

**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, January 24, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.**

1-2 – CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Alice N. Perry, Recording Secretary, with invocation.

3 – ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken by Alice N. Perry, Recording Secretary.

Members Present: Cooper, Doig, Green, Reese, Sabuda, Wheeler

Members Excused: Hightower

Members Absent: None

4 – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The recording secretary, as acting chairperson, declared nominations were in order for the office of Board President. Member Sabuda nominated Member Reese as Board President. There were no other nominations. Member Reese accepted the nomination. It was resolved that nominations be closed for the office of President of the Board of Education.

Motion moved by Member Reese, supported by Member Cooper that Valveta Reese serve as President of the Board of Education until December 31, 2024.

Yeas: Members: Doig, Green, Reese, Sabuda, Wheeler, Cooper

Nays: Members: None

Motion carried.

President Reese declared nominations were in order for the office of Board Vice-President. Member Reese nominated Member Green as Vice-President. There were no other nominations. Member Green accepted the nomination. It was resolved that nominations be closed for the office of Vice-President of the Board of Education.

Motion moved by Member Cooper, supported by Member Sabuda, that Candise Green serve as Vice-President of the Board of Education until December 31, 2024.

Yeas: Members: Reese, Sabuda, Wheeler, Cooper, Doig, Green

Nays: Members: None

Motion carried.

President Reese declared nominations were in order for the office of Board Secretary. Member Cooper nominated Member Doig as Secretary. There were no other nominations. Member Doig

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accepted the nomination. It was resolved that nominations be closed for the office of Secretary of the Board of Education.

Motion moved by Member Sabuda, supported by Member Green, Member Doig serve as Secretary of the Board of Education.

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

Motion carried. Member Doig will serve as Board Secretary until December 31, 2024.

President Reese declared nominations were in order for the office of Board Treasurer. Member Sabuda nominated Member Wheeler as Treasurer. There were no other nominations. Member Wheeler accepted the nominations. It was resolved that nominations be closed for the office of Treasurer of the Board of Education.

Motion moved by Member Cooper supported by Member Sabuda, Member Wheeler serve as Treasurer of the Board of Education:

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

Motion carried. Member Wheeler will serve as Treasurer of the Board of Education until December 31, 2024.

5 – COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Committee Appointments for 2024 are as follows:

<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>COMMITTEE MEMBERS</u>	<u>MEETING DAY/TIME</u>
Athletics	Keith Sabuda Candise Green Cornelius Cooper	1 st Thursday of each month 12:50 p.m. – LGI Room
Building & Grounds	Cornelius Cooper Joshua Wheeler Keith Sabuda	1 st Wednesday of each month 3:00 p.m. – Conference Room
Curriculum	Valveta Reese Mitchell Doig	2 nd Wednesday of each month 3:30 p.m. – Conference Room
Communications & Community Outreach	Mitchell Doig Keith Sabuda Valveta Reese	3 rd Monday of each month 3:00 p.m. – Conference Room
Finance	Valveta Reese Joshua Wheeler	2 nd Wednesday of each month 3:30 p.m. – Conference Room
Food Service	Mitchell Doig	2 nd Monday of each month

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	Candise Green	2:00 p.m. – Conference Room
Policy Phil Mikulski, NEOLA	Candise Green Valveta Reese	As needed basis

6 - CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING – WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2023

Motion moved by Member Cooper, seconded by Member Sabuda that the Board of Education approved the minutes of Wednesday, December 20, 2023.

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

Motion carried.

GENERAL EXPENDITURE REPORT – DECEMBER 1-31, 2023

Motion moved by Member Green, seconded by Member Cooper that the Board of Education approved the General Expenditure Report for the month of December 1-31, 2023.

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

Motion carried.

70. **DISTRICT RESIGNATION**

Motion moved by Member Cooper, supported by Member Sabuda, that the Board of Education accepted the letter of resignation from Ms. Kristien Harris, School Social Worker for the River Rouge School District, effective Friday, January 5, 2024.

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

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71. **FOOTBALL TRAVEL REQUESTS**

Motion moved by Member Sabuda, supported by Member Reese, that the Board of Education approved the following college travel dates for specified football student athletes and chaperones:

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<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DEPARTURE</u>	<u>RETURN</u>
Miami of Ohio University Oxford, Ohio	Sunday, Rescheduled January 14, 2024	6:00 a.m.	10:00 p.m.
University of Ohio Athens, Ohio	Saturday, January 20, 2024	6:00 a.m.	9:00 p.m.
Miami of Ohio University Oxford, Ohio	Sunday, January 21, 2024	6:00 a.m.	10:00 p.m.
University of Indiana Bloomington, IN	Sunday, January 28, 2024	6:00 a.m.	8:00 p.m.
Michigan State University East Lansing, MI	Saturday, February 3, 2024	6:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
Northern Illinois Univ. DeKalb, Illinois	Sunday, February 4, 2024	6:00 a.m.	10:00 p.m.

Please note the Miami of Ohio University trip is ~~being approved after the fact~~ was rescheduled due to extreme weather conditions. Also, Miami of Ohio University and University of Ohio are being approved after the fact. District van transportation will be used, with costs being covered by the Football Program.

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

Motion carried.

72. **ATHLETIC POSITIONS**

Motion moved by Member Reese, supported by Member Sabuda, that the Board of Education approved the employment of the following individuals for the 2023-2024 season in the Athletic Department.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
Darryl Patterson	Varsity Wrestling Coach	\$2,307.00
Allyse Eggelston	Sports Performance Rehab Specialist (Basketball Season)	\$2,700.00
Charles Taylor	Assistant Wrestling Coach	\$4,236.00

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.

Comments by Dr. Coleman. Question by a board member.

Yeas: Members: Sabuda, Cooper, Doig, Green, Reese
Nays: Members: Wheeler

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Motion carried.

73. **STEM VIRTUAL AND AUGMENTED REALITY LABS**

Motion moved by Member Wheeler, supported by Member Sabuda, that the Board of Education approved the purchase of Virtual Reality Labs for students in the River Rouge School District that will provide an engaging and innovative way of learning. The immersive sensory nature of virtual reality will improve the quality of student’s academics, language and information retention. VR will engage students and provide them with profound learning experiences. The approximate cost is \$415,000.00 for labs at all four schools and will be covered through the ESSER 3 Grant.

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

Motion carried.

7 - COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

There were no communications/correspondence.

8 - SUPERINTENDENT AND ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORTS

I. Mirza

- Grant amendments on the ESSER III, 23G and Bilingual
- Budget
- Questions by board members

N. German

- 1/11 – River Rouge Day at the Henry Ford Museum
- Women in Leadership – Network gathering on 1/23
- Mid-Year assessments are currently taking place
- Diagnostic audits begin February 1
- Spanish – foreign language
- 2nd Semester – Dual Enrollment with Wayne State University
- Statement/question by board member

A. Berry-Brown

- 1/25 the virtual reality lab walk throughs for the next school year
- Current vacancies – hiring is taking place
- ESSER 3 Grant
- Emergency days (snow/weather)

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Dr. Coleman

- Financial work
- Ann Visger kitchen updates
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- High School work updates
- Working with the City of River Rouge – DNR Grant
- Social Media – across the board will have the same information. Mr. Stevon Scott gave remarks

9 - COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Board members made comments.

10 – BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

11 - COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE AND ADMINISTRATORS

None

12 - ADJOURNMENT

Motion moved by Member Sabuda, supported by Member Cooper, that the meeting be adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

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

Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Mitchell Doig, Secretary
River Rouge Board of Education
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