

**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, November 16, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.**

The Vice President, Valveta Reese called the meeting to order and roll call was taken.

Members Present: Cornelius Cooper, Vicki Dobbins, Valveta Reese, Kevin Sabuda, William Watson and Keith White

Members Absent: Jonathan Tate (excused)

Consent Agenda

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

Under discussion, since the consent agenda did not pass, it will be tabled until the next school board meeting.

Yeas: Members: Dobbins, Reese and White
Nays: Members: None
Abstain: Members: Cooper, Sabuda and Watson

Motion Tabled

Closed session

Member Watson offered a motion, seconded by Member White to enter into closed session according to sections 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussing charges brought against an employee, and 8(h) for the purpose of considering material exempt from disclosure by state statute.

Yeas: Members: Cooper, Dobbins, Reese, Sabuda, Watson and White
Nays: Members: None
Abstain: Members: None

Motion Carried

Enter into closed session at 6:03 p.m.

Meeting resumed at 7:10 p.m. and vice president Reese called the meeting back to order.

Members Present: Cornelius Cooper, Vicki Dobbins, Valveta Reese, Kevin Sabuda, William Watson and Keith White

Members Absent: Jonathan Tate (excused)

Presentations

Paul Bryant & Jaime Escanbocher from Plante & Moran – discussed the District's 2010-11 final audit.

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Communications/Correspondence

November 8, 2011 school board election results –Valveta Reese & Deborah Harper were elected

January 18, 2012 – swearing in of the new school board members.

Military Ball was held Friday, November 11, 2011 which was a huge success.

The District received a \$250,000 grant from the Community Foundation Company.

Comments from the Board

None

Attorney Update

Nothing

Old Business

Member White requested a breakdown of how the \$250,000 was spent. Ms. Jan Meek will provide that information.

New Business

Student Council Report – Kevin Wallace was unable to attend this evening’s meeting. Dr. Lopez gave the presentation in Kevin’s Absence.

Member Cooper offered a motion, seconded by Member White to resolve that the Board of Education approved the recommendation from Superintendent Lopez to modify the facility rental rates to include additional fees for individual classrooms.

Under discussion, member White wanted to know what revisions were made to the building usage fees. Dr. Lopez stated that he added an additional fee for the use of individual classrooms.

Yeas:	Members:	Cooper, Dobbins, Reese, Sabuda, Watson and White
Nays:	Members:	None
Abstain:	Members:	None

Motion Carried

Each member of the Board of Education has received a copy of the correspondence from our Attorney, Christopher Iamarino of the THRUN Law Firm regarding the summer tax collection. Member Cooper offered a motion, seconded by Member White to resolve that the Board of Education approves the resolution provided by legal counsel to authorize the District to continue to collect summer taxes in the year 2012.

Yeas:	Members:	Cooper, Dobbins, Reese, Sabuda, Watson and White
Nays:	Members:	None
Abstain:	Members:	None

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Member Watson offered a motion, seconded by Member White to resolve that the Board of Education hires Donald Coleman as a bus aide at \$15.00 per hour for a maximum of 12.50 hours per week for the 2011-2012 school year.

Under discussion, Member White stated that Mr. Coleman's pay will be retroactive from the date that he started in October.

Yeas: Members: Cooper, Dobbins, Reese, Sabuda, Watson and White
Nays: Members: None
Abstain: Members: None

Motion Carried

Member Watson offered a motion seconded by Member Dobbins to resolve that the Board of Education adopts the 2011-2016 District's Accountability Plan.

Under discussion, member White wanted to go on the record that he had not had a chance to review the plan.

Yeas: Members: Cooper, Dobbins, Reese and Watson
Nays: Members: None
Abstain: Members: Sabuda and White

Motion Carried

Member Cooper offered a motion, seconded by Member Dobbins to resolve that the Board of Education adopts the revised Parent(s) Guardian(s) involvement policy Cf. 7170.

Under discussion, member White wanted to go on the record that he had not had a chance to review the policy.

Yeas: Members: Cooper, Dobbins, Reese and Watson
Nays: Members: None
Abstain: Members: Sabuda and White

Motion Carried

Member Watson offered a motion, seconded by Member Dobbins to resolve that the Board of Education approves the recommendation from Jan Meek, Executive Director of Business and Finance to contract with The Advantage Snow Removal Company for the 2011-2012 school year.

Under discussion, Jan Meek introduced the gentlemen from the company and allowed them answer any questions that the board or members from the audience may have had.

Yeas: Members: Dobbins, Reese , Sabuda, Watson and White
Nays: Members: None
Abstain: Members: Cooper

Motion Carried

WHEREAS, written charges against Gary Haliburton, a tenured teacher having certain rights under the Teachers' Tenure Act, have been filed with the Secretary of the Board of Education of the School District of the City of River Rouge, and **WHEREAS**, a copy of said written charges has been provided to Gary Haliburton, and **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has considered the charges as they relate to the actions of said teacher and the operation of the School District of the City of River Rouge;

Member Cooper offered a motion, seconded by Member Dobbins **to resolve** that the Board of Education hereby decides to proceed upon such charges as written or as hereby modified; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that: The Superintendent of Schools or his designee be instructed to provide Gary Halliburton with a copy of said Charges, a statement of his rights under Article IV of the Teachers' Tenure Act and a copy of this Resolution by certified first class mail;

The Superintendent of Schools, or his designee, advise Gary Haliburton that should he decide to contest the Board of Education's decision to proceed upon the tenure charges he must, within twenty (20) days after receipt of said charges, file a claim of appeal with the State Tenure Commission and serve a copy of said claim of appeal on the School

District of the City of River Rouge. Gary Halliburton shall also be advised that if he does not contest the Board of Education's decision to proceed upon the tenure charges in the time and manner specified within Article IV Section 4(1) of the Teachers' Tenure Act, MCL 38.104(1), the discharge or demotion specified in the tenure charges shall take effect and he shall be considered to have waived any right to contest the discharge or demotion under the Teachers' Tenure Act; and

Gary Halliburton is hereby suspended from active duty, with salary pursuant to Article IV Section 3(2) of the Teachers' Tenure Act, until further notice or until the occurrence of one of the events set forth within Article IV Section 3(1)(a), (b) or (c) of the Teachers' Tenure Act, MCL 38.103(1)(a), (b) or (c).

Yeas: Members: Cooper, Dobbins, Reese, Sabuda, Watson and White
Nays: Members: None
Abstain: Members: None

Motion Carried

Resolve that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Derek Perry as the Assistant Varsity Boys Basketball Coach for the 2011-2012 school year.

Yeas: Members: Cooper, Dobbins, Reese, Sabuda, Watson and White
Nays: Members: None
Abstain: Members: None

Motion Carried

Member Watson offered a motion, seconded by Member White to resolve that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Percy Pierce as the Jr. Varsity Girls Basketball Coach for the 2011-2012 school year.

Yeas: Members: Cooper, Dobbins, Reese, Sabuda, Watson and White
Nays: Members: None
Abstain: Members: None

Motion Carried

The following resolutions were passed by the board prior to this board meeting. The following resolutions are just so they can be on record. No motions were made, only the vote was taken.

- Resolve that the Board of Education hire Carmen Munoz effective November 1, 2011 as the *Title I Bilingual (Spanish) Parent Room Facilitator* at Ann Visger (15 hours per week/\$15.00 per hour) for the 2011-2012 school year.

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

Motion Carried

- Resolve that the Board of Education allows the Beacon School (Dunn) to use the Stadium / Field on November 15, 2011 for a one day event to fly kites. It is requested that all fees are waived for this event.

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

Motion Carried

- Resolve that the Board of Education allows Mr. Charles Thomas permission to take the Band to the University of Arkansas. This trip was scheduled from Thursday, November 3, 2011 through Sunday, November 6, 2011.

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

Motion Carried

Member Watson offered a motion, seconded by Member White to resolve that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent of Schools to reinstate Jonathan Robinson's *Drill/Riffle Team* stipend for the following period of time: August 22, 2011 through November 16, 2011.

Yeas: Members: Cooper, Dobbins, Reese, Sabuda, Watson and White
 Nays: Members: None
 Abstain: Members: None

Motion Carried

Member White offered a motion, seconded by Member Watson to resolve that the Board of Education due to the financial standing of the District authorize the Superintendent of Schools to eliminate Jonathan Robinson's *Drill/Riffle Team* stipend effective November 16, 2011.

Yeas: Members: Cooper, Dobbins, Reese, Sabuda, Watson and White
 Nays: Members: None
 Abstain: Members: None

Motion Carried

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Resolve that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent of Schools to contract with D.M. Burr to employ a part-time (.5FTE) custodian for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year.

Under discussion, Member White wanted to add an addendum to this motion that the contract would not exceed \$10,000.

Yeas:	Members:	Cooper, Dobbins, Reese, Sabuda, Watson and White
Nays:	Members:	None
Abstain:	Members:	None

Motion Carried

Member Cooper offered a motion, seconded by Member Sabuda to resolve that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent of Schools pay the following employees for their service as event worker:

- * Mary Hightower - \$280.00
- * Donald Coleman - \$280.00
- * Bristo Bell - \$80.00
- * Joseph Hightower - \$280.00

Yeas:	Members:	Cooper, Dobbins, Reese, Sabuda, Watson and White
Nays:	Members:	None
Abstain:	Members:	None

Motion Carried

The following items were tabled and will be brought back before the board at a later date.

- 1.) Resolve that the Board of Education continue to employ Chris Bodrie as a temporary maintenance support staff for the 2011-2012 school year at \$18.38 for 40 hours per week without health benefits.**
- 2.) Resolve that the Board of Education adopts the Service Consolidation Plan Agreement as proposed by the Executive Director of Business and Finance.**
- 3.) Resolve that the Board of Education adopts the Best Practices Incentive School Board Resolution as proposed by the Executive Director of Business and Finance.**

Board Committee Reports - None

Comments from the Audience and Administrators – Vice President Reese recognized comments from the audience and administrators.

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Member Watson offered motion, seconded by Member Sabuda to adjourn this evening's meeting.

Yeas:	Members:	Cooper, Dobbins, Reese, Sabuda, Watson and White
Nays:	Members:	None
Abstain:	Members:	None

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 14, 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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