

**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, December 20, 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 Cornelius Cooper, Trustee.

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

4 – STUDENT & STAFF OF THE MONTH RECOGNITION

Students and staff members of the district were recognized by their individual buildings.

5 - CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING – WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2023

Motion moved by Member Wheeler, seconded by Member Cooper that the Board of Education approved the minutes of Wednesday, December 6, 2023.

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

Motion carried.

GENERAL EXPENDITURE REPORT – NOVEMBER 1-30, 2023

Motion moved by Member Cooper, seconded by Member Green that the Board of Education approved the General Expenditure Report for the month of November 1-30, 2023.

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

Motion carried.

66. **DISTRICT EMPLOYMENT**

Motion moved by Member Reese, seconded by Member Cooper, that the Board of Education approved the employment of the following individuals:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
Shawnta Alston	Special Education Resource Teacher	Ann Visger	\$90,386.00 w/benefits (prorated)	Monday, January 8, 2024

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Kathy Kirchner	Accountant/ Business Manager	RRSD	\$84,500.00 w/benefits	Monday, December 4, 2023
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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: Hightower, Reese, Wheeler, Cooper, Doig, Green
Nays: Members: None

Motion carried.

67. PRESIDIO NETWORKED SOLUTIONS GROUP, LLC.

Motion moved by Member Cooper, supported by Member Hightower, that the Board of Education approved the quote from Presidio in the amount of \$891,107.63 (installation, supplies, warranties, etc.) for the district security camera improvements throughout the district. This quote does not have to be submitted for bid due to the company has been approved by the State. This is an emergency request.

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

Motion carried.

68. 2024 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Motion moved by Member Reese, supported by Member Hightower, that the Board of Education approved the schedule as listed, with the understanding that meeting dates are subject to change. Notification of any changes will be communicated with the board and community in an appropriate period.

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

Motion carried.

Motion moved by Member Cooper, supported by Member Green, that the second meeting in December 2024 be cancelled. The December student and staff of the month recipients will be recognized in January 2025.

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

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Motion carried.

69. COMPREHENSIVE STEM AGREEMENT

Motion moved by Member Reese, supported by Member Cooper, that the Board of Education approved the Comprehensive STEM Agreement by and between 21st Century Education and the River Rouge School District. This is a three-year contract with a total of \$179,000.00 (paid over a three-year period).

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

Motion carried.

6 – INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEE

Ms. Shawnta Alston, Special Education Resource Teacher
Ms. Kathy Kirchner, Account/Business Manager

7 – SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION

Motion made by Member Wheeler, supported by Member Cooper, that the Board of Education approved the Superintendent Evaluation for Dr. Derrick R. Coleman (highly effective).

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

Motion carried.

Motion moved by Member Wheeler, seconded by Member Reese, that the Board of Education removed item 66 from the regular meeting on Wednesday, December 6, 2023.

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

Motion carried.

8 - COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you note from the family of the late William C. McCollum, former Superintendent in the River Rouge School District.

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9 – STUDENT LIAISON REPORT

Casia Jefferson did not have anything to report at this time. Merry Christmas to everyone.

10 - SUPERINTENDENT AND ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORTS

I. Mirza

- Reported on grants received in the district. One for \$400,000 and the other for \$1,000,000.00

R. Griffin

- Professional development last week
- Partnered with Eastern Stars to distribute coats, hats and gloves to students
- Ann Visger adopted 9 families for Christmas
- Innovation Lab – Extended Learning
- Holiday Program – Thursday, December 21st at 1:30 p.m.
- Pre-School Pancake Breakfast – 12/21 at 9:00 a.m.

Dr. L. Revell

- Pink Panthers are up and running
- Brownies with a Buddy
- Professional Development last week
- Academic Games – January
- Holiday Program – Thursday, December 21st at 10:00 a.m.
- Spirit Week
- STEM Academy adopted 25 families for Christmas
- Holiday staff dinner was held on 12/20

Wyatt Jones III

- Spirit Week
- Professional Development last week
- “Heart Work Is Hard Work” awards
- PBIS – Friday Night Lights
- Fully staffed building
- NWEA testing upon return

Dr. Harrison

- Spirit Week
- Winter concert last week
- Honor’s ceremony last week with 200 recipients
- Semester ceremony in February

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- Job Corp
- Battle of the Bands
- Band parades in Canada
- NABSE Conference – learned much
- Academic Games – competition – 2nd place
- Media Arts accompanied the Academic Games Team
- Michael Eric Dyson sent a message to the staff
- Dual Enrollment begins 2nd semester with Wayne State University
- Nick Marsh signed with Michigan State University today

N. German

- January 11, 2024 – Henry Ford Museum – River Rouge Day. Tickets are available. 200 distributed to the district

11 - COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS

C. Green – Athletics
Winter sports got off to a great start

V. Reese – Happy and safe holiday to all

12 - COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE AND ADMINISTRATORS

None.

13 - ADJOURNMENT

Motion moved by Member Cooper, seconded by Member Hightower, that the meeting be adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitchell Doig, Secretary
River Rouge Board of Education
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