

**READING COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Work Session January 29th, 2025
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, B. Wheeler, R. Grossheim, J. Galloway, R. Sanders, B. Pavka

Members absent: None

Others present: M. Dubois, J. Scholler

- Library Renaming Update: Mr. Dubois is going to check on vendors for the plaque/signage, what it cost, etc. There be will a couple different plaques one made of wood, and one possibly made of metal. Discussion about the possibility of the Industrial Arts students possible involvement, and contacting former alumnus Jason Mueller who owns and operates a fabrication shop locally. Mr. Dubois will report back with some options, and trustee N Pridgeon volunteered to contact Mr. Mueller. Once we have some concrete vendors and financial cost, proceed with funding and dedication ceremony.
- Title I Update: Mr. Dubois updated the board on the “uses” of Title I money, and what was previously allowed. The office had been investigating whether district can now use Title I money for an Art Teacher- which Mr. Dubois and Ms. Bassage have verified we can since we do not have an Art program at the Elementary school currently. District has to do a comprehensive needs assessment – which is conducted by the Student Leadership Team (SLT) at Reynolds. Mr. Dubois estimated the cost of an Art teacher between \$80,000-\$150,000 depending on the hire. He, Pam, and staff will get together and come up with some options to present to the board on funding of an Art Teacher at Elementary.
- Superintendent Mid-Year Progress Report: President Galloway handed out the MASB Superintendent Evaluation timeline and guidance. Explaining and highlighting the process, as we have 6 months left in this cycle for evaluation. The copy of the goals was also given to those who had not received it previously, and we will be revisiting this at the next session.
- A brief discussion about the upcoming bond renewal took place. When, cost of the renewal for the election, etc. was discussed. In addition, how to disseminate the information and school successes to the general public before the renewal election takes place.

R Grossheim made motion to conclude work session at 7:00 pm, supported by B Kerspilo

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

Nays: None – Motion carried.

Absent: None

Brian Kerspilo, Board Secretary