

**READING COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Work Session April 24, 2024
MINUTES**

J Galloway called the work session meeting of the Board of Education of Reading Community Schools to order at 6:00 p.m. in the high school band room.

Pledge of allegiance was given.

Members present: R. Grossheim, G. Sims, J. Galloway, R. Sanders, B. Pavka
B Wheeler

Members absent: B. Kerspilo

Others present: M. DuBois, D. Elder

M. DuBois – Elementary Update – Tim Davis and read 2nd letter from Patrice Caldwell indicating that staff morale has increased positively, and kids are also responding positively.

Update on 1st letter from Patrice Caldwell regarding Parapro coverage. We currently have 17 parapro's on staff at the elementary- comparatively Jonesville has 9 parapro's with an elementary head count of just over 500. Title I monies help pay for a portion of the salaries for these parapro's.

M. DuBois – Dual Enrollment/Early Middle College – Recommended to change the policy at the start of the '25/'25 school year. Students will be able to choose if the class counts into GPA and will have to make the decision at the beginning of the school year.

M. DuBois – Bus Contract – Hoping to have contract signed by EOW (4/26/2024) discussion about staggered start back to common start time. This will also allow for transportation of students to/from BACC. School will start right around 0800 at HS, then drop at Elementary.

M. DuBois – Behavior Interventionist – This is a secured grant (approximately \$120,000) to have person here to work in conjunction with HS and Elem support staff and also covers some building upgrades. M. DuBois to work on a job description and job description will need to be approved by the board.

M. DuBois – Fiber Consortium – We have to indicate we want out and then wait 18 months and allow for a vote to allow us out of the consortium by the other county Superintendent's. We entered into the consortium in 2001, so we might be able to speak with other Superintendents to ask if they will allow us to get out sooner. Working with Thrun to see if there is a way to get out of the contract.

R. Sanders made comment regarding the hard lock down.

D. Elder made comment on starting “an Alternative Education School” in Reading. J. Galloway also suggested we start a committee to begin discussions on the possibility of an Alternative School.

R. Sanders made a motion to move the board to a closed session for discussion regarding the Elementary Principal on Paid Leave of Absence at 6:36 p.m. The motion was supported by G. Sims. Board discussed District Options.

Ayes: R. Grossheim, G. Sims, J. Galloway, R. Sanders, B. Pavka, B. Wheeler

Nays: None – Motion carried.

Absent: B. Kerspilo

R. Sanders made a motion to move the board back to open session at 6:55 p.m. The motion was supported by G. Sims.

Ayes: R. Grossheim, G. Sims, J. Galloway, R. Sanders, B. Pavka, B. Wheeler

Nays: None – Motion carried.

Absent: B. Kerspilo

R. Sanders made a motion to accept Carl (Nick) Draheim's voluntary resignation from his position as Principal and move into a Teacher role at Step 11 for the upcoming 2024/2025 school year and the agreement language as presented. The motion was supported by R. Grossheim.

Ayes: R. Grossheim, G. Sims, J. Galloway, R. Sanders

Nays: B. Pavka, B. Wheeler – Motion carried.

Absent: B. Kerspilo

R. Sanders made a motion to conclude the work session at 6:58 p.m. The motion was supported by G. Sims.

Ayes: R. Grossheim, G. Sims, J. Galloway, R. Sanders, B. Pavka, B. Wheeler

Nays: None – Motion carried.

Absent: B. Kerspilo

Respectfully,
Becky Pavka, Board Trustee