

**Regular Board of Education Meeting for
The School District of the City of River Rouge, Wayne County, Michigan
Held in the said offices of the Board of Education
Wednesday, July 20, 2011 at 6:08 p.m.**

The President, Jonathan Tate called the meeting to order and roll call was taken.

Members Present: William Campbell, Cornelius Cooper, Vicki Dobbins, Valveta Reese, Kevin Sabuda and Jonathan Tate

Members Absent: William Watson

Consent Agenda

Member Cooper offered a motion, seconded by Member Sabuda to approve tonight's consent agenda.

Yeas: Members: Campbell, Cooper, Dobbins, Reese, Sabuda and Tate
Nays: Members: None

Motion Carried

Presentations

None

Communications/Correspondence

President Tate acknowledged a letter from a concerned citizen of the City of River Rouge. The answers to the questions in the letter will be presented at the next school board meeting on Wednesday, August 17, 2011.

Comments from the Board

President Tate acknowledged comments made by Board Secretary, Vicki Dobbins regarding the answers to the questions in the letter that was presented by the concerned citizen of the City of River Rouge.

Attorney Update

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Member Cooper offered a motion, seconded by Member Sabuda to resolve that the Board of Education gives the authority to Superintendent Lopez to post for two/days per week a District-Wide Social Worker for the 2011-2012 school year without benefits.

Yeas: Members: Campbell, Cooper, Dobbins, Reese, Sabuda and Tate
Nays: Members: None

Motion Carried

Member Sabuda offered a motion, seconded by Member Cooper to resolve that the Board of Education assign Cassandra Frederick as the Academic Advisor for the River Rouge New Tech High International Academy.

Yeas: Members: Campbell, Cooper, Dobbins, Reese, Sabuda and Tate
Nays: Members: None

Motion Carried

Member Reese offered a motion, seconded by Member Cooper to resolve that the Board of Education employs the following two River Rouge students, Charles Bell and Jimmy Passmore to assist Mr. Charles Tate throughout the summer. The rate of pay will be \$8.00 per hour / 20 hours per week each for a total of 6 weeks.

Under discussion, members of the Board had questions as to the ability of D.M. Burr being able to handle the upkeep of the grounds in the District. Janice Meek and Dr. Lopez answered each inquiry as to the Board Members concerns/questions.

Member Campbell & Member Cooper asked Ms. Meek to contact D.M. Burr to see if they will reimburse the District for the salary of these two students.

Yeas: Members: Campbell, Cooper, Dobbins, Reese, and Sabuda
Nays: Members: None
Abstain: Members: Tate

Motion Carried

Member Cooper offered a motion, seconded by Member Sabuda to resolve that the Board of Education employs the following two school promoters for the summer 2011.

Joseph Hightower \$15.00/hr. / 20 hrs. per week – No benefits
Elena Munoz \$10.00/hr. / 20 hrs. per week – No benefits

Yeas: Members: Cooper, Dobbins, Reese, Sabuda and Tate
Nays: Members: None
Abstain: Members: Campbell

Motion Carried

Member Cooper offered a motion, seconded by Member Reese to resolve that the Board of Education gives permission to Superintendent Lopez to post, interview and hire personnel for the following SIG II positions:

- Network Administrator – Full Time / 52 weeks
(Salary: \$40,000 + Benefits (health care for family, FICA, etc. = \$69,044)
- Dual Enrollment Dean – Full Time / 52 weeks
(Salary: \$71,550 + Benefits (health care for family, FICA, etc. = \$113,724)
- Academic Intervention Dean – Full Time / 52 weeks
(Salary: \$80,000 + Benefits (health care for family, FICA, etc. = \$124,888)
- High School Graduation Coach / 52 weeks
(Salary: \$75,000 + Benefits (health care for family, FICA, etc. = \$118,283)
- T1 ELA RTI Support Coach (RREA)
(Salary: Per the RREA Salary Schedule)
- T1 Math RTI Support Coach (RREA)
(Salary: Per the RREA Salary Schedule)
- T1 Science RTI Support Coach (RREA)

- (Salary: Per the RREA Salary Schedule)
- T1 Social Studies Coach (RREA)
- (Salary: Per the RREA Salary Schedule)

Under discussion Member Cooper & Member Reese questioned the salary of the Network Administrator position. Dr. Lopez stated that the salary of the Network Administrator is comparable with that of the salaries in other Districts according to the ISD and that the salary of the Network Administrator is just for the High School and not the entire District.

Yeas: Members: Campbell, Cooper, Dobbins, Reese, Sabuda and Tate
 Nays: Members: None

Motion Carried

Member Reese offered a motion, seconded by Member Cooper to resolve that the Board of Education approves Carmen Munoz to work 40 hours / wk. until November 1, 2011.

Yeas: Members: Campbell, Cooper, Dobbins, Reese, Sabuda and Tate
 Nays: Members: None

Motion Carried

Member Cooper offered a motion, seconded by Member Reese to resolve that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to hire the following support staff to assist Mr. Nick Edwards, Principal of the New Tech High @ \$20.00 / hr. X 5 days/week for 6 weeks for a total not to exceed \$9,000.00.

- Katherine Rhodes
- Reni Woods
- Cherise Scott

Yeas: Members: Campbell, Cooper, Dobbins, Reese, Sabuda and Tate
 Nays: Members: None

Motion Carried

Each member of the Board of Education has received a copy of the School Bond Loan Fund Borrowing Application and upon the recommendation of Jan Meek, Director of Business/Finance Member Sabuda offered a motion, seconded by Member Cooper to resolve that the Board of Education approve the application for borrowing.

Yeas: Members: Campbell, Cooper, Dobbins, Reese, Sabuda and Tate
 Nays: Members: None

Motion Carried

Member Reese offered a motion, seconded by Member Cooper to resolve that the Board of Education renew the District's Contract with Aramark, Food Service Management Company for the 2011-2012 school year. This is the second renewal of the 5 year contract.

Under discussion Superintendent Lopez stated that a meeting will take place with Aramark to modify the menu for the upcoming school year.

Yeas: Members: Campbell, Cooper, Dobbins, Reese, Sabuda and Tate
 Nays: Members: None

Motion Carried

Each member of the Board of Education has received a copy of the resolution establishing a fund balance policy. This is a requirement per GASB #54. Member Cooper offered a motion, seconded by Member Sabuda to resolve that the Board of Education approve the fund balance policies as required by accounting standards GASB #54.

Yeas: Members: Campbell, Cooper, Dobbins, Reese, Sabuda and Tate
Nays: Members: None

Motion Carried

Member Cooper offered a motion, seconded by Member Reese to resolve that the Board of Education approve the hiring of D.M. Burr to provide security services for the 2011-2012 school year.

Under discussion, Member Sabuda wanted to know if D.M. Burr submitted a lower bid in order to be selected as the company that would provide security services for the District. Further discussion took place as to how the security officers will be hired.

Ms. Meek said that the security positions will be posted and individuals will have the opportunity to apply if they meet the qualifications.

Yeas: Members: Campbell, Cooper, Dobbins, Reese, Sabuda and Tate
Nays: Members: None

Motion Carried

Member Cooper offered a motion, seconded by Member Reese to resolve that the Board of Education gives authority to the Superintendent to enter into a 1 year contract with D.M. Burr for security services.

Yeas: Members: Campbell, Cooper, Dobbins, Reese, Sabuda and Tate
Nays: Members: None

Motion Carried

Member Reese offered a motion, seconded by Member Sabuda to resolve that the Board of Education approves the recommendation of the Superintendent to provide high school students a physical education credit for any band credit taken at the River Rouge New Tech High International Academy.

Yeas: Members: Campbell, Cooper, Dobbins, Reese, Sabuda and Tate
Nays: Members: None

Motion Carried

Member Cooper offered a motion, seconded by Member Reese to resolve that the Board of Education approve the 2011-2012 Student / Parent Handbook for the Clarence B. Sabbath 6-8 Preparatory Academy.

Yeas: Members: Campbell, Cooper, Dobbins, Reese, Sabuda and Tate
Nays: Members: None

Motion Carried

Member Cooper offered a motion, seconded by Member Reese to resolve that the Board of Education accepts the following recommendations made by Mr. Nick Edwards, Principal of the River Rouge New Tech High International Academy for the vacant Performing Arts positions.

- Armand Horst – Full Time Marching Band Coach for Sabbath – Level 1
(Salary: \$27,500 + Benefits (health care for single person) = \$43,350)
- Charles Thomas – Full Time Marching Band Coach for the River Rouge New Tech High International Academy – Level 2
(Salary: \$48, 881 + Benefits (health care for family) = \$83,722)
- LaDon K. Ford – Part Time Dance & Performing Arts / Theatre Coach for the River Rouge New Tech High International Academy
(Salary: \$15,000 + \$4,800 Fica, retirement = \$19,800)

Yeas: Members: Campbell, Cooper, Dobbins, Reese, Sabuda and Tate
 Nays: Members: None

Motion Carried

Member Cooper offered a motion, seconded by Member Reese to resolve that the Board of Education approves the recommendation from the Superintendent of Schools to purchase I-Pads for each board trustee for the purpose of going green, paperless and saving the District funding overtime.

Yeas: Members: Campbell, Cooper, Dobbins, Reese, Sabuda and Tate
 Nays: Members: None

Motion Carried

Member Cooper offered a motion, seconded by Member Reese to resolve that the Board of Education get into a contract with the Michigan Association of School Boards (MSBO) for the purpose of establishing a Systematic Governance Training Process embedded with CBA classes provided onsite and in other locations identified by MASB.

Yeas: Members: Campbell, Cooper, Dobbins, Reese, Sabuda and Tate
 Nays: Members: None

Motion Carried

Member Cooper offered a motion, seconded by Member Reese to resolve that the Board of Education get into contract with NEOLA, Inc. for the purpose of the development of bylaws and policies for the total amount of \$8,600.00.

Yeas: Members: Campbell, Cooper, Dobbins, Reese, Sabuda and Tate
 Nays: Members: None

Motion Carried

Member Cooper offered a motion, seconded by Member Sabuda to resolve that the Board of education recalls the following three teachers to fill teaching positions that are available in the River Rouge School District:

Minutes

07/20/11

Robert Lewandowski
Sabrina Rudy
Judith Ann Beaudrie

Art
1st Grade
6th Grade

Ann Visger
Ann Visger
Sabbath

Yeas: Members: Campbell, Cooper, Dobbins, Reese, Sabuda and Tate
Nays: Members: None

Motion Carried

Member Cooper offered a motion, seconded by Member Sabuda to resolve that the Board of Education approve the River Rouge Athletic Dept. the use of the High School Gym / Pool for the entire summer, Monday – Sunday, 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Per the Athletic Policy all monies collected must be turned into the Business Office on a Daily Basis. (This includes monies collected from the concession stand, ticket sales and any other monies collected on behalf of the Athletic Dept.).

Yeas: Members: Campbell, Cooper, Dobbins, Reese, Sabuda and Tate
Nays: Members: None

Motion Carried

Closed Session

There was not a closed session at this evening’s meeting

Board Committee Reports

None

Comments from the Audience / Administrators

Member Cooper stated that there would be a fundraiser Monday, July 25, 2011 for the River Rouge Girls Softball Team at Buffalo Wild Wings.

Adjournment

Member Reese offered a motion, seconded by Member Cooper to adjourn this evenings meeting.

Yeas: Members: Campbell, Cooper, Dobbins, Reese, Sabuda and Tate
Nays: Members: None

Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 17, 2011 with the study session beginning at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Dobbins, Secretary
Board of Education
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