

**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, October 19, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.**

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

Members Present: Vicki Dobbins, Valveta Reese, and Jonathan Tate

Members Absent: Cornelius Cooper (excused), Kevin Sabuda (excused) & William Watson

New School Board Member, Keith White was sworn in by President, Jonathan Tate

Member Dobbins offered a motion, seconded by Member Reese to nominate Keith White as the Board Treasurer

Yeas: Members: Dobbins, Reese, Tate and White  
Nays: Members: None

Motion Carried

Consent Agenda

Member Reese offered a motion, seconded by Member White to approve tonight's consent agenda.

Yeas: Members: Dobbins, Reese, Tate and White  
Nays: Members: None

Motion Carried

Presentations

Charles Belcher & Amanda Kuchle – discussed S3 grant

Don Bilinski – provided an update regarding the use of the High School Auditorium.

Communications/Correspondence

Member Dobbins – Article regarding graduate of River Rouge, Naomi Tate

Volunteers needed for Angel's Night, October 30, 2011. Volunteers will meet at the River Rouge Fire Department at 7:00 p.m.

School Board Election – November 8, 2011

Comments from the Board

President Tate discussed the importance of staff respecting parents and students.

Attorney Update

Nothing

Old Business

None

New Business

2 expulsion hearings to be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2011 beginning at 3:00 p.m. Expulsion committee will be: Jonathan Tate, Valveta Reese and Keith White.

Each member of the Board of Education has received a copy of the Michigan Department of Education letter approving the food service contract with Aramark for the 2011-2012 school year. Member Reese offered a motion, seconded by Member White to resolve that the Board of Education renew the District's contract with Aramark for the 2011-2012 school year. This is the second renewal of the 5 year contract.

Under discussion, Vice President Reese asked if the district will be able to get out of the contract with Aramark if the district is not satisfied with the services of Aramark. Per Jan Meek, Executive Director of Business and Finance stated that the District could get out of the contract with Aramark, however she cautioned the board that the food service bidding is extremely rigorous and time consuming. This District would have to start the bidding as soon as possible if the District chose not to renew the contract with Aramark.

Yeas:       Members:     Dobbins, Reese, Tate and White  
Nays:       Members:     None

Motion Carried

Member Reese offered a motion, seconded by Member White to resolve that the Board of Education appoints Kevin Wallace to serve as Student Council Representative to the Board of Education for the 2011-2012 School Year.

Under discussion, Member White stated that going forward the Superintendent/Board will need to put in place certain criteria in choosing a student council representative for the Board.

Yeas:       Members:     Dobbins, Reese, Tate and White  
Nays:       Members:     None

Motion Carried

Member Reese offered a motion, seconded by Member White to resolve that the Board of Education televise the School Board's monthly Board of Education meetings, effective November 16, 2011.

Yeas:       Members:     Dobbins, Reese, Tate and White  
Nays:       Members:     None

Motion Carried

Member White offered a motion, seconded by Member Dobbins to resolve that the Board of Education increase Corey Parker's hours to full time – 40 hrs. /week as the Dean of Students at the River Rouge New Tech High International Academy with medical benefits included. This will be effective July 1, 2011.

Yeas:       Members:     Dobbins, Reese, Tate and White  
Nays:       Members:     None

Motion Carried

Member Reese offered a motion, seconded by Member Dobbins to resolve that the Board of Education increase Margaret Hunter's salary to \$40,000. This will represent an increase of \$5,326. This will be effective July 1, 2011.

Yeas:       Members:     Dobbins, Reese, Tate and White  
Nays:       Members:     None

Motion Carried

Each member of the Board of Education has received a copy of the second budget amendment. Member White offered a motion, seconded by Member Dobbins to resolve that the Board of Education approves the second budget amendment of the 2011-2012 school year with any necessary revisions.

Yeas:       Members:     Dobbins, Reese, Tate and White  
Nays:       Members:     None

Motion Carried

Each member of the Board of Education has received a copy of the revised Deficit Elimination Plan as requested by the Michigan Department of Education. Member Reese offered a motion, seconded by Member Dobbins to resolve that the Board of Education adopt the proposed revised plan and authorize Jan Meek, Director of Business and Finance to submit the plan to MDE no later than Thursday, October 20, 2011.

Yeas:       Members:     Dobbins, Reese, Tate and White  
Nays:       Members:     None

Motion Carried

Member Reese offered a motion, seconded by Member Dobbins to resolve that the Board of Education hires Diane Zedan to a 2/5<sup>th</sup> position as the Special Educator Coach out of the SIG II funds to support students with special needs at the River Rouge New Tech High International Academy.

Yeas:       Members:     Dobbins, Reese, Tate and White  
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

President Tate recognized comments from the audience and administrators.

Adjournment

Member White offered a motion, seconded by Member Dobbins to adjourn this evenings meeting.

Yeas: Members: Dobbins, Reese, Tate and White

Nays: Members: None

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 16, 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  
VD/mm