

**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, July 19, 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, Wheeler
Members Excused: Sabuda
Member Absent:

4 – CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING – WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2023

Motion moved by Member Green, seconded by Member Cooper, that the Board of Education approved the minutes of Wednesday, July 5, 2023.

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

Motion carried.

GENERAL EXPENDITURE REPORT – JUNE 1-30, 2023

Motion moved by Member Cooper, seconded by Member Wheeler, that the Board of Education approved the general expenditure report of June 1-30, 2023.

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

Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

6. **DISTRICT RESIGNATIONS**

The Board of Education accepted the following letters of resignations:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
Sammy Oliver	Teacher	STEM	Wednesday, July 5, 2023
Vanda Clyburn	Resource Room	Sabbath	Monday, July 24, 2023

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

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Nays: Members: None

Motion carried.

7. **2023 AMBASSADORS**

The Board of Education approved the employment of Ms. Rosalie Gates, Ms. Candise Green and Mr. Trevion Anderson to represent the River Rouge School District as Ambassadors for 2023. The pay rate will range from \$17.00 to \$18.00 per hour, not to exceed 20 hours per week unless approved by the Superintendent.

Correction on hours from 30 to 20 per week per Superintendent

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

Motion carried.

8. **DISTRICT EMPLOYMENT**

The Board of Education approved the employment of Garylle Smith, Accounts Payable Specialist for the 2023-2024 school year, effective Friday, June 30, 2023. Her salary will be \$72,500.00 with benefits.

This position is 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: Wheeler, Cooper, Doig, Hightower, Reese, Green
Nays: Members: None

Motion carried.

9. **CHEER TEAM OVERNIGHT REQUEST**

The Board of Education approved the overnight travel of the River Rouge High School Cheer Team and Chaperones to Concordia University in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The team will depart on Friday, July 28, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. and return on Saturday, July 29, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. All costs for the trip will be covered through the Athletic Department/Cheer Team.

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

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Motion carried.

10. FOOTBALL TEAM TRIP REQUESTS

The Board of Education approved the following camp and football games:

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>
Battle Creek Outdoor Education Center, Clear Lake Camp, Battle Creek, MI	Sunday, August 6, 2023 – Wednesday, August 9, 2023	Football Team
Grand Rapids Catholic Central High School, Grand Rapids, MI	Friday, September 1, 2023	Varsity Football Team Varsity Cheer Team
St. Edwards High School, Lakewood, OH	Friday, September 22, 2023 – Saturday, September 23, 2023	Varsity Football Team Varsity Cheer Team

All transportation, meals and accommodations will be covered through the Athletic Department/Varsity Football/Cheer Teams.

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

Motion carried.

5 – INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

None.

6 – SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION

Dr. Derrick Coleman reviewed the shared information submitted to the board regarding the district.

- Highlighted goals
- META Program
- Professional Development

Questions by board members

Comments by Mrs. German

- Academics
- Community Outreach
- NWEA Baseline Data
 - End of Year Goal

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Questions by board members

7 - COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Doig reviewed the information shared with the board members regarding:

- Board Retreat
- Summer Swimming
- Back to School Carnival & Kicks

Question by a board member.

8 – SUPERINTENDENT AND ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORTS

I. Mirza, Director of Business & Finance

- Grant and finalization of expenditure reports for 2022-2023
- Training for Ms. Smith, Accounts Payable

N. German, Curriculum Director

- Partnership Agreement – RRHS
 - Received funds
 - Additional funds requested
- United Way Community Schools
 - C.B. Sabbath School added

A. Berry-Brown, Deputy Superintendent

- Vacancies
- Summer School
- Open swim for children – Tuesdays & Thursdays – 1 to 4 pm
- Adult open swim – flyer coming
- Dual Enrollment @ RRHS through Wayne State University

Dr. D. Coleman, Superintendent

- Excited about our leadership team

9 - COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS

President Reese reviewed past board actions on minutes.

- Board salary stipends
- Excused absences per year
- Absences/tardies
- IRS payment
- Leaving meeting early

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Questions by board members. Motion by Member Doig. Motion rescinded by Member Doig.

Request to give each board member a copy of their CBA courses through MASB

Committees and Chairpersons:

Athletics – Member Green

Buildings & Grounds – Member Wheeler

Curriculum – Member Reese (meeting quarterly)

Communications & Community Outreach – Member Reese

Finance – Determined at next meeting

Food Service – Determined at next meeting

Policy – Member Reese

Athletics Committee – Member Green

Walking to the Oldies begins July 26th – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. – Panther Stadium

Finance Committee – Member Wheeler – meet 2nd Wednesday of each Month

10 - COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE AND ADMINISTRATORS

There were no comments from the audience.

11 - ADJOURNMENT

Motion moved by Member Cooper, seconded by Member Wheeler that the meeting be adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

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

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitchell Doig, Secretary
River Rouge Board of Education
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