

**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, December 14, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.**

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

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

Members Absent: None

Consent Agenda

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

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

Motion Carried

Presentations

Jan Meek – replacement millage-Hold Harmless Levy expires on December 31, 2012. The District is opting not to renew this levy saving the residents of the City of River Rouge \$600,000 annually. Instead the district will apply for the 31A State Categorical funding that will make up the difference and will be at no cost to the primary residents of the City of River Rouge which will allow the residents to receive a reduction in property taxes.

Promise Neighborhood Initiative – Steve Gay & Roxanne Brinkerhoff gave their presentation during the study session regarding the gathering of student data that PNI would need from the district and provided an update as to the grant that PNI submitted on behalf of the City of River Rouge.

Communications/Correspondence

Member Dobbins recognized student of the month, Richard Hamilton student at Sabbath Middle School.

The School District of the City of River Rouge regrets the passing of Brent Lamar Darby. Please keep Brent's family in your prayers.

President Tate and member White offered a motion seconded by member Watson the following resolutions in remembrance of Brent Lamar Darby:

- The Varsity Boys Basketball Team will dedicate the 2011-2012 season in Brent Darby's memory.
- After the Varsity Boys Basketball Season, retire Brent's Jersey #34.
- Name the Lofton C. Green gymnasium court – Brent LaMar Darby.
- Plaque to be put on the fence of the playground at Sabbath in remembrance of Brent.

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

Motion Carried

Communications/Correspondence continued

Performing arts dept will be having a Holiday Experience Concert, Thursday, December 15, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.

Comments from the Board

Members of the Board took time out to thank the administrators for all their hard work and dedication to our students

Member Cooper suggested that the District have a voter registration drive during basketball games and volleyball games as well as holding a city wide voter registration.

President Tate thanked Mr. Watson for his many years of service as a school board member.

Attorney Update

Nothing

Old Business

Consent Agenda – November 16, 2011 board minutes will need to be re-approved due to the items that were tabled during this meeting were not reflected in the minutes.

Financial statements - Per Member White going forward every item on the check register should have a description, not just read miscellaneous expense.

New Telephone system for the district – Timeframe

Breaking and entering at Sabbath School – Deaudre Perry, Chief of Security will provide an update (plan of action)

New Business

Student Council Report – Kevin Wallace

- School Newspaper
  - To be issued every month with the objectives of outstanding student of the month for each grade level, this will be picked by each grade level teacher.
  - Sports section – nothing was reported at this time
  - Additional information will be added regarding the events happening in the high school on a monthly and weekly basis
- Senior Report- seniors would like to know how to get additional funding for their senior trip and the seniors would like to explore having their graduation out of the District.
- Senior Ambassadors – these students will be selected by the administration for the purpose of escorting visitors around the high school

Student expulsion hearing scheduled for Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. in the LGI room of the high school. Expulsion committee members are as follows: Jonathan Tate, Vicki Dobbins, Valveta Reese and Kevin Sabuda.

Superintendent's Bulletin

Member White offered a motion, seconded by Member Sabuda to resolve that the Board of Education adopts the Service Consolidation Plan Agreement as proposed by the Executive Director of Business and Finance.

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

Motion Carried

Member Cooper offered a motion, seconded by Member White to resolve that the Board of Education adopts the Best Practices Incentive School Board Resolution as proposed by the Executive Director of Business and Finance.

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

Motion Carried

Member White offered a motion, seconded by Member Reese to table the following two resolutions:

**Resolve that the Board of Education approves the contract renewal of Superintendent Lopez for an additional year, ending June 30, 2013 school year, for the same salary and benefits.**

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

**Motion Tabled**

**Resolve that the Board of Education approves the contract renewal of Jan Meek for an additional year, ending June 30, 2013, for the same salary and benefits.**

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

**Motion Tabled**

Member Cooper offered a motion, seconded by Member Dobbins to resolve that the Board of Education approves the posting, interview, and hiring of the most qualified staff for the SIG II Data Entry Clerk part-time (3:00p.m.- 6:00 p.m.) position for a total of \$13,500 prorated.

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

Motion Carried

Member Cooper offered a motion, seconded by Member White to resolve that the Board of Education adopts the 2011-2012 Salary Schedules for all non members of the RREA for Athletic Coaches.

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

Motion Carried

Each member of the Board of Education has received a copy of the request from the Men’s Club of River Rouge to use the High School cafeteria / kitchen for their annual Brotherhood Banquet on Saturday, February 25, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. They have contracted with Aramark to cater the event. Member Cooper offered a motion, seconded by Member Sabuda to resolve that the Board of Education give permission to the River Rouge Men’s Club the use of the cafeteria / kitchen and that the building usage fee be waived, however the \$21.24 / hr for the use of custodial services and the \$29.72 / hr. for security will not be waived and a required certificate of liability insurance must be provided prior to the date of the event.

Under discussion Member White wanted to know why the District is waiving the building usage fees when the board just approved a revised building usage fee schedule. Members of the Board stated that the Men’s Club contributes to the district. President Tate stated that the Men’s Club will still be responsible for the use of custodial and security fees.

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

Motion Carried

Member Reese offered a motion, seconded by Member Cooper to resolve that the Board of Education give permission to the Michigan Threat League, headed by Bobby Thompson, to use the High School Gym, locker rooms & concession stand for a basketball classic on Saturday, December 17, 2011 and Sunday, December 18, 2011 for 12 hours on each day beginning at 9:00 a.m. and that the building usage fee be waived, however the \$21.24 / hr for the use of custodial services and the \$29.72 / hr. for security will not be waived and a required certificate of liability insurance must be provided prior to the date of the event.

Under discussion Member Sabuda wanted clarification as to the actual hours that custodial services would be needed for those days. Per the Board if Mr. Thompson cleans up after this event then the custodial fees will be waived, if not then Mr. Thompson will be invoiced for the custodial fees.

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

Motion Carried

Member Cooper offered a motion, seconded by Member White to resolve that the Board of Education compensate Chester Franklin with a stipend of \$2,400 for his role as the interim event coordinator for the fall of 2011.

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

Motion Carried

Member Watson offered a motion, seconded by Member Reese to table the following resolution:

Resolve that the Board of Education compensate Eula Grooms a stipend of \$1,875 for her instructional services at the end of the 2011-2012 school year. Please note that this is not a precedent setting.

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

**Motion Tabled**

Member Watson offered a motion, seconded by Member White to resolve that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Carmen Munoz, Bilingual Parent Room Facilitator at Ann Visger and Central Office Assistant effective Friday, December 16, 2011.

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

Motion Carried

Member Reese offered a motion, seconded by Member Sabuda to resolve that the Board of Education approves the drilling of a irrigation well for the sole purpose of providing a water source for the Green Recovery Community Garden project at Walter White under the leadership of the Guidance Center as long as the City of River Rouge is involved.

Under discussion, Ryan Bodrie provided explanation regarding the above resolution.

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

Motion Carried

Member Sabuda offered a motion, seconded by Member White to table the following resolution:

Resolve that the Board of Education hereby authorize the sale of Walter White property on the terms reflected in the Agreement of the sale between the School District of the City of River Rouge and the Guidance Center.

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

**Motion Tabled**

Member Cooper offered a motion, seconded by Member Sabuda to resolve that the Board of Education hereby authorize the Superintendent to enter into the amendment agreement for the leasing of the Walter White Property as reflected in the contract between the School District of the City of River Rouge and the Guidance Center.

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

Motion Carried

Member Cooper offered a motion, seconded by Members Reese and Dobbins, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Business Director, to resolve that the Board of Education approve the non-homestead, 18 mills replacement millage election on February 28, 2012.

Under discussion, Member Watson wanted to know what will happen to the District if the millage does not pass. Per Jan Meek, she stated that the District will not be able to operate and other options will have to be explored at that time.

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

Motion Carried

Upon the recommendation of the Athletic Director, Joe Emery, Member Sabuda offered a motion, seconded by Members Cooper and Reese to resolve that the Board of Education hire the following coaches for the Winter 2011 Sports Season. These appointments are contingent providing there is sufficient student participation to fill the team, otherwise the team will be dissolved and no stipend will be paid.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Sport</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Bart Amores	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball	\$1,153
Gregg McGee	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball	\$1,153
Candace Green	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball	\$1,153
Shelly Miller	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball	\$1,153
Bristo Bell	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball	\$1,153
Jermaine Carter	JV Boys Basketball	\$2,307
Jonathan Holly	JV Girls Basketball	\$2,307
Bobby Thompson	Varsity Boys Basketball	\$3,500
Brian Brunson	Varsity Asst. Boys Basketball	\$2,307
Francis Cook	Girls Varsity Cheer	\$1,960
Shelly Miller	MS Cheerleading	\$1,153
Joseph Hightower	Equipment Manager	\$1,000

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

Motion Carried

Member Watson offered a motion, seconded by Member Sabuda to resolve that the Board of Education approves the posting, interview and hiring of the most qualified candidate for the Bilingual (Spanish) Recruiter / Translator / Transportation Routing / Bilingual Pupil Accounting part time position at \$15.00 per hour without benefits.

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

Motion Carried

Board Committee Reports

None

Comments from the Audience/Administrators

President Tate recognized comments from the audience and administrators.

Closed session

Member White offered a motion seconded by Member Sabuda to enter into closed session according to section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of attorney / client privilege.

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

Motion Carried

Board entered into closed session at 8:53 p.m.

Members Sabuda and Member Watson left this evenings meeting at approximately 8:53 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 9:48 p.m. and roll call was taken by President Tate

Members Present: Cornelius Cooper, Vicki Dobbins, Valveta Reese, Jonathan Tate, and Keith White

Members Absent: William Watson and Kevin Sabuda

Adjournment

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

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

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 18, 2012 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