

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, May 19, 2010, at 6:18 p.m.

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

Members Present: Marcella Cora, Kevin Sabuda, Jonathan Tate, William Watson and William White
Members Absent: Cornelius Cooper and Frank Krupinski were both excused from this evening's meeting

Motion Carried

Consent Agenda

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

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

Motion Carried

Reports/Updates/Presentations

There were no reports, updates or presentations this evening.

Communications/Correspondence

There were no communications this evening.

Comments from the Board

There were no comments from the board.

Attorney Update

There was nothing to report this evening.

Old Business

The elimination of position (Chester Franklin) from April 21, 2010 has remained tabled.

Wayne County RESA-General Fund Operating Budget 2010-2011

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Lopez, Member Tate made a motion seconded by Member White that the Board has resolved to accept the Wayne County RESA proposed budget and annual report for Wayne County RESA for the 2010-2011 school year and adopt a resolution for its support. The Board authorized Marcella Cora to sign and submit the necessary papers in the absence of Frank Krupinski, Secretary.

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

Motion Carried

Recall Support Staff Position

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Lopez, Member Watson made a motion seconded by Member Tate that the board resolved to notify support staff employee Donald Bilinski that he will be recalled to a full time position for the 2010-2011 school year. This position is a Title I approved position as a Teacher/Tutor/Mentor and should not have been eliminated.

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

Motion Carried

Recall Teacher Aide

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Lopez, Member Watson made a motion seconded by Member Tate that due to another teacher aide being on a medical leave for the remainder of the school year, the board authorized the Superintendent to recall the part-time teacher aide (Samantha Harris) back to a full time position to be a teacher aide at Ann Visger and bus aide at Sabbath, effective Thursday, May 20, 2010 and receive the appropriate salary and benefits afforded to this position.

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

Motion Carried

Summer Band Program

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Lopez, Member Watson made a motion seconded by Member Tate that the Board resolved to authorize the Superintendent to give Mr. Armand Horst, Band Coach the permission to conduct the Summer Band Program outlined in his proposal. The Summer Band Camp will be run from June 21 through August 14, 2010 on Monday through Thursday from 9:00-2:00 pm. Mr. Horst will be paid \$15/hr for approximately 195 hours for a total not to exceed \$2,925.00.

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

Motion Carried

MHSAA Resolution

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Lopez, Member Tate made a motion seconded by Member Watson that the Board resolved in the absence of Frank Krupinski to authorize Marcella Cora to sign the resolution to participate in the Michigan High School Athletic Association for the 2010-2011 school year on behalf of the River Rouge School District. This resolution states that the Board of Education delegates the Superintendent or his/her designee the responsibility for the supervision and control of said activities and accepts the Constitution/By-Laws of the MHSAA association and adopts as its own the rules, regulations and interpretations as published in the current MHSAA Handbook. In addition it is also agreed that the schools which host/participate in the association's meets and tournaments shall follow and enforce all tournament policies, procedures and schedules.

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

Motion Carried

Mackinac Island Field Trip-CB Sabbath Students

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Lopez, Member Watson made a motion seconded by Member Tate that the Board resolved to approve the request from Mr. Brandon Cox, Principal of CB Sabbath School to take students on a field trip to Mackinac Island leaving RRSD on May 11th and return to RRSD on May 13, 2010. Due to an oversight paperwork was not submitted in time for the April Board Meeting, and Superintendent Lopez administratively pre-approved this trip prior to this meeting. This field trip was approved after the fact and there were adequate chaperones and there was no cost to the Board of Education.

Under discussion Mr. Cox was asked to summarize the trip and he explained that he was able to increase the number of students for this trip because behavior and grade point average went up and made more students eligible. He also said he received compliments on student behavior and the students saw and had experiences they would never have in the classroom.

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Mr. Kocbus was also asked to summarize the trip that he and Ms. LaForest recently took student to Washington DC. He also stated the students were impressed at all of the sites they were able to experience.

Ms. Reid, Director of State/Federal Programs stated that Title I funds are available for support in these and similar types of trips that students were able to participate in as long as they are in line with Grade Level Content Expectations (GLCE's).

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

Motion Carried

Board Committee Reports

Member White asked for an update of administrative contracts that had been approved at the April meeting and if they were put in place at this time. This was referred back to the Finance Committee to finalize.

Expulsion Hearing of Student #16-09-10

Upon the recommendation of the Board Committee, Member Cora made a motion, seconded by Member Watson that after an exclusion hearing held on Tuesday, May 4, 2010, Student #16-09-10 be re-admitted per the conditions of the resolution as stated below:

- Student No. 16-09-10 and her mother, Ms. T. Carter, shall be referred to the Guidance Center for counseling and therapy regarding her need for Anger Control Management;
- Student No. 16-09-10 shall be re-admitted to the School District effective May 4, 2010 on probation for the remainder of the school year and subject to successfully completing any course of counseling and therapy recommended by the Guidance Center;
- The District shall cause a copy of this resolution to be served upon the parent or guardian of Student No. 16-09-10 within five (5) business days of the date of this resolution, by personal service or registered mail, return receipt requested.

Each member of the Board of Education present this evening was either at the hearing and/or has read a copy of the hearing transcripts in its entirety.

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

Motion Carried

At this time Superintendent Lopez wanted to acknowledge all staff members that were retiring and said we should all take the time to thank them personally for all of their hard work and the many years they have dedicated to educating students.

Comments from the Audience

President Cora asked if there were any comments from the audience – none.

Closed Session

At 6:38 pm, President Cora stated that the Board would suspend the meeting and enter into a closed session regarding litigation.

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

Motion Carried

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Resume Meeting

At 6:43 pm the members returned, roll call was taken and the meeting resumed.

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

Motion Carried

Employee #02-09-10 (John Simons)

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Lopez, Member Tate made a motion seconded by Member White that the Board of Education resolve to not approve the settlement agreement for employee #02-09-10 (John Simons) as presented by RREA/MEA.

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

Motion Carried

Confidential Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent-Part-Time (Non-Union)

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Lopez, Member Tate made a motion seconded by Member Watson that the Board resolved to authorize Superintendent Lopez to contract Office Temps temporarily hire a candidate to fill the Confidential Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent Position (Non-Union) which was approved at the April 21, 2010 board meeting as a part-time position for 52 weeks with no benefits for the 2010-2011 school year to report to the Superintendent or designee. This position will be effective for the 2010-2011 school year. Again for the record, this position is contingent upon the confirmation of the retirement from the State of Michigan for the current Administrative Assistant (Marguerite Breeding).

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

Motion Carried

At 7:24 p.m. President Cora stated for the good of the order and the meeting was concluded and roll call was taken.

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

Motion Carried.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 16, 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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