

**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, September 18, 2024 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.

President Reese reported that she attended the Legal Issues in Interscholastic Athletics through MASB and they were informed that invocation could not be shared at a school board meeting.

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

4 – CONSENT AGENDA

The consensus of the Board of Education was that the following board action items along with the minutes of September 4, 2024 and General Expenditure Report for August 1-31, 2024 were accepted/approved:

21. **DISTRICT EMPLOYMENT**

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>
Alexandra Herten	Mathematics Teacher	Sabbath	\$67,048.00 w/benefits	Monday, September 16, 2024

Employment in the River Rouge School District is contingent upon the successful completion of all required paperwork, results of the physical, drug screen, 1230 B responses and criminal records check.

22. **DISTRICT RESIGNATION**

The Board of Education accepted the letter of resignation for the following employee:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
Khia Lee-Hood	Teacher	Ann Visger	August 23, 2024

23. **ATHLETIC EVENT WORKERS FOR 2024-2025**

The Board of Education approved the following Athletic Event Workers for the 2024-2025 school year:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>NAME</u>
China Walker	Deborah Lockett	Trevon Jones
Braylin Toney	Makiyah McIver	Amber Avery

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The rate of pay for event workers will be \$60.00 for less than five hours; \$85.00 for five hours or more.

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5 – INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

Ms. Alisa Berry-Brown, Deputy Superintendent, introduced the new staff members of the River Rouge School District. Each gave a few words to the board members and administration.

6 – PRESENTATION – COREWELL HEALTH

Ms. Theresa Donoghue, Director of Community Health Schools & Clinics for Corewell Health, presented to the Board of Education and administration. She gave an overall review of the services offered by Corewell and inquired about the rebranding to be reviewed by the board for the next regular meeting.

7 – PRESENTATION – 2025 STUDENT LIAISON

Paris Reese III was introduced to the board members and administration as the 2025 Student Liaison. He will be attending board meetings to keep everyone abreast of the concerns from the student body. He shared current questions with the board.

There were comments by administration.

8 - 2025 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Item number 7 was tabled for the next regular board meeting.

9 - COMMUNICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE

None.

10- SUPERINTENDENT AND ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORTS

N. German, Chief Academic Officer

- Constitution Day – 9/17
- Dual Enrollment
- Senior Parent Meeting
- Voter Registration

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- Professional Development 9/25
- Clarification of MSTEP scores

Questions and comments by board members.

A. Berry-Brown, Deputy Superintendent

- Enrollment continuing through September 27
- Awarded \$300,000.00 grant – Grow Your Own – to get certified teachers
- Virtual Reality Lab Roll-Out

Questions by board members.

Curtis Blackwell and Darryl Folks II from Sound Mind/Sound Body presented the program to the board and administration along with information on Beyond Basics that assists with bridging the literacy gap.

11 - COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS

President Reese

Athletic Committee Meeting and the change of the meeting date and time (1st Monday of the month at 9:30 a.m.)

Ann Visger Kitchen – ribbon cutting to be determined

Secretary Doig

Comments on STEM needing a portable air conditioner on the south side of the building

12 - COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE AND ADMINISTRATORS

Alexandra Herten, new teacher in the district, introduced herself to the board and administration.

13 - ADJOURNMENT

There were no objections and the meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitchell Doig, Secretary
River Rouge Board of Education
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