

The regular meeting of the Board of Education for the School District of the City of River Rouge, Wayne County, Michigan was held in the said offices of the Board of Education on Wednesday, March 17, 2010, at 6:02 p.m.

The President, Marcella Cora, called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Marcella Cora, Frank Krupinski, Kevin Sabuda, Jonathan Tate, William Watson and William White

Members Absent: Cornelius Cooper (will be late-he arrived at 6:10 p.m.)

Motion Carried

Consent Agenda

Member Watson offered a motion, seconded by Member Tate, to approve this evening's consent agenda.

Yeas: Members: Cora, Krupinski, Sabuda, Tate, Watson and White

Nays: Members: None

Motion Carried

Presentations:

Administrator's Reports:

Superintendent Lopez wanted to remind the Board that when we began the school year with many of our teachers laid off and with substitute teachers in the classroom, the instruction was not as structured as it should have been so the test results were not as good as desired. This is in no way a reflection of our highly qualified teachers. Director of State & Federal Programs, Dolores Reid gave an overview of the MEAP results and indicated that although the results are not available to the public, she indicated areas where the students improved and areas that need improvement as well as steps that are being provided to train the teachers to assist the students.

Director of Finance/Business, Jan Meek gave a brief overview of the district finances and gave a power-point presentation covering the budget, and deficit elimination plan. She asked and answered questions from both the Board of Education Members as well as the audience.

Director of Human Resources, Patricia DeLaTorre did not have a report this evening.

CISV International Camps Coordinator, Nandi Comer gave a presentation describing the opportunities that the program will be making available to the River Rouge School District as well as the purpose of the program. She was asked questions by both the Board of Education Members as well as the audience.

River Rouge Commissioner: Patti Campbell, Councilperson for River Rouge City has asked the River Rouge School District to continue their collaboration with the programs they are promoting such as: The Pancake Breakfast on March 20th at Riney Hall from 9-12:00 for River Rouge residents; The Easter Egg Hunt on March 27th at Memorial Park at 12:00 noon; Law Day at River Rouge City Hall on May 5th for high school students only; Chalk on the Avenue when students from the District will be provided chalk and their artwork will be displayed along Jefferson Ave. and in Memorial Park schools will participate on their designated days: June 2nd-SAB, June 3rd-HS and June 4th-AV; June 5th will be City-Wide Clean-Up and she has asked that we promote it and ask staff to help out; there will also be another Health Fair-RRMCHS on August 13th and she explained that the County was not in a position to fund the fair again, however do to the success they have received at River Rouge they will fund another year.

New Tech High: River Rouge Middle College High School Principal, Dr. Arlene Gibson, gave a presentation and update of the New Tech High School program and the training that she and Lisa LaForest, teacher, received as well as the programs that will be offered. She was asked

Communications/Correspondence

Member Krupinski stated that he was in receipt of a Thank You letter from The River Rouge Men's Club thanking the Board for their participation and the use of the building for their Annual Men's Club Banquet on February 27, 2010.

Comments from the Board

Member White asked about the wording on the Superintendent's Bulletin for Action Item #115 and to revise the wording-by removing possible. Since there had been no action at this time, it was agreed to revise the wording of the action item.

Attorney Update

Attorney Joseph P. McCarroll said that there was a need for a short Closed Session this evening to discuss on-going litigation.

Attorney McCarroll stated that an expulsion hearing was held on Thursday, February 25, 2010 for Student #14-09-10 (Justin Turner) and the results of that hearing are as follows:

Student #14-09-10

Upon the recommendation of the Board Committee, Member Watson offered a motion, seconded by Member Cooper, Student #14-09-10 be allowed to return to CB Sabbath K-8 Preparatory Academy provided he abide by the stipulations in the resolution below. Each member of the Board of Education present this evening was either present at the hearing and/or have read a copy of the hearing transcripts in its entirety.

Yeas: Members	Cooper, Cora, Krupinski, Sabuda, Tate, Watson, White
Nays: Members	None
Abstain:	None

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that Student #14-09-10 shall be allowed to return to school at the CB Sabbath K-8 Preparatory Academy as of March 11, 2010 on probation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the parents of Student #14-09-10 are hereby required to obtain psychological counseling for Student #14-09-10 to ascertain if he has a Conduct Disorder, an Oppositional Defiant Disorder, Anger Management Disorder or a Disruptive Behavior Disorder for which he needs ongoing counseling; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Student #14-09-10 will remain on probation until such time as his parents provide Principal Cox and the Board of Education with proof that Student #14-09-10 is receiving psychological counseling for any disorder discovered and Mr. Cox informs the Board of Education that Student #14-09-10's conduct has improved to the point where he no longer needs to be on probation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the District shall cause a copy of this resolution to be served upon the parent or guardian of Student #14-09-10 within five (5) business days, by personal service or by registered mail, return receipt requested.

Carried by the following vote:

Yeas: Members	Cooper, Cora, Krupinski, Sabuda, Tate, Watson, White
Nays: Members	None
Abstain:	None

Motion carried.

Old Business

There was no old business this evening.

New Business

There was no new business this evening.

Budget Amendment-2009-2010 School Year

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Lopez, Member Krupinski made a motion seconded by Member White that the board resolved to accept the proposed revised budget amendment for the 2009-2010 school year.

Yeas: Members	Cooper, Cora, Krupinski, Sabuda, Tate, Watson, White
Nays: Members	None
Abstain:	None

Motion carried.

Deficit Elimination Plan

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Lopez, Member Tate made a motion seconded by Member Sabuda that the Board of Education resolved to adopt the proposed revised plan and authorize the Superintendent to submit the plan by the required deadline.

Yeas: Members	Cooper, Cora, Krupinski, Sabuda, Tate, Watson, White
Nays: Members	None
Abstain:	None

Motion carried.

State Aid Note Cash Flow Borrowing

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Lopez, Member Cooper made a motion seconded by Member Tate that the Board of Education has received a copy of the resolution for the Michigan Municipal Bond Authority (MMBA) Short Term Cash Flow Borrowing Program for the 2009-2010 school year and have accepted the resolution and gave authorization for Secretary Frank to sign on behalf of the River Rouge School District.

Yeas: Members	Cooper, Cora, Krupinski, Sabuda, Tate, Watson, White
Nays: Members	None
Abstain:	None

Motion carried.

Spanish Teacher

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Lopez, Member Tate made a motion seconded by Member White that the Board of Education has resolved that upon the authorization given to the Superintendent at the November 11, 2009 regular Board of Education meeting Mr. Charles Belcher has been offered the position of Spanish Teacher at CB Sabbath K-8 Preparatory Academy to Mr. Charles Belcher. This will be a part of the RREA Bargaining Unit and will start at M24 (Step 4-Double Masters). The benefits and salary of \$65,845.00 will be pro-rated accordingly. This will be effective as soon as mutually agreeable and will be contingent upon the successful completion of all of the 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	Cooper, Cora, Tate, Watson, White
Nays: Members	Krupinski, Sabuda
Abstain:	None

Motion carried.

Non-Renewal of Level I Administrative Contract

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Lopez, Member Cooper made a motion seconded by Member Sabuda that in the best interest of the District, the Board of Education resolved to notify the following Level I Administrators, that the River Rouge Board of Education is considering the non-renewal of their non-tenured administrative contracts for the 2010-2011 school year due to the economic condition of the School District as well as the restructuring of the School District of the City of River Rouge. It is further recommended that they be given an opportunity to discuss the non-renewal of their administrative contracts with the Board of Education, if they so choose.

Dolores Reid, Director of State & Federal Programs
Jan Meek, Director of Finance/Business
Patricia DeLaTorre, Director of Human Resources
Dr. Diane Zedan, Director of Special Education
Dr. Arlene Gibson, Principal, RRMCHS
Brandon Cox, Principal, Principal, CB Sabbath
Tammy Hubbard, Principal, Ann Visger

Yeas: Members	Cooper, Cora, Krupinski, Sabuda, Tate, Watson, White
Nays: Members	None
Abstain:	None

Motion carried.

Non-Renewal of Mark Pruneau

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Lopez, Member Krupinski made a motion seconded by Member Cooper that in the best interest of the District, the Board of Education resolved to notify Mark Pruneau, District-Wide Foreperson, that the River Rouge Board of Education is considering the non-renewal of his non-tenured 52 week supervisory contract of Foreperson of Custodial Services for the 2010-2011 school year due to the economic condition of the School District as well as the restructuring of the School District of the City of River Rouge. It is further recommended that he be given an opportunity to discuss the non-renewal of his contract with the Board of Education, if he so chooses.

Yeas: Members	Cooper, Cora, Krupinski, Sabuda, Tate, Watson, White
Nays: Members	None
Abstain:	None

Motion carried.

Non-Renewal of Phil Campbell

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Lopez, Member Cooper made a motion seconded by Member Krupinski that in the best interest of the District, the Board of Education resolved to notify Phil Campbell, District-Wide Chief Engineer, that the River Rouge Board of Education is considering the non-renewal of his non-tenured 52 week supervisory contract for the 2010-2011 school year due to the economic condition of the School District as well as the restructuring of

opportunity to discuss the non-renewal of his contract with the Board of Education, if he so chooses.

Yeas: Members Cooper, Cora, Krupinski, Sabuda, Tate, Watson, White
Nays: Members None
Abstain: None

Motion carried.

Coaching Positions – Non RREA Bargaining Unit Members

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Lopez, Member Cooper made a motion seconded by Member Tate that based upon the communication from Athletic Director, Jessica McCrary-Maine the Board of Education resolved to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to contract with Temporary School Services to provide a coach for the Middle School Baseball, contingent upon the successful completion of all of the required paperwork and results of the physical, drug screen necessary for employment. This position is also contingent providing there is sufficient student participation to fill the team, otherwise the team will be dissolved and no stipend will be paid.

<u>Position/Sport</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Middle School Baseball	Bristo Bell	\$1,153.00

Yeas: Members Cooper, Cora, Krupinski, Sabuda, Tate, Watson, White
Nays: Members None
Abstain: None

Motion carried.

Coaching Positions – Non RREA Bargaining Unit Members

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Lopez, Member Cooper made a motion seconded by Member Watson that in order to fill the position of Softball Coach that has been vacated by Ms. K. Irons due to a scheduling conflict, and based upon Ms. McCrary-Maine's recommendation, the Board resolved to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to post the position of Softball Coach and fill it as soon as possible in order to meet the sport guidelines. This position would be contingent upon the successful completion of all of the required paperwork and results of the physical, drug screen necessary for employment. This position is also contingent providing there is sufficient student participation to fill the team, otherwise the team will be dissolved and no stipend will be paid.

Yeas: Members Cooper, Cora, Krupinski, Sabuda, Tate, Watson, White
Nays: Members None
Abstain: None

Motion carried.

Board Committee Reports

There are no board committee reports this evening.

Comments from the Audience

President Cora asked for any comments from the audience and several members of the audience came up and asked questions and stated their opinions of their matters of concern.

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At 8:18 p.m. President Cora stated that the Board would enter the Closed Session to discuss litigation matters and would adjourn the board meeting at the conclusion.

Yeas: Members: Cooper, Cora, Krupinski, Sabuda, Tate, Watson and White
Nays: Members: None

Motion Carried.

When the audience was leaving the regular board meeting, Mr. Krupinski also left and didn't return for the closed session.

At 8:36 p.m. President Cora stated for the good of the order and the meeting was concluded and roll call was taken.

Yeas: Members: Cooper, Cora, Sabuda, Tate, Watson and White
Nays: Members: None
Members Absent: Krupinski

Motion Carried.

There will be a Special Board Meeting held on Wednesday, March 24, 2010 for the purpose of listening to presentations from three companies that have submitted Custodial Bids.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 21, 2010 with the study session beginning at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis Krupinski, Secretary
Board of Education
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