

READING COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
August 26, 2026
MINUTES

B. Kerspilo called the meeting of the Board of Education of Reading Community Schools to order at 7:03 p.m. in the elementary school library.

Pledge of allegiance was given

Members present: B. Kerspilo, N. Pridgeon, B. Lewis-Stiverson, R. Sanders, J. Galloway, R. Grossheim and K. Clark

Members absent: None

Other present: C. Smith, M. Parks, M. Knoll, K. Albright, J. Griggs, L. Otterbein, G. Wisel, M. Hubbard and S. Brown

VI. Comments from Guests - Mr. Maurice Parks commented about communications with the high school and the set-up for P/T Conferences at the high school.

VII. Presentation and Information - Mrs. Kathy Albright and Mrs. Stephanie Brown presented on how they are using the Greenhouse that is located at the elementary school. They have received seed and pot donations. The produce that was grown over the summer with help of staff members volunteering their time, was used in the summer meal program. Working with Mr. Gostlin to have students make planters and are working to create a 5th and 6th grade Garden Club.

VIII. Board Organization - The board voted on the change of signatory on all the school bank accounts to Mel Rentschler from Martin DuBois

a. Designation of Monetary Management 2026-27

1. Depositors to be used - Motion by R. Grossheim and supported by R. Sanders

Ayes: B. Kerspilo, N. Pridgeon, B. Lewis-Stiverson, R. Sanders, J. Galloway, R. Grossheim and K. Clark

Nays: None

Absent: None

2. Remove Martin DuBois from all depositories - Motion by J. Galloway supported by N. Pridgeon

Ayes: B. Kerspilo, N. Pridgeon, B. Lewis-Stiverson, R. Sanders, J. Galloway, R. Grossheim and K. Clark

Nays: None

Absent: None

3. Authorized Signatures for Account Management - Motion by J. Galloway and supported by R. Grossheim
Ayes: B. Kerspilo, N. Pridgeon, B. Lewis-Stiverson, R. Sanders, J. Galloway, R. Grossheim and K. Clark
Nayes: None
Absent: None

IX. Board Action Items

- A. Consent of Agenda 1-5 R. Grossheim made a motion to approve the agenda items N. Pridgeon supported.
Ayes: B. Kerspilo, N. Pridgeon, B. Lewis-Stiverson, R. Sanders, J. Galloway, R. Grossheim and K. Clark
Nayes: None
Absent: None

X. Information/Discussion Items

- A. Athletic Directors Report - M. Hubbard shared with the board that the athletic trainer that attends games has changed employment and will now need a doctor to sponsor him. M. Hubbard has approached the doctor at the Reading Clinic to assist with this.
- B. Principals Report - G. Wisel reported they are focused on getting the students back into the routine of school and they are excited for the school year. L. Otterbein shared information about internal staff changes, highlighted parking, NWEA testing and upcoming events. Commented that the 7th graders are adjusting well and that this is the largest group of students in the high school.
- C. Superintendent Report - M. Rentschler covered enrollment numbers by grade and compared to last school year. He also thanked everyone for a smooth start to the year. Spoke highly of the staff. Touched on the doors being replaced at the high school and noted he would like to not wait until the summer and has worked with the company to get them in by January 1st. The Emergency Operations Plan will need to be updated and this will be presented to the board at the next meeting. The district has hired a new GSRP teacher and is looking to hire a food service employee. Updated the board of the change in the price of adult breakfast and lunch at the school. Finally, updated the guest on where the bond is at.

XI. Additional Comments from Board/Superintendent

- B. Stiverson-Lewis spoke about the board's transportation policy as it pertains to young children.

XII. Future Meetings

September 23, 2026	6:00 p.m.	Work Session in Elementary Library
September 23, 2026	7:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting in Elementary Library

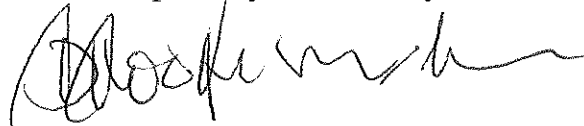
- XIII. J. Galloway made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. and was supported by N. Pridgeon.

Ayes: B. Kerspilo, N. Pridgeon, B. Lewis-Stiverson, R. Sanders, J. Galloway, R. Grossheim and K. Clark.

Nayes: None

Absent: None

Respectfully submitted by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brooke Lewis-Stiverson', written in a cursive style.

Brooke Lewis-Stiverson - Board Secretary