

**READING COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Work Session November 20th, 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

Members present: B. Kerspilo (arrived 6:04), N Pridgeon, J. Galloway, R. Sanders, B Pavka, B. Wheeler, R Grossheim

Members absent: NONE

Others present: M. Dubois, J. Scholler, Charity Willoughby, Kari Kiersey, Kayleigh Eaton, Kari Crandell, D. Hard

- Strategic Planning: Board discussed Strategic Planning and potential options for the creation and updating of a strategic plan. Discussion included a formal process through MASB for a cost around \$8,900. The board also talked about reaching out to other districts in the county to inquire about their strategic plans, and how they derived them. In addition, Mr. Dubois has looked at strategic planning in the past from other districts. Mr. Dubois is going to reach out to other Districts gather feedback and report back to board in December. Board in in agreement we need an updated Strategic Plan, and will further discussion on exactly how to accomplish the task in the near future.
- Elementary name change: Discussion by board in regards to honoring Don Richardson at elementary school. N Pridgeon has had discussion with the Richardson family since the last work session about potential ideas. The collaboration of the Richardson family and board has come to an agreement that the elementary library will be named in honor of Mr. Richardson. This will be an action item on tonight's Agenda.
- Farm property: This item has been tabled as we are still gathering more information in regards to the property/road frontage lots. B Wheeler to put more information and detail together for future meetings.
- Board discussed the "L" shaped lot for sale across the road from the elementary that is for sale. There may be a potential to buy the lot along with property adjacent to help with parking and pick-up/drop-off at the elementary school. B Kerspilo to gather more information on this possibility for future consideration.

B Wheeler made motion to conclude work session at 6:56 pm, supported by B Kerspilo

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