

**READING COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Work Session October 23rd, 2024
MINUTES**

J Galloway called the work session meeting of the Board of Education of Reading Community Schools to order at 6:01 p.m. in the high school Band Room

Members present: B. Kerspilo, N Pridgeon, J. Galloway, R. Sanders, B Pavka (arrived 6:08 PM), B Wheeler, R Grossheim

Members absent: NONE

Others present: M Dubois, D Elder

- President Galloway apologized for an email she sent in regards to the principal's contract at the Elementary School.
- Elementary Name Change: Discussion by board in regards to honoring Don Richardson at Elementary School. Some possibilities discussed by board were: naming the road (Strong St currently), or the half circle drive in front of school, a section of the building i.e. Library or the north wing addition from the 90's. Board also discussed co- naming the entire building or changing name completely in honor of Mr. Richardson. Mr. Dubois to gather some more possible info on background of Lila B Reynolds who building is currently named after. In addition, N Pridgeon to consult with Eva Richardson on her and the families' thoughts and report back to board. Will be discussed at October work session.
- po4140 language update: Mr. Dubois explained NEOLA has set up po3130 and po4140 to mirror each other. Will be an action item on tonight's board meeting agenda
- Farm Property: Board discussed the farm property and the possibility of selling lots. When purchased there was a schematic of 7 lots, possibly split those further into 13 lots. Discussion ensued as to if it is something we should consider selling all, starting with one lot, or not selling any at this time. There was also discussion on if we did offer a sale would the lot have other possible stipulations such as multi family homes, size of home, etc. At this point the consensus was to hold off and possibly gather more information for future consideration.
- Board discussed the recent survey that was sent out to all Elementary staff and employees by board committee. The results were discussed by board, and some trustees would like to see the same survey sent out again in a few months. Mr. Dubois commented that he felt the survey was targeted and biased. No official decision was made on resending survey after the discussion.

B Kerspilo made motion to conclude work session at 7:02 pm, supported by R. Grossheim

Ayes: B. Kerspilo, N. Pridgeon, J. Galloway, R. Sanders, B. Wheeler, B Pavka, R Grossheim

Nays: None – Motion carried.

Absent: None

Brian Kerspilo, Board Secretary