterly Report: Ms. Stephanie Glad presented a broad overview of the district 1N5 survey completed in January, including recommendations for future programming and services to support mental health.

Board Committee Updates

Building & Grounds - No update.

City/School Relation - No update.

Finance - No update.

Policy - No update.

OSBA Student Achievement Update - Ms. Amy Thamann shared information on attendance and setting goals for students.

OSBA Legislative Update - None.

Great Oaks Board & Student Highlights - Mr. Jim Perdue provided each member the Great Oak Board highlights and the student spotlight document.



Board Discussion

District Report

Mr. Jason gave a brief overview of the district's COVID-19 recent information.

- The current dashboard of student and staff cases/quarantines was provided, along with updated graphs from HCPH on county and zip code cases.
- The monthly report of staff absences and unfilled vacancies in the district was shared, demonstrating the challenges the school district is facing with the current surge and sub shortage in the region. The upward trend and volume forced a shift to remote learning for January 12th and 13th.

Upcoming Levy Campaign Implications

A brief review of district levy history, federal ESSER funding uses/budget impacts, and implications of the levy campaign not being successful were presented. Reductions totaling \$1.3 million would begin for 2022-2023 and include a minimum of 15 staff positions, increased class sizes, impacts on academic programming/courses offered, decreased athletic department funding/increased pay to participate fees, and reductions in building/department budgets. Further details are anticipated in March/April.

Motion 26-22 Approve Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Alycia Bemmes, seconded by Crystal Menner to approve the following meeting minutes

December 15, 2021 Regular Meeting

January 5, 2022 Organizational and Regular Meeting

Roll Call:

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

The president declared the motion carried.

Motion 27 -22 Financial Reports/Bank Reconciliation/Investments

It was moved by Crystal Menner, seconded by Alycia Bemmes to approve the Financial Reports/Bank Reconciliation/Investments for December 2021.

Roll Call:

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

The president declared the motion carried.

Motion 28-22 Approve Donations

It was moved by Crystal Menner, seconded by Amy Thamann to approve the following donations

Audrey Stites

Mark Lichtenberg Scholarship

\$500.00

Judy DeAngelis

Blue Devil Dens

\$ 60.00

Kilgore Associates

Glen Rendall Memorial Fund

\$200.00

Roll Call:

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

The president declared the motion carried.



Motion 29-22 Approve New Account

It was moved by Crystal Menner, seconded by Amy Thamann to approve a new account 018-9915 for Blue Devils Den.

Roll Call:

Present, Five. Alycia Bemmes, Crystal Menner, Jim Perdue, Amy Thamann, Beth Wernery

Absent. None.

The president declared the motion carried.

Motion 30-22 Approve Retirement Salerno

It was moved by Crystal Menner, seconded by Amy Thamann to approve the resignation of Leslie Salerno for the purpose of retirement effective at the end of 2021-2022 school year.

Discussion: Beth Wernery thanked Ms. Leslies Salerno for her service to the students and community.

Roll Call:

Present, Five. Alycia Bemmes, Crystal Menner, Jim Perdue, Amy Thamann, Beth Wernery

Absent. None.

The president declared the motion carried.

Motion 31-22 Approve Non-Staff Supplemental

It was moved by Alycia Bemmes, seconded by Crystal Menner to approve the following non-staff supplemental contract for 2021-2022

WHEREAS, the following positions have been offered to employees of the district who have a certificate of a type described in ORC #3313.53, and that no such employee qualified to fill these positions has accepted, and

WHEREAS, the Board then advertised the positions as available to any individual with such a certificate who is qualified to fill these positions and who is not employed by the Reading Board of Education, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the following non-teaching personnel be given contracts for supplemental positions for the school year 2021-2022:

Dick Engel Jr. Wrestling Varsity Assistant

Roll Call:

Present, Five. Alycia Bemmes, Crystal Menner, Jim Perdue, Amy Thamann, Beth Wernery

Absent. None.

The president declared the motion carried.

Motion 32-22 Approve Volunteer

It was moved by Crystal Menner, seconded by Amy Thamann to approve Brianna White as a Girls Basketball Volunteer, pending PAP, for 2021-2022.

Roll Call:

Present, Five. Alycia Bemmes, Crystal Menner, Jim Perdue, Amy Thamann, Beth Wernery

Absent. None.

The president declared the motion carried.



Motion 33-22 2021-2022 Contract

It was moved by Amy Thamann, seconded by Crystal Menner to approve a contract with HCESC for a Student Service Placement for the 2021-2022 school year.

Roll Call:

Present, Five. Alycia Bemmes, Crystal Menner, Jim Perdue, Amy Thamann, Beth Wernery

Absent. None.

The president declared the motion carried.

Motion 34-22 Bullying Report

It was moved by Alycia Bemmes, seconded by Amy Thamann to approve the 1st Half 2021-2022 Bullying Report as presented.

Reading Primary Elementary

2 Reported incidents

0 Confirmed

Reading Intermediate Elementary

1 Reported incident

0 Confirmed

Reading Jr/Sr High School

4 Reported incidences

0 Confirmed

Roll Call:

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Absent. None.

The president declared the motion carried.

Motion 35-22 Overnight Field Trip

It was moved by Crystal Menner, seconded by Alycia Bemmes to approve the Varsity Wrestlettes overnight field trip 1/28/22 - 1/29/22.

Roll Call:

Present, Five. Alycia Bemmes, Crystal Menner, Jim Perdue, Amy Thamann, Beth Wernery

Absent. None.

The president declared the motion carried.

Motion 36-22 Authorized Signer

It was moved by Crystal Menner, seconded by Alycia Bemmes to approve Jennifer Burke as an authorized signatory for Treasury Management Services effective February 1, 2022.

Roll Call:

Present, Five. Alycia Bemmes, Crystal Menner, Jim Perdue, Amy Thamann, Beth Wernery

Absent. None.

The president declared the motion carried.

Motion 37-22 Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, it was moved by Crystal Menner, seconded by Jim Perdue to adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

President, Reading Board of Education

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