

**READING COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Work Session May 29, 2024
MINUTES**

J Galloway called the work session meeting of the Board of Education of Reading Community Schools to order at 6:05 p.m. in the high school band room.

The Pledge of allegiance was given.

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

Members absent: R. Grossheim, B. Kerspilo

Others present: M. DuBois

M. DuBois – Elementary Curriculum – M. DuBois presented about the elementary curriculum. He would like to move quickly as the quote expires on 6/19/2024. There is no current curriculum. The teachers follow the common core standards, but no real curriculum is in place. The teachers piloted the curriculum and liked the two different kinds. One of the proposed curriculums is for K-1st grade, and another one is for 2nd – 5th grade. The total cost of the curriculum would be over \$100k; however, we received the 35J grant to cover the cost. All of the teachers will need to be trained before August.

M. DuBois – M. DuBois is looking to purchase non-smoking signage for all fields in the district.

M. DuBois – M. Dubois is still awaiting an SRO posting and has contacted Kym Blythe about this.

M. DuBois – The website company designer has been very slow to respond. M. DuBois is considering cutting ties with them.

M. DuBois—M. DuBois provided an update on a new phone system that would be compliant with E911 requirements. Our current phone system is not compliant. The biggest issue is that teachers cannot call 911 from their rooms, and the police should be able to know what room the call is coming from. The district has received three quotes. One of the quotes requires we have an on-site server, and the other two are cloud-based services. The district has grant money to help cover the upgrade cost.

M. DuBois—M. DuBois presented Boyton Security Alert Service information to the board. This service will be added to the current fire system. This addition would alert other buildings if one building is on lockdown. The system upgrade would also alert emergency services in the event of an emergency. The cost to add this service is \$13,500, and the district would use leftover grant funds to cover the cost.

Committee Selections --

J. Galloway—School Safety Committee: This committee would collaborate with first responders, staff from each building, principals, recommended staff, local law enforcement, and students. The committee would review and recommend ideas to make everyone feel safe and comfortable in their learning environment.

B. Wheeler—B. Wheeler would like to have committees for buildings and grounds, finance and personnel, and curriculum and the arts.

B. Pavka – B. Pavka stated she knows a community member who would be good for a committee to bring arts back to the elementary school.

B. Wheeler made a motion to conclude the work session at 6:51 p.m. The motion was supported by B. Pavka.

Ayes: J. Galloway, R. Sanders, B. Pavka, B. Wheeler

Nays: None – Motion carried.

Absent: R. Grossheim, B. Kerspilo

Respectfully,
Becky Pavka, Board Trustee