



**READING BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BOARD WORK SESSION MEETING  
March 6, 2024**

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 March 6, 2024 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, Patsy Redwine, Brittany McGill

**Motion 74-24 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**

Brittany McGill addressed the board regarding concerns over the traffic flow, direction and lane markings in the traffic circle.

**PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATES**

Building & Grounds – Next meeting April 17, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. in the Media Center.

Finance Committee – Next meeting May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. in the Media Center.

Policy – Next meeting April 3, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Education Office.

**BOARD DISCUSSION**

**CTE Grant Funding**

Governor DeWine, Lt. Governor Husted and Ohio Department of Education and Workforce Director Stephen Dackin visited on March 4, 2024. Their visit brought invaluable attention to our district and culminated in an extraordinary announcement that promises to shape the future for our students and community. The highlight of the visit was the announcement by Governor DeWine that the district will receive a Career Technical Education (CTE) grant of \$1,962,000. This transformative grant will enable us to reconfigure existing spaces into innovation areas equipped with advanced manufacturing equipment and support for work-based learning. This investment in our future will give Reading students a competitive edge as they prepare for their careers, ensuring they have the skills and knowledge to thrive in the modern workforce.

The visit also showcased the talent and potential of our students and faculty. Ben Kolb and his class demonstrated remarkable projects, impressing the Governor with their creativity and technical skills. The student leaders' engagement with the Governor and their ability to articulate their future aspirations highlighted the bright future that lies ahead for our students. Director Dackin noted our educators' work and dedication in literacy and math across elementary classrooms.



As we move forward, more details about the utilization of the CTE grant will be shared. This grant is not just a financial boost but a catalyst for innovation and growth in our district. It reaffirms our commitment to providing our students with a comprehensive education that equips them for the challenges and opportunities of the future.

Mrs. Wernery requested board members reach out to Mrs. Burke if they are interested in attending the OSBA Board Leadership Institute on May 3-4, 2024 in Columbus.

Mrs. Wernery and the Board of Education send their condolences to the family of Jim McGregor who worked for the district for many years.

#### DISTRICT REPORT

None.

#### TREASURER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

None.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### Motion 75-24 Approval of Tara Charlton, RJSH Secretary:

It was moved by Jim Perdue, seconded by Crystal Menner to approve Tara Charlton as the RJSH Secretary, 219 calendar, effective March 4, 2024, on Step 3 of the Classified Salary Schedule.

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

The president declared the motion carried.

##### Motion 76-24 Approval of the Mock Trail Overnight Trip:

It was moved by Crystal Menner, seconded by Amy Thamann to approve the overnight trip for Mock Trial, March 7-9, 2024 for the purpose of State Competition.

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

The president declared the motion carried.

##### Motion 77-24 Approval of the Wrestling Overnight Trip:

It was moved by Jim Perdue, seconded by Crystal Menner to approve the overnight trip for Wrestling team, March 1-3, 2024 for the purpose of District Competition.

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

The president declared the motion carried.

##### Motion 78-24 Approval of the Wrestling Overnight Trip:

It was moved by Crystal Menner, seconded by Amy Thamann to approve the overnight trip for Wrestling team, March 7-10, 2024 for the purpose of State Competition.

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

The president declared the motion carried.



Motion 79-24 Adjournment

It was moved by Crystal Menner, seconded by Jim Perdue to adjourn at 5:46 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*

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President, Reading Board of Education

*Jenny Bauld*

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Attest: Treasurer, Reading Board of Education