

**READING COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
June 25, 2025
MINUTES**

- I. J. Galloway called the regular meeting of the Board of Education of Reading Community Schools to order at 7:02 pm in the high school band room.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance was given.
- III. **Roll Call:**
 - a. Members present: R. Grossheim, N. Pridgeon, J. Galloway, R. Sanders
 - b. Members absent: B. Kerspilo, B. Pavka, B. Wheeler
 - c. Others present: M. DuBois, P. Bassage, S. Boswell, J. Sholler, C. Willoughby, L. Ringman, L. Mravec, K. Rinard, K. Stewart, L. Otterbein, M. Knoll, M. Hubbard, M. Draper, S. Brown, K. Eaton
- IV. **Additions / Corrections to the Agenda:**
 - a. None.
- V. **Nice Things:**
 - a. J. Galloway remarked that it appeared the golf outing went great, summer lunches are going smoothly, basketball camp was successful
 - b. R. Sanders thanked food service for the special consideration for his granddaughter and her gluten intolerance
- VI. **Guest Comments:**
 - a. J. Sholler – on behalf of the union, working with M. DuBois was a great experience. Very thorough and sweeping review of the contract. Added/corrected a lot of language. The entire team was pleased with the experience.
- VII. **Board Business / Action Items:**
 - a. N. Pridgeon made a motion to approve items 1-5 under consent agenda A. The motion was supported by R. Grossheim.
Ayes: R. Grossheim, N. Pridgeon, J. Galloway R. Sanders
Nays: None – Motion carried
Absent: B. Kerspilo, B. Wheeler, B. Pavka
 - b. R. Grossheim made a motion to approve the MHSAA Membership Resolution under consent Agenda B. The motion was supported by N. Pridgeon. No discussion.
Ayes: R. Grossheim, N. Pridgeon, J. Galloway R. Sanders
Nays: None – Motion carried
Absent: B. Kerspilo, B. Wheeler, B. Pavka
 - c. N. Pridgeon made a motion to approve Reynolds Elementary Principal hire SY 2025-26, Mr. Gavin Wisel, under consent Agenda C. The motion was supported by R. Grossheim. No discussion.
Ayes: R. Grossheim, N. Pridgeon, J. Galloway R. Sanders
Nays: None – Motion carried
Absent: B. Kerspilo, B. Wheeler, B. Pavka

- d. R. Sanders made a motion to approve Reynolds High/Middle School Principal contract SY 2025-26 under consent Agenda D. The motion was supported by R. Grossheim. No discussion.
Ayes: R. Grossheim, N. Pridgeon, J. Galloway R. Sanders
Nays: None – Motion carried
Absent: B. Kerspilo, B. Wheeler, B. Pavka
- e. N. Pridgeon made a motion to approve the District Calendar 2025-26 SY under consent Agenda E. The motion was supported by R. Grossheim. No discussion.
Ayes: R. Grossheim, N. Pridgeon, J. Galloway R. Sanders
Nays: None – Motion carried
Absent: B. Kerspilo, B. Wheeler, B. Pavka
- f. R. Grossheim made a motion to approve the 2024-25 Budget Adjustments under consent Agenda F. The motion was supported by R. Sanders. No discussion.
Ayes: R. Grossheim, N. Pridgeon, J. Galloway R. Sanders
Nays: None – Motion carried
Absent: B. Kerspilo, B. Wheeler, B. Pavka
- g. R. Sanders made a motion to approve the 2025-26 General Fund Budget under consent Agenda G. The motion was supported by R. Grossheim. No discussion.
Ayes: R. Grossheim, N. Pridgeon, J. Galloway R. Sanders
Nays: None – Motion carried
Absent: B. Kerspilo, B. Wheeler, B. Pavka
- h. R. Sanders made a motion to approve the 2025-26 Food Service Budget under consent Agenda H. The motion was supported by R. Grossheim. No discussion.
Ayes: R. Grossheim, N. Pridgeon, J. Galloway R. Sanders
Nays: None – Motion carried
Absent: B. Kerspilo, B. Wheeler, B. Pavka
- i. R. Grossheim made a motion to approve the 2025-26 Special Revenue Fund Budget under consent Agenda I. the motion was supported by N. Pridgeon. No discussion.
Ayes: R. Grossheim, N. Pridgeon, J. Galloway R. Sanders
Nays: None – Motion carried
Absent: B. Kerspilo, B. Wheeler, B. Pavka
- j. R. Sanders made a motion to approve the 2012 Debt Retirement Fund Budget under consent Agenda J. The motion was supported by R. Grossheim. No discussion.
Ayes: R. Grossheim, N. Pridgeon, J. Galloway R. Sanders
Nays: None – Motion carried
Absent: B. Kerspilo, B. Wheeler, B. Pavka
- k. R. Sanders made a motion to approve the 2020 Debt Retirement Fund Budget under consent Agenda K. The motion was supported by R. Grossheim. No discussion.
Ayes: R. Grossheim, N. Pridgeon, J. Galloway R. Sanders
Nays: None – Motion carried
Absent: B. Kerspilo, B. Wheeler, B. Pavka
- l. R. Sanders made a motion to approve the 2025-26 Land Acquisition Fund under consent Agenda L. The motion was supported by N. Pridgeon. No discussion.
Ayes: R. Grossheim, N. Pridgeon, J. Galloway R. Sanders
Nays: None – Motion carried
Absent: B. Kerspilo, B. Wheeler, B. Pavka
- m. R. Sanders made a motion to approve the 2025-26 Sinking Fund Budget under consent Agenda M. The motion was supported by R. Grossheim. No discussion.

Ayes: R. Grossheim, N. Pridgeon, J. Galloway R. Sanders

Nays: None – Motion carried

Absent: B. Kerspilo, B. Wheeler, B. Pavka

- n. R. Grossheim made a motion to approve the 2025-26 Capital Projects Fund Budget under consent Agenda N. The motion was supported by R. Sanders. No discussion.

Ayes: R. Grossheim, N. Pridgeon, J. Galloway R. Sanders

Nays: None – Motion carried

Absent: B. Kerspilo, B. Wheeler, B. Pavka

VIII. Items Requiring Review and Update:

- a. School Safety Committee
 - i. M. Draper
 - 1. Standard response protocol; new packet for PD days this school year.
 - 2. Revamping procedures: reunification, ISS procedures, recess protocols, staff trainings
 - 3. Utilization of Industrial Drive for pick up / drop off for 25-26 SY
- b. Library Dedication
 - i. Email sent to R. Sanders for invoice
 - ii. R. Sanders has \$1,000 raised
 - iii. Plaque has not been ordered
 - iv. N. Pridgeon to contact family

IX. Information / Discussion Items:

- a. Athletic Director
 - i. Kicked some butt – won 4 district titles: football, girls' basketball, baseball & softball
 - ii. BIG 8 growing pains – 1 vs 2 divisions. Homer and E. Jackson coming to meetings. Addison now wants in – but need a 12 for consideration
 - iii. Taylor Lake (Coe) – new volleyball coach
 - iv. Bleachers – still needed. Hoping school board & boosters will purchase
- b. Principal Report
 - i. L. Otterbein
 - 1. Full Staff
 - 2. Lots of movement
 - a. Main entrance moving: doors & cameras coming
 - b. Teachers moving classrooms
 - 3. Summer lunch program going well
 - 4. NWEA growth
 - 5. Attachments of the handbook and curriculum guide. Not many changes. Layout changes mainly.
 - 6. Behaviors: tardy highest for minor and major and use of phone device was 2nd in both categories
 - 7. Drop in total majors and minors
 - ii. D. Hard
 - 1. Not present. Please see notes in board packet.
- c. Superintendent Report
 - i. State Aid Note
 - ii. Teacher Agreements
 - iii. New Employees:

1. Lacey Ringman – Elementary Art Teacher
2. Luann Mravec – Food Service Director
3. Shelby Randall – Family & Consumer Science Teacher
- iv. Board Meeting Schedule – Check for errors or make suggestions
- v. Change in October from band room to conference room
- vi. Handbook & Curriculum Guide
 1. Waiting on elementary – want input from new principal. (He starts in August.)
- vii. MASB Membership
- viii. Designate Thrun Law as legal counsel for 25-26 SY
- ix. Policy 6550 – for travel reimbursement for 25-26 SY

X. Additional Comments from Board / Superintendent

- a. R. Sanders: thank you to K. Kerspilo for putting more positive things on Facebook. Hard year but Reading still has very positive things. We have things other schools don't have. We have a solid budget. We have new staff and a new elementary art teacher.

XI. Additional Comments from the Guests

- a. K. Stewart – Excited about next year and the new principal. Concern about PD days. Would like a leader to vent to if they (paras) have concerns.
- b. P. Bassage – Food service changed – according to USDA, we can only give out meals to the parents or guardians for summer food service. Can only pick up for direct family members.

XII. Future Meetings

July 30, 2025	6:00 pm	Work Session
July 30, 2025	7:00 pm	Board Meeting

R. Grossheim made am motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47. The motion was supported by N. Pridgeon.

Ayes: R. Grossheim, N. Pridgeon, J. Galloway R. Sanders

Nays: None – Motion carried

Absent: B. Kerspilo, B. Wheeler, B. Pavka

Respectfully
Nicole Pridgeon, Trustee