

**Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting for  
The School District of the City of River Rouge, Wayne County, Michigan  
Held at the River Rouge High School, Auditorium, River Rouge, Michigan  
Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.**

**1-3 – CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Valveta Reese, President, with invocation by Candise Green, Vice-President.

Members Present: Cooper, Hightower, Green, Reese, Sabuda  
Members Excused: Doig, Wheeler  
Member Absent:

**4 – STUDENT-STAFF OF THE MONTH RECOGNITION**

The 2023-24 school year is excited to celebrate our scholars and staff members.

Member Sabuda had to leave the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

**5 - CONSENT AGENDA**

**MINUTES REGULAR MEETING – WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2023**

Motion moved by Member Reese, seconded by Member Cooper, that the Board of Education approved the minutes of Wednesday, October 4, 2023.

Yeas: Members: Hightower, Green, Reese, Cooper  
Nays: Members: None

Motion carried.

**GENERAL EXPENDITURE REPORT – SEPTEMBER 1-30, 2023**

Motion moved by Member Reese, seconded by Member Hightower, that the Board of Education approved the General Expenditure Report for September 1-30, 2023.

Yeas: Members: Green, Reese, Cooper, Hightower  
Nays: Members: None

Motion carried.

42. **MY VIRTUAL ACADEMY MENTORS**

Motion moved by Member Reese, supported by Member Cooper, that the Board of Education approved the following individuals, after the fact, as mentors with the My Virtual Academy:

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>HOURLY PAY</u>
Jason Zielinski	10/4/2023	Mentor	\$23.15
Stephanie Northway	9/19/2023	Mentor	\$20.95
Michael Nagy	9/19/2023	Mentor	\$20.95
Katie Smith	9/19/2023	Mentor	\$22.88
Lisa Harris	10/4/2023	Mentor	\$23.05

These positions are contingent upon the successful completion of all required paperwork and results of the physical, drug screen, 1230 B responses and criminal records check that are required to be an employee of the school district.

Yeas:           Members:   Reese, Cooper, Hightower, Green  
Nays:           Members:   None

Motion carried.

43.    **DISTRICT RESIGNATION**

Motion moved by Member Reese, supported by Member Hightower, that the Board of Education accepted the letter of resignation from Mrs. Kienta Singleton, Administration Assistant at Sabbath Middle School and STEM Academy, effective Thursday, October 26, 2023 with best wishes.

Comments by the Board and Superintendent

Yeas:           Members:   Cooper, Hightower, Green, Reese  
Nays:           Members:   None

Motion carried.

44.    **TITLE CHANGE**

Motion moved by Member Reese, supported by Member Cooper, that the Board of Education approved the title change of Mrs. Nichole German from Interim Curriculum Director to Chief Academic Officer, effective July 1, 2023.

Comments were made by the Superintendent regarding salary negotiations and contract.

Yeas:           Members:   Hightower, Green, Reese, Cooper  
Nays:           Members:   None

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45. **2023-2024 CROSS COUNTRY COACHES**

Motion moved by Member Reese, supported by Member Cooper, that the Board of Education approved the following individuals, after the fact, as coaches for the 2023-2024 school year in the River Rouge School District:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
Joseph Carr	Head Boys' Cross Country Coach	\$1,500.00
Jasmine Bracey	Head Girls' Cross Country Coach	\$1,500.00
Ureana Curry	Assistant Boys' Cross Country Coach	\$1,000.00

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Comments were made by the Superintendent regarding the process of criminal records checks for all new employees.

Yeas:           Members:   Green, Reese, Hightower, Cooper  
Nays:           Members:   None

Motion carried.

46. **DEW-EL – ANN VISGER WINDOW SHADES**

Motion moved by Member Cooper, supported by Member Reese, that the Board of Education approved the price proposals submitted by Dew El Corporation for window shades in the Ann Visger Preparatory Academy, including installation, in the amount of \$48,768.93.

Yeas:           Members:   Reese, Cooper, Hightower, Green  
Nays:           Members:   None

Motion carried.

**6 – COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**7 – STUDENT LIAISON REPORT**

- Thank you to all for the homecoming dance and game.
- Senior shirts – thank you to the anonymous donor for covering the cost of the shirts.
- Invite student council to a board meeting.

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**8 - SUPERINTENDENT AND ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS**

I. Mirza, Director of Business & Finance

- Auditors
- Finance Committee update

N. German, Curriculum Director

- School Improvement Plans
- 11<sup>th</sup> \* 12<sup>th</sup> Grade survey – Job Corp
- Professional Development – Saturday – 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- MTSS – supporting our students
- Thank you – Fall Fest/Parent-Teacher Conferences

R. Griffin, Principal – Ann Visger

- Kick-off of the Innovation Lab
- Trunk or Treat – Wednesday, October 25, 2023 – 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

W. Jones, Principal – Sabbath

- Spirit week
- PBIS initiative – Friday
- After-school program
- Basketball tryouts

Dr. L. Revell, Principal – STEM

- Open House
- Donuts with Dads
- PTA Sale
- Academic Games
- After-school programs

Dr. D. Harrison, Principal – RRHS

- Black College Tour
- NAACP – ROTC participation
- Band College Tour
- Dual Enrollment
- Academic Games

A. Berry-Brown, Deputy Superintendent

- Vacancies
- Tutoring – high school students to support elementary and middle school students
- Enrollment count – Dr. Coleman will share with board at another meeting

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**9 - COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Food Service Committee – Reese

- Grant received for fresh fruits and vegetables
- Students enjoying breakfast at high school
- Pasta Bar to be added at high school in November
- Wraps will be added to the sandwich bar

Athletics Committee – Green

- Fall sports are wrapping up
- Varsity Football and Varsity Volleyball still going
- Winter schedule in the finalization stages

Comments from board members.

**10 - COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE AND ADMINISTRATORS**

Ms. Sprinkle – 127 Burke, River Rouge

- Lockdown drills, are the children going to have them?

Ms. Hanson – 104 E. Henry, River Rouge

- Crossing guards
- Dismissal and drop-off of kids’ corner of Stoner & Jefferson

**11 - ADJOURNMENT**

Motion moved by Member Sabuda, seconded by Member Wheeler that the meeting be adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Yeas:	Members:	Cooper, Hightower, Green, Reese
Nays:	Members:	None

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Valveta Reese, President  
River Rouge Board of Education  
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