



**READING BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD WORK SESSION MEETING
January 8, 2028**

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 January 8, 2025, immediately following the Board Organizational Meeting which ended at 5:56 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by the President Beth Wernery at 5:56 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, Mark Edwards

Motion 29-25 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 – Next meeting January 22, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. in the Media Center.

Finance Committee – Next meeting May 21th, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. in the Media Center.

Policy – Next meeting April 16, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. in the Board of Education Office.

Great Oaks Board & Student Highlights – None.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Dr. Davis presented the board with an award from the Family Magazine Winner of Favorite Elementary School and Best High School. Dr. Davis thanked the Principals, teachers and staff.

DISTRICT REPORT

None

TREASURER’S RECOMMENDATIONS - NEW BUSINESS

Motion 30-25 Approve 2025 Tax Budget

It was moved by Jim Perdue, seconded by Crystal Menner to approve the 2026 Tax Budget.

A tax budget hearing was held January 8 at 5:00 p.m. prior to the start of the Organizational Meeting. Mrs. Burke explained the purpose of tax budget is a financial document used by the county. It covers only funds that have taxes levied. In our case that is general fund, bond and classroom facilities. It is aligned with the five year forecast but broken down by a tax year (calendar year) and reviewed in 6 month increments for a two-year period allowing the county auditors to align with its tax year.



A Tax budget is required to be approved by the Board of Education and submitted to the County Auditor and County Budget Commission by January 20th each year. The Tax Budget Commission uses this document to verify that the school district actually needs the taxes being levied. In April, the Budget Commission will set the tax rates for following calendar year which I will bring to the board to approve.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Motion 31-25 Approval of the 2025 A-Z Checklist:

It was moved by Crystal Menner, seconded by Amy Thamann to approve the 2025 A-Z Checklist.

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

Motion 32-25 Adjournment

It was moved by Crystal Menner, seconded by Amy Thamann to adjourn at 6:04 p.m.

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

President, Reading Board of Education

Attest: Treasurer, Reading Board of Education