



**READING BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD REGULAR MEETING
December 7, 2022**

The Board of Education of the Reading Community City School District met in Regular Work Session at Reading Community City School, 810 East Columbia Avenue on December 7, 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

In Attendance:

Dr. Damon Davis, Ms. Jennifer Burke, Mark Edwards

Motion 278-22 Approve Agenda

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

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

PRESENTATIONS

Superintendent Dr. Damon Davis provided a district report; the presentation can be found [here](#). Key highlights are below:

Teacher Professional Development

On December 2nd Teachers and staff took part in district wide professional development which included a large number learning activities including dyslexia training and math curriculum implementation training. Departments also continued their work on vision building and looking at their program of studies.

Upcoming Holiday Programs

- December 12 - RJSH Choir Concert
- December 13 - RES Choir Concert
- December 14 RJSH Band Concert

BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATES

Building & Grounds –December 6, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in the Media Center.

Discussion on Hilltop Property Basketball Courts

- Richmond family fundraising update for the basketball courts. They would like to start the project this summer. The family is working to secure a general contractor to coordinate the project. They will receive multiple quotes.

Discussion on Central Property

- Reading Eagles approached the district to subdivide and purchase a portion of the the Central property. Currently, the school district is holding on to the property for possibility of soccer fields in the future. No decisions were made in regard to the property.
- Given the uncertainty of the City's decisions with turf and track upgrades at the stadium, the committee recommended putting the discussion on hold until other decisions have been made.



Discussion on Hilltop Baseball/Softball improvements

- A donation was received to provide bleachers for softball/baseball fields the Hilltop Athletic Facility. The committee still doesn't have donors for scoreboard and or concession/restroom.
- Brief discussion on renewal of stadium rental contract with the city and request for additional rental fee.
- Koenig Baseball fields are still able to be used this year for practices.

City/School Relation - Next meeting Feb. 1, 2023 @ 4:30 p.m. in the Media Center.

Finance Committee – No Update.

Policy – No Update.

OSBA Student Achievement –

- Discussion on ACT/SAT test optional college admissions
- More colleges have been moving towards optional use of college entrance tests.

OSBA Legislative Update – No Update.

Great Oaks Board & Student Highlights – Next meeting 12/14/2022.

BOARD DISCUSSION

None

DISTRICT REPORT

None

Treasurer's Recommendations

Motion 279-22 Adopt Resolution for Advance Tax Payments

It was moved by Jim Perdue, seconded by Crystal Menner to adopt resolution requesting County Auditor to make Advance Payments of Taxes Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 321.34.

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

Resolution #279-22 Requesting the County Auditor to Make Advance Payments of Taxes

It was moved by Jim Perdue, seconded by Crystal Menner 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 Jennifer Burke Treasurer, to the County Auditor, funds due in any settlement of 2023 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 2022 and 2023 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, Amy Thamann, Beth Wernery.
 Nays, None.
 The President declared the motion carried.



Motion 280-22 Adopt Resolution to Adopt Modified Tax Budget for 2023-24 Fiscal Year

It was moved by Crystal Menner, seconded by Alycia Bemmes to adopt resolution requesting authority from the Hamilton County Budget Commission to file a modified tax budget for the 2023-24 Fiscal Year.

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

The President declared the motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #280-22 REQUESTING AUTHORITY
FROM THE HAMILTON COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION
TO FILE A MODIFIED TAX BUDGET FOR THE 2023/2024 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 15th 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 2023/2024 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 his 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 2023/2024 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.

It was moved by Crystal Menner, seconded by Alycia Bemmes

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

The President declared the motion carried.



Motion 281-22 Approve Following New Funds

It was moved by Jim Perdue, seconded by Alycia Bemmes to approve the following new funds.

FUND	Description
019-9301	We Thrive
019-9302	Hamilton Co Mental Health Best Point
019-9303	Battelle Stem Grant

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

Motion 282-22 Approve Following Donations

It was moved by Jim Perdue, seconded by Crystal Menner to approve the following donations.

Donation From	Donation To	Amount
Elementary PTO	Elementary Supplies (Special Educ.)	\$ 195.00
Vivan Morgan	Wrestling	\$ 500.00
Bray Auto DBA Meineke (Kyle Bray)	Wrestling	\$1500.00
Anonymous	Wrestling	\$ 400.00
Air Plus	Wrestling	\$ 250.00

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

NEW BUSINESS

Motion 283-22 Approve to Rescind the following volunteer position for 2022-2023 School Year

It was moved by Crystal Menner, seconded by Amy Thamann to rescind the following volunteer position for 2022-2023 School Year.

Name of Staff	Position
Grayson Roberts	Boys Basketball Volunteer

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

Motion 284-22 Approve the following volunteer position(s) for 2022-2023 School Year

It was moved by Amy Thamann, seconded by Crystal Menner to approve the following volunteer position for 2022-2023 School Year.

Name of Staff	Position
Pete Kroeger	Boys Basketball Volunteer
Ben Kolb	Indoor Track, Volunteer

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



Motion 285-22 Approve the Following Non-Staff Supplementals for 2022-2023:

It was moved by Alycia Bemmes, seconded by Crystal Menner to approve the following non-staff supplementals for 2022-2023 school year.

Name of Staff	Position
Grayson Roberts	Boys Basketball, Freshman
Caden Conner	Wrestling, Middle School

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

The President declared the motion carried.

Motion 286-22 Approve the Varsity Wrestling Overnight Field Trip December 27, 2022

It was moved by Crystal Menner, seconded by Amy Thamann to approve the Varsity Wrestling overnight trip to Vandalia Butler High School on 12/27/22-12/28/22.

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

The President declared the motion carried.

Motion 287-22 Approve the Resignation of Teri Bemmes Effective end of School Year 2022-2023

It was moved by Crystal Menner, seconded by Amy Thamann to approve the Resignation of Teri Bemmes, Jr/Sr High Counselor, for purpose of retirement effective at the end of 2022-2023 school year. (resignation received 12/1/22).

Roll Call: Ayes, Four. Crystal Menner, Jim Perdue, Amy Thamann, Beth Wernery
Nays. None.

Abstain: Alycia Bemmes

The President declared the motion carried.

Motion 288-22 Approve the Resignation of Sherry Waterman Effective February 17, 2023

It was moved by Jim Perdue, seconded by Crystal Menner to approve the resignation of Sherry Waterman effective February 17, 2023 and to authorize the Superintendent and Treasurer to execute any and all documents to effectuate the resignation on Ms. Waterman's behalf of the Reading Community City School District 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 289-22 Approve the Purchase of Motorola Portable Radio System

It was moved by Jim Perdue, seconded by Crystal to approve the purchase of Motorola Portable Radio System and Repeater.

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

The President declared the motion carried.



Motion 290-22 Approval of Executive Session

It was moved by Jim Perdue, seconded by Alycia Bemmes to approve entering into Executive Session.

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.

ORC 121.22 (G)(1) : To consider the employment and compensation of public employees or officials.

The Board invited via phone Mr. William Deters, from Ennis Britton, into the Executive Session.

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

The President declared the motion carried.

Time In: 6:33 p.m.

Time Out: 7:39 p.m.

Motion 291-22 Adjournment

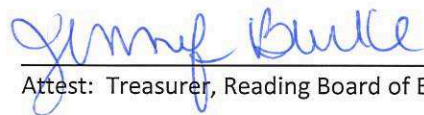
It was moved by Jim Perdue, seconded by Crystal Menner to adjourn at 7:39 p.m.

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

The President declared the motion carried.



President, Reading Board of Education



Attest: Treasurer, Reading Board of Education