

**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, LGI Room River Rouge, Michigan
Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.**

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Valveta Reese, President, with invocation by Mitchell Doig, Secretary.

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

4 - CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING – WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2023

Motion moved by Member Sabuda, seconded by Member Wheeler, that the Board of Education approved the minutes of Wednesday, October 18, 2023.

Yeas: Members: Doig, Hightower, Green, Reese, Sabuda, Wheeler, Cooper
Nays: Members: None

Motion carried.

47. **DISTRICT EMPLOYMENT**

Motion moved by Member Sabuda, seconded by Member Reese, that the Board of Education approved the following individual as an employee in the River Rouge School District for the 2023-2024 school year:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SALARY/BENEFITS</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
Shawntay Johnson	Independence paraprofessional	RRHS	\$18.43 per hr./ w/benefits	Monday, October 16, 2023

Yeas: Members: Hightower, Green, Reese, Sabuda, Wheeler, Cooper, Doig
Nays: Members: None

Motion carried.

48. **DISTRICT RESIGNATION**

Motion moved by Member Cooper, supported by Member Sabuda, that the Board of Education accepted the letters of resignation submitted by the following employees:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
Sarah Khan	Business Manager/Accountant	Central Office	Friday, October 13, 2023

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Kimberly Pritchett	Instructional Specialist	Ann Visger	Wednesday, October 11, 2023
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Yeas: Members: Green, Reese, Sabuda, Wheeler, Cooper, Doig, Hightower
Nays: Members: None

Motion carried.

49. RIVER ROUGE MARCHING BAND OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL

Motion moved by Member Sabuda, seconded by Member Cooper, that the Board of Education approved the travel of the River Rouge Marching Band to the Santa Claus Parades in Ontario:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Saturday, November 25, 2023	Amherstburg, Ontario
Saturday, December 2, 2023	Windsor, Ontario
Saturday, December 9, 2023	Essex, Ontario

This request is with the understanding that all expenditures are covered through the band account.

Yeas: Members: Reese, Sabuda, Wheeler, Cooper, Doig, Hightower, Green
Nays: Members: None

Motion carried.

5 – BOARD POLICY REVIEW

President Reese reminded the board members to review the board policies revisions that were sent to them via email. At the next regular meeting, the board will vote on the policies.

Question by a board member.

6 – INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

Mr. Deon Williams, Sabbath Middle School Teacher, introduced himself to the board and administration.

Comments were made by Superintendent Coleman.

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7 - COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

None.

8 – STUDENT LIAISON REPORT

Casia Jefferson, Student Liaison, gave a report to the board members and administration. Board members asked questions.

8 - SUPERINTENDENT AND ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORTS

I. Mirza, Director of Business & Finance

- Auditors
 - Everything has been submitted
 - Once response received from auditing firm, a Finance Committee Meeting will be held
 - Date for audit will be announced

N. German, Curriculum Director

- Grant from United Way (Community Schools)
- Grant submission – Michigan Kids Back on Track
- Multi Lingual Learners
- November 7 – Professional Development (regionalized)
- November 13 – Data Meeting
- WCRESA Networking Event
- Community Schools Grant explained
- US Department of Education – Denver, CO
 - 30 school districts – nationwide
 - Grant programs
 - Shared our programs (Grow Your Own)

Superintendent Coleman made additional comments

Dr. Coleman, Superintendent

- Good Life Agency Partnership
- Wayne Metro and Marathon donated \$5,000.00 to assist with senior dues
- Buildings & Grounds – temporary naming rights to Panther Stadium and Lofton Greene Gym

9 - COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS

J. Wheeler – Buildings & Grounds Committee

- AV – new blinds installed prior to Christmas
- STEM – lunch tables by November 17

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- High School – Hand dryers in restrooms by December 31
- STEM – Air Conditioning meeting
- AV – Redesign on parking lot/street area
- Conversation on naming rights

Question by a board member

President Reese spoke to the board regarding the turkey giveaway

- Trying to get information from Mr. Tarence Wheeler for the last month
- No dates given
- Senior Citizens are asking if we are going to have one this year
- Reached out to Mr. Wheeler via telephone – no response
- Email sent to Mr. Wheeler, no full information received
- At this time, we do not know

Question by board member

- Do we know the amount needed?
- Is there potential for us to get sponsorship?
- Meeting scheduled with Mr. Wheeler on Friday

M. Doig - River Rouge City Hall

- Drive through Coat Drive – November 12 from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm
 - The first 50 will get an application for No Kids Without A Christmas

President Reese reported that Dr. Coleman would be presenting at the National School Board Association Conference in April 2024.

Question by a board member regarding the Michigan Association of School Boards delegate information.

Question by a board member regarding the Student Count

Commendation to the Ann Visger Preparatory Academy on the 2024 Truck or Treat

S. Alexander – Animal Assistance Program

- Cuddles & cupcakes
- Grooming Day – 11/15 & 11/16
- Junior Handlers Expansion
- Student referrals

10 - COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE AND ADMINISTRATORS

None

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11 - ADJOURNMENT

Motion moved by Member Sabuda, seconded by Member Cooper that the meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Yeas:	Members:	Sabuda, Wheeler, Cooper, Doig, Hightower, Green
Nays:	Members:	None

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitchell Doig, Secretary
River Rouge Board of Education
MD:ap