

**READING COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Work Session April 23, 2025
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: N. Pridgeon, B. Wheeler, R. Grossheim, J. Galloway, R. Sanders, B. Pavka

Members absent: B. Kerspilo

Others present: C. Smith, L. Otterbein, K. Stewart

- Lisa Otterbein gave a presentation regarding the family and consumer science teaching position.
 - Science posting – revolving door – lack of certification
 - Currently have 2 certified teachers: K. Gostlin and K. Bailey
 - State of Michigan requires 3 credits of science
 - What do we need next year?
 - 12 sections of science
 - K. Gostlin and K. Bailey are maxed out and cannot take electives.
 - Need for electives that fills schedule (4 core subjects & 3 electives)
 - Current electives: Spanish, art, music, shop, PE, & communications.
 - Can we drop a science position and add the family and consumer science position?
 - Move to an action item.
 - It would be a positive attraction for the school. Need to get information out to the community with what courses/electives are offered.
- The board discussed bringing in an art teacher for the elementary. There are a large number of parents and staff requesting for art to be added. Other possibilities include language and STEAM.
 - Parapro's in other districts were discussed: Hillsdale – 12, Jonesville – 8, Camden – 11, and Pittsford – 6.
 - Title funds will be used to pay for the art teacher, but the goal is to keep the paraprofessionals amount the same at sixteen.
- The Don Richardson plaque will cost \$1400.00.
 - 11x14
 - Removing the photo would save \$600. R. Sanders has volunteered to help raise the money. Plaque, photo and frame for the outside of the library is approx. \$1000.
- The ISD sent an email Thursday April 17, 2025 indicating they were pulling services. Mr. North was concerned about his staff and until the issue is resolved, ancillary staff will not be coming to RCS.
 - Concerns were brought up regarding IEPs and students not receiving services.
 - Hopeful for a resolution tomorrow – Thrun is mediating the process.
- Superintendent evaluation meeting is May 13, 2025 at 6pm.
- A proposed date will be upcoming for strategic planning.

R. Grossheim made motion to conclude work session at 6:52 pm, supported by B Pavka

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

Nays: None – Motion carried.

Absent: B. Kerspilo

Nicole Pridgeon, Trustee