READING COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
September 23, 2026
MINUTES

B. Kerspilo called the meeting of the Board of Education of Reading Community Schools to order at 7:00 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, G. Wisel and L. Otterbein

VII. Board Business/Action Items -

A. Consent of Agenda - Motion made by R. Grossheim to approve minutes from August Work Session, Regular Meeting Minutes and Financial Report from August 2026. 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

B. Resolutions - Mr. Rentschler recommended the RCS Board of Education approve the Emergency Operation Plan for the district. Motion by J. Galloway and 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

C. Mr. Rentschler recommended that the board approve the following policies and bylaw changes from the Vol. 40 Number 1 - Non-Dicrimination. Motion by R. Grossheim and supported by J. Galloway

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

Nayes: None

Absent: None

Mr.Rentschler recommended that the board approve the following policies and bylaws changes from Vol. 40 Number 2. Motion by B. Lewis-Stiverson 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

D. Authorized Signatures for Account Management
   1. General Fund - Superintendent Rentschler and/or Pam Bassage
   2. Debt Funds, Land Acquisition Fund, Bond Capital Projects and Athletic Accounts - Superintendent Rentschler and/or Pam Bassage
   3. Athletic Officials Checking Account - Mitch Hubbard and Kate Kerspilo, Superintendent Rentschler and/or Pam Bassage in their absence.
   4. General Fund Investment Acct - Superintendent Rentschler and/or Pam Bassage
   5. Internal Accounts - Building Principals Lisa Otterbein, Gavin Wisel and/or Superintendent Rentschler
   6. Special Revenue Fund Account - Superintendent Rentschler and/or Pam Bassage
   7. Sinking Fund Account - Superintendent Rentschler and/or Pam Bassage
   8. Food Service Account - Superintendent Rentschler and/or Pam Bassage
   9. High School Activity Account - Superintendent Rentschler, Lisa Otterbein, Kate Kerspilo
   10. Payroll Fund- Superintendent Rentschler and/or Pam Bassage
   11. MILAF Fund - Superintendent Rentschler and/or Pam Bassage

Motion to make changes by N. Pridgeon and supported by R. Sanders.

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

Nayes: None

Absent: None

E. Board selected a delegate for MASB Voting - J. Galloway was selected and B. Lewis Stiverson as an alternate. Motion by B. Kerspilo and supported by N. Pridgeon.

Ayes: B. Kerspilo, N. Pridgeon, B. Lewis-Stiverson, R. Sanders, J. Galloway, R. Grossheim, K. Clark.
Nayes: None

Absent: None

VIII. Items Requiring Review and Update

A. Bond Issue - Mr. Rentschler recommended moving forward with the Bond for May Ballot
B. NEOLA Policies - In addition to previously mentioned policies, policy 6550 will also need to be addressed.
C. Legislative Update - Marijuana - In April it was moved to a class 3 drug. Due to this change policies will likely need to be drafted to address potential medical use.
D. Digital Academy
E. Enrollment - Mr. Rentschler would like to use remote learning to increase and maintain enrollment numbers.

IX. Information/Discussion Items:

A. Athletic Directors Report
B. Principals Report - L Otterbein shared recent and upcoming events at RHS, updates on enrollment, and discipline updates which were down from last year. G. Wisel shared recent and upcoming events at Reynolds.
C. Superintendent Report
    1. Safety Committee - Difficulties during drop off and pick up with accessible bus at elementary school and an update on doors.
    2. Insurance Premiums - Mr. Rentschler would like to evaluate our insurance coverage in the future.
    3. New Hires -
        a. Stormi Jones GSRP Lead Teacher this was a promotion
        b. Kari Jo Rinard GSRP Associate Teacher this was a promotion
        c. Anna Hamilton Childcare Aide
        d. Dawn Ferrier High School Paraprofessional retire/rehire
        e. Bobbie Jo Coop Special Education Teacher
        f. Kayla Bowman part-time custodian 5 hours lunchroom

X. Additional Comments from Board/Superintendent - Mr. Rentschler reminded the board about the increase of lunch prices for adults.

XI. Additional Comments from Guests - L. Otterbein explained NHS eligibility requirements per the National Charter and guidelines.

XII. Future Meetings

October 28, 2026 6:00 p.m. Work Session in Elementary Library
October 28, 2026 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting in Elementary Library

Motion by R. Grossheim and supported by R. Sanders to suspend meeting rules to vote on lunch price increase for adult meals and NHS GPA change to align with NHS standards.

Meal price increase motion by R. Grossheim supported by J. Galloway

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

Nayes: None

Absent: None

NHS GPA Change to comply with National Charter Guidelines, motion by N. Pridgeon supported by K. Clark

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

Nayes: None

Absent: None

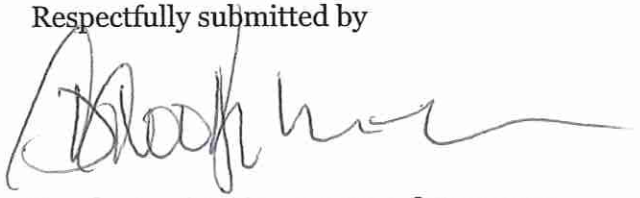
Motion to adjourn by B. Lewis-Stiverson supported by N. Pridgeon at 7:44 p.m.

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

Nayes: None

Absent: None

Respectfully submitted by



Brooke Lewis-Stiverson Board Secretary