



**READING BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BOARD WORK SESSION MEETING  
February 1, 2023**

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 February 1, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by the President Beth Wernery at 5:33 p.m.

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

**In Attendance:**

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

**Motion 39-23 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**

None

**BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATES**

**Building & Grounds**

Hilltop Basketball Court Project fundraising is still ongoing. The project team is ready to start discussing a timeline and budget. It was determined an architect should be hired to manage the project to ensure all compliance requirements are met such as industry specifications, ADA compliance, permits and bidding. VSWC, the architect for the PK-12 Building as well Hilltop Athletic Complex, has provided a quote to design and manage the project. The tentative agreement is to split the cost of the management fee with the donor family who is covering the construction costs. The board added a resolution to the agenda to approve moving forward with VSWC as the contractor and not to exceed \$13,000.

**City/School Relation**

Met prior to the Work Session this evening. @ 4:30 p.m. in the Media Center.

We continue to discuss the partnership and agreements the City and school work collaboratively on.

Mayor Bemmes advised the City is scheduled in the coming weeks to remove trees on Benson Street and replace with new trees. This may affect traffic flow but Mayor Bemmes is requesting work to avoid high traffic flow with school arrival and dismissal times.

Next meeting is scheduled for May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. in the Media Center.

Finance Committee – Next meeting will be scheduled in the coming month to be held in the spring.

Policy – Next meeting will be scheduled in the spring to cover the Spring Policy Updates.

OSBA Student Achievement – No Update.

OSBA Legislative Update – No Update.

Great Oaks Board & Student Highlights – Mr. Perdue advised next meeting is February 8, 2023.



**BOARD DISCUSSION**

**Open Enrollment**

The district will open up Open Enrollment first with existing families starting in early March. Information will be posted on the district’s website.

Some discussion around opening it up earlier in the future to help families and the district with planning.

**Arrival and Dismissal**

It is the district’s desire to have input from many sources and plans to develop a focus group comprised of community members, parents, students, staff, and administrators to explore alternatives to the current arrival and dismissal times for RJS and RES next year.

The goal is to explore and examine ideas for improving traffic congestion in the parking lots, reducing the amount of supervision required by district staff, and improving the Master Schedule allowing for more collaboration.

**DISTRICT REPORT**

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

**Kindergarten Registration**

Historically, kindergarten registration has been in May, making it problematic for planning purposes for staffing. This year we will be moving kindergarten registration up to February 6th to help with planning and kindergarten experience. This would also allow parents more time to collect necessary paperwork.

Suggestions were made on how to best notify families of the change in dates for kindergarten registration (yard signs, posting on social media, adding registration to marquee and website, and sending flyers home to Preschool parents and businesses).

**Treasurer’s Recommendations**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion 40-23 Approve the Following Contracts / Agreements for 2022-2023:**

It was moved by Jim Perdue, seconded by Crystal to approve the following contract(s) and agreement(s) for 2022-2023.

Vendor	Contract
VSWC	Architecture Services for Hilltop Basketball Court Project not to exceed \$13,000.

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



Motion 41-23 Adjournment

It was moved by Jim Perdue, seconded by Alycia Bemmes to adjourn at 6:15 p.m.

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

The President declared the motion carried.

Beth Wernery  
President, Reading Board of Education

Jenny Benice  
Attest: Treasurer, Reading Board of Education