

**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, October 2, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.**

**1-2 – CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Valveta Reese, President.

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

**3 – CONSENT AGENDA**

The consensus of the Board of Education was that the following board action items along with the minutes of September 18, 2024 was accepted/approved:

24. **DISTRICT EMPLOYMENT**

The Board of Education approved the employment of the following individuals:

<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>POSITION</u></b>	<b><u>LOCATION</u></b>	<b><u>SALARY</u></b>	<b><u>EFFECTIVE</u></b>
Jacqueline Similton	Instructional Interventionist	RRSD	\$90,568.00 w/benefits	Monday, September 30, 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.

25. **DISTRICT RESIGNATION**

The Board of Education accepted their letter of resignation.

<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>POSITION</u></b>	<b><u>LOCATION</u></b>	<b><u>EFFECTIVE</u></b>
Sharon Braun	Senior Marine Instructor	RRHS	Friday, September 13, 2024

26. **BAND TRAVEL REQUEST**

The Board of Education approved the travel of the River Rouge Marching Band to the 2024 HBCU Band College Tour from October 30th at 1:00 p.m. through November 3, 2024 at approximately 6:00 a.m. (11/4/24). The group and chaperones will be traveling to Wilberforce University, Alabama State University and Jackson State University. The costs will be incurred by the band members and fundraising.

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**27. COREWELL HEALTH TEEN CENTER – CONSENT FOR CARE**

The Board of Education approved the consent for care form for the students of the River Rouge School District.

**4 – INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES**

Prentis Delaney and Jacqueline Similton, new employees of the district, introduced themselves to the board. Comments were made by Dr. Coleman.

**5 – 2025 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE**

Per President Reese, this item was tabled for the next regular board meeting.

Member Wheeler arrived at approximately 5:09 p.m.

**6 – SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION**

The informal Superintendent evaluation was held for Dr. Coleman.

Motion moved by Member Reese, seconded by Member Sabuda, that the River Rouge Board of Education approve to not evaluation the Superintendent in 2025 based on his highly effective evaluations.

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

Motion carried.

**7 - COMMUNICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE**

Each board member received a copy of the flyer for the River Rouge High School gymnasium ribbon cutting and the scholarship ball. Comments were made by Dr. Coleman.

**8 – PRESENTATION – 2025 STUDENT LIAISON**

Paris Reese III reported that everything in the high school is being handled at this time. Comments were made by Dr. Coleman.

**9- SUPERINTENDENT AND ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORTS**

I. Mirza

- Audit update
- ESSER III – expended all the funds

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N. German

- Professional development review from last week
- Wrap up of beginning of the year assessments
- After school clubs begin next week
- \$40,000 Math Grant received
- GSRP \$75,000 expansion for classrooms
- Open House and Parent/Teacher Conference – 10/9 & 10/10

Dr. Coleman

- Work we are doing as a district
- Enrollment targets met
- Partnership with Ally (Human IT)

Questions by the board

A. Berry-Brown

- Count Day
- Grow Your Own Grant - \$325,000

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

Wayne RESA General Membership Meeting – Thursday, October 10, 2024.

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

None.

**12 - ADJOURNMENT**

There were no objections and the meeting was adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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