

**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 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 Mitchell Doig, Secretary.

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

4 – CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING – WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2023

Motion moved by Member Green, seconded by Member Sabuda, that the Board of Education approved the minutes of Wednesday, September 6, 2023, 2023.

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

Motion carried.

GENERAL EXPENDITURE REPORT – AUGUST 1-31, 2023

Motion moved by Member Cooper, seconded by Member Wheeler, that the Board of Education approved the general expenditure report for August 1-31, 2023.

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

Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

29. **DISTRICT RESIGNATIONS**

Motion moved by Member Sabuda, supported by Member Cooper, that the Board of Education accepted the letters of resignation from the following individuals:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
Jonathan Holly	PBIS Coordinator	STEM	Thursday, September 21, 2023
Stacey Brown-Smith	META Director	RRHS	Friday, September 15, 2023

Statement by a board member.

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

Motion carried.

30. MICHIGAN VIRTUAL ACADEMY MENTORS

Motion moved by Member Reese, supported by Member Cooper, that the Board of Education approved the following individuals as mentors with the Michigan Virtual Academy:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>HOURLY PAY</u>
Amy Altman	Mentor	\$22.05
Kristina Carr	Mentor	\$20.95
Deborah Fedor	Mentor	\$22.05
Krystle Winnell	Mentor	\$22.05
Kristen Austin	Mentor	\$22.05
Jessica Paulat	Mentor	\$22.05
Margaret Wright	Mentor	\$20.95

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

Motion carried.

31. FIELD TRIP REQUEST

Motion moved by Member Reese, supported by Member Cooper, that the Board of Education approved the travel of the River Rouge Marching Band to the 2023 HBCU Band College Tour from October 11 at 1:00 p.m. through October 15, 2023 – 12:00 p.m. The group and chaperones will be traveling to Wilberforce University, University of Arkansas Pine Bluff and Jackson State University. The costs will be incurred by the band members and fundraising.

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

Motion carried.

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The Board of Education moved to table item 32.

32. ~~**GO GREEN CONTRACTING INC.**~~

~~Upon the recommendation of Mr. Mark Pruneau, Maintenance Supervisor, I recommend that the Board of Education award Go Green Contracting Inc. as the project coordinator for the River Rouge High School lunchroom improvement project for 2023 in the amount of \$956,000.00.~~

33. **DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION**

Motion moved by Member Reese, supported by Member Cooper, that the Board of Education approved the National Trails and Student Transportation Services as the district transportation companies for the 2023-2024 school year. Both organizations are to meet the required legal obligations as set forth by the State of Michigan.

Question by a board member.

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

Motion carried.

5 – **INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES**

There were no new employees to be introduced at this meeting.

Ms. Shawnta Morand and Ms. Alishia Jones were introduced to the board. They were in previous positions and transferred to administrative positions.

6 – **COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE**

There were no communications and correspondence to be shared this evening.

7 – **STUDENT LIAISON REPORT**

Casia Jefferson reported on River Rouge High School.

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

I. Mirza, Director of Business & Finance

- Audit – October 2nd
- Year End Reporting

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N. German, Curriculum Director

- Professional development at each school held on September 20th
- Professional development scheduled for Saturday, September 23rd from 9 a to 1 p
- Visit to Taylor Trade Center
- Job Corp visit
- Dual Enrollment with Central Michigan University to begin January 2024 online

Questions by board members.

Building Principals gave reports:

A. Berry-Brown, Deputy Superintendent

- Thank you regarding Rouge Days
- Currently enrolling students – last Friday in September will close
- Vacant positions within the district

10 - COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Comments were made by board members.

Members Reese, Green and Hightower commented on the recent CUBE Conference in Chicago, IL.

September 30th at 9:00 a.m. – MASB Board Training

Vice President Green – Athletics Committee

- Upcoming athletic events

President Reese – Food Service

- Report on visit to SFE
- CUBE meeting with SFE representative

Questions by board members

Treasurer Wheeler requested a moment of silence in remembrance of Darnell Kemp, an Ecorse Public School student that was killed this week.

11 - COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE AND ADMINISTRATORS

There were no comments from the audience.

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12 - ADJOURNMENT

Motion moved by Member Cooper, seconded by Member Wheeler that the meeting be adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

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

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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