

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, June 16, 2010, at 6:34 p.m.

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

Members Present: Cornelius Cooper, Marcella Cora, Kevin Sabuda, Jonathan Tate, and William White

Members Absent: Frank Krupinski and William Watson  
were both excused from this evenings meeting

Motion Carried

#### Consent Agenda

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

Yeas: Members: Cooper, Cora, Sabuda, Tate, and White

Nays: Members: None

Motion Carried

#### Public Hearing, 2010-2011 Budget

At 6:36 p.m., President Cora stated that the regular order of business will be suspended for the Board of Education to conduct a public hearing for the proposed 2010-2011 budget and the property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget. As required by law (Section 141.412 MCL), the notice of this public hearing was published in The News Herald Newspaper and the 2010-2011 budget has been available in the business office, as advertised for public review.

At this time, President Cora turned the meeting over to Dr. Carlos Lopez and Ms. Jan Meek to discuss the budget and to recap the revenues and expenditures for the 2009-2010 school year. The meeting was resumed at 6:48 p.m.

#### Reports/Updates/Presentations

Ms. Jan Meek, presented the budget hearing 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.

#### Budget Amendment

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Lopez, Member \_\_\_ made a motion, seconded by Member \_\_\_, the Board of Education resolved to accept the proposed Final 2009-2010 Budget Amendment, which includes the General Fund Budget, Debt Retirement Fund, Special Revenue Funds, which includes the Athletic and Cafeteria Funds. The Board of Education also resolved to approve the noted Budget Amendment for the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year as shown in Exhibits 1B and 2B.

Yeas: Members: Cooper, Cora, Sabuda, Tate, and White

Nays: Members: None

Motion Carried

## Adoption of the 2010-2011 Budget

Each member of the Board of Education has received a copy of the proposed 2010-2011 Budget which includes the General Fund Budget, Debt Retirement Fund, Special Revenue Funds, which includes the Athletic and Cafeteria Funds. I recommend that the Board of Education resolve to approve the noted Budget for the 2010-2011 Fiscal Year as shown in Exhibits 1B and 2B.

### 153. Resolution Reducing Exemption

Each member of the Board of Education has received a copy of the proposed resolution authorizing the reduction of the Exemption on all principal residence, qualified agricultural, qualified forest and industrial personal property in the School District of the City of River Rouge by the amount of Eighteen (18) mills as provided in Enrolled House Bill No. 4498. I recommend that the Board of Education resolve to adopt the noted resolution.

### 154. Resolution Authorizing Tax Levy

Each member of the Board of Education has received a copy of the proposed resolution authorizing the Board of Education to levy **Five** and **0011/1000 (5.0011)** mills against principal residence, qualified agricultural, qualified forest and industrial personal property; **Eleven** and **0011/1000 (11.0011)** mills against commercial personal property; and **Eighteen** and **0000/1000 (18.000)** mills against all other property in the district for operating purposes and to conduct the educational program authorized by the Board of Education I recommend that the Board of Education resolve to adopt the noted resolution.

### 155. Resolution Authorizing Debt Millage Levy

Each member of the Board of Education has received a copy of the proposed resolution authorizing a levy of **Eight** and **83/100 (8.83)** Mills against all taxable property in the school district for the purpose of satisfying the district's obligation on the Building and Site Bond issue obligation, as required by law. I recommend that the Board of Education resolve to adopt the noted resolution.

### 156. Resolution, State Aid Note Borrowing

Each member of the Board of Education has received a copy of the resolution that needs to be adopted in order to utilize the Michigan Municipal Bond Authority (MMBA) Short Term Cash Flow Borrowing Program for 2010-2011. The short term borrowing program will assist the district with its cash flow in anticipation of its State School Aid. I recommend that the Board of Education resolve to adopt the necessary resolution authorizing the board's Secretary to sign the noted resolution on behalf of the Board of Education for The School District of the City of River Rouge.

### 157. Recall to Full-Time RREA Teacher Position

In the best interest of the school district, I recommend that the board authorize the Superintendent to notify Gary Halliburton, RREA teacher that he is being recalled to a full time positions for the 2010-2009 school year (this teacher had previously been reduced to a half time position).

### 158. General Grounds and Maintenance Technician

Each member of the Board of Education has received a copy of the duties and responsibilities the proposed General Grounds and Maintenance Technician position. I recommend that the Board resolve to authorize the superintendent to contract with D.M. Burr to post an interview for this position.

### 159. Letter of Retirement-Director of Special Education

Each member of the Board of Education has received a copy of the letter for retirement purposes from Diane Zedan, Director of Special Education. I recommend that the Board of Education resolve to accept Ms. Zedan's letter for retirement purposes as an employee of the School District of the City of River Rouge, effective at the end of the day, Friday, May 28, 2010.

### 160. Director of Special Education-Contracted Position

I have received a request from the Director of Special Education, Diane Zedan to continue her employment, after retirement, through a professional contract agency who has agreed to represent Ms. Zedan as a Director of Special Education. In the best interest of the district, **and to help support our financial deficit** I recommend that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent of Schools to

161. Retirement Extension Requests

Each member of the Board of Education has received a copy of the e-mail correspondence regarding the requirements of Office of Retirement for employees to request a retirement extension. River Rouge School District was allowed three requests and as of today, I have only received two requests from Arlene Gibson and Phil Phillips. I recommend that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to approve the requests provided the individuals have submitted their required paperwork by the deadline of June 11, 2010.

162. Letter of Resignation-RREA Teachers Certified Staff

Each member of the Board of Education has received a copy of the letters for resignation for retirement purposes from the following teachers. I recommend that the Board of Education resolve to accept these letters of resignation for retirement purposes as employees of the School District of the City of River Rouge, effective at the end of the day Friday, June 18, 2010 with a retirement date effective of July 1, 2010:

**ANN VISGER**

Patricia Chapman

Margaret (Peggy) Walsh

**SABBATH**

Rosalyn Glavin

**RIVER ROUGE HIGH SCHOOL**

**Carolyn Collins**

**Donald Fitzpatrick**

**Beverly Franklin**

**Eula Grooms**

**Deborah Harper**

**Katherine Monagin**

David Smith

**Susan Teubert**

163. Letter of Resignation-Administrative Asst.

Each member of the Board of Education has received a copy of the letter of resignation for retirement purposes from Administrative Asst., Marguerite Breeding. I recommend that the Board of Education resolve to accept Ms. Breeding's letter of resignation for retirement purposes as an employee of the School District of the City of River Rouge with a retirement date of September 1, 2010.

164. Letter of Resignation-Local 2555 Non Certified Staff

Each member of the Board of Education has received copies of the letters of resignation for retirement purposes from teacher aide, Brenda Harris and custodian, Dave Cannon. I recommend that the Board of Education resolve to accept Ms. Harris and Mr. Cannon's letters of resignation for retirement purposes as employees of the School District of the City of River Rouge, effective at the end of their scheduled work day with a retirement effective date of July 1, 2010.

165. Proposed Meeting Schedule for Board of Education 2009-2010

Each member of the Board of Education has received a copy of the proposed meeting schedule for the 2010-2011 school year. If there are no objections, I recommend that Board accept the proposed calendar.

July 21, 2010	January 19, 2011
August 18, 2010	February 16, 2011
September 15, 2010	March 16, 2011
October 20, 2010	April 13, 2011 *
November 17, 2010	May 18, 2011
December 8, 2010 *	June 15, 2011

Study Sessions will be held at 5:30 p.m. preceding each regular board meeting, which will be held at 6:00 p.m. Closed Executive Sessions and Special Board Meetings will be called as needed.

\***December 8<sup>th</sup>** should be the scheduled date for the December meeting because Winter Recess begins December 17<sup>th</sup> at the end of the day.

\***April 13<sup>th</sup>** should be the scheduled date for the April meeting because Spring Break begins on Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> (half day).

166. ARAMARK Food Service

I recommend that the River Rouge School District sign the renewal of our current contract to continue to receive our food services from ARAMARK, our Food Service Management Company. The Michigan Department of Education has approved the renewal, this will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> renewal of our contract with ARAMARK with the option to renew for the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 school years based upon the contracted bid and the other conditions set forth in the proposal.

167. Trinity Transportation – Renewal 2010-2011 Special Education

In the best interest of the district, I recommend that the Board of Education exercise the option to renew the Transportation Contract for 2010-2011 with Trinity Transportation under the same terms with the understanding that there will continue to be a reduction in transportation for Beacon School students from \$37.00 to the in-district rate of \$10.75 per student/per day (as a result of the re-location of the Beacon School to River Rouge).

168. Trinity Transportation–Renewal 2010-2011 Supplemental/Extracurricular

In the best interest of the district, I recommend that the Board of Education exercise, under the current contract, the option to renew the Supplemental and Extracurricular Transportation Contract for 2010-2011 with Trinity Transportation under the same terms of the current contract.

169. Approval of organizational memberships 2010-2011

It is recommended that for the 2010-2011 school year, the Board of Education continue its memberships in the Michigan Association of School Boards and its Legal Trust Fund, the MASB Summer Academies of Boardmanship; the Wayne County Association of School Boards, the National School Boards Association, Michigan School Negotiators, and the Metropolitan Detroit Bureau of School Studies.

170. School Psychologist

**Due to the retirement of the school psychologist, Ms. Katherine Monagin, I recommend that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent of Schools to post for a half time School Psychologist position. This position will be part of the RREA bargaining unit.**



179. Ann Visger K-5 Preparatory Academy  
Each Board Member received the request to assign all students in the River Rouge School District in grades Prek-5 to Ann Visger Preparatory Academy. I recommend that the Board authorize the Superintendent to complete the necessary documents with the Michigan Department of Education to complete the process for the 2010-2011 school year. The name will remain the same but the enrollment will increase.

180. CB Sabbath K-8 Preparatory Academy  
Each Board Member received the request to change the name of CB Sabbath K-8 Preparatory Academy to the CB Sabbath 6-8 Preparatory Academy and to assign all students in the River Rouge School District in grades 6-8 to CB Sabbath 6-8 Preparatory Academy. I recommend that the Board authorize the Superintendent to complete the necessary documents with the Michigan Department of Education to complete the process for the 2010-2011 school year.

181. River Rouge Middle College High School Academy  
Each Board Member received the request to change the name of River Rouge Middle College High School Academy to the River Rouge High School and to assign all students in the River Rouge School District in grades 9-12 to River Rouge High School and they will be given the opportunity to enroll in one of the four academies within the high school. The options are New Tech High (9-10<sup>th</sup> graders); Middle College High School (11-12<sup>th</sup> graders); Fast Track College High (9-12<sup>th</sup> graders) and Downriver Virtual Academy (9-12<sup>th</sup> graders). I recommend that the Board authorize the Superintendent to complete the necessary documents with the Michigan Department of Education to complete the process for the 2010-2011 school year.

182. John R. Valois Scholarship Fund  
**Each member of the Board of Education has received a copy of the John R. Valois Scholarship Fund criteria to award a \$5,000. scholarship to the class Valedictorian each year, commencing with the class of 2010 until the \$25,000 scholarship fund has been exhausted. I recommend that the Board of Education resolve to approve the established criteria as outlined by the committee.**

183. MASB Labor Relations Services  
**Each Board Member has received a copy of the MASB Labor Relations Services. One year Retainer Agreement to cover negotiations with the RREA teacher's contract for the flat rate of \$12,900 for the 2010-2011 school year. I recommend that the Board of Education contract with MASB to provide the District with labor relations services during labor negotiations with RREA.**

184. Posting Coach Positions  
**In order to fill the coaching positions of the sports listed below and based upon Ms. McCrary-Maine's recommendation, I recommend that the Board of Education resolve to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to post the positions of the listed below, interview and contract with Temporary School Staff. These positions would be contingent upon the successful completion of all of the required paperwork and results of the physical, drug screen necessary for employment. These positions are also contingent providing there is sufficient student participation to fill the teams, otherwise the teams will be dissolved and no stipend will be paid.**

Varsity Boys Track Coach	River Rouge High School
Girls Varsity Track Coach	River Rouge High School
Varsity Baseball Coach	River Rouge High School
Varsity Softball Coach	River Rouge High School
MS Girls Track Coach	River Rouge High School

**185. Recall RREA Teacher Positions**

Due to the recent retirements of RREA certified teachers, I recommend that the Board of Education give authorization to recall certified staff based on seniority, certification and qualification to fill the necessary teaching positions. Names of recalled RREA staff members will be brought before the Board of Education at its next regularly scheduled Board meeting in July 2010.

**186. GSRP-Summer Program Pre-School Teacher (Ann Visger)**

At the April 21, 2010, Board of Education meeting, the Board authorized the Superintendent of Schools to post and interview for the position. I recommend that the position be given to Ms. Diana Hampton, RREA member. This program will run from June 21 through August 26 and will service children that were unable to attend either the 2009-2010 GSRP Program or the Headstart Program. This will give these children an opportunity to prepare to enter into the kindergarten in the fall.

**187. GSRP-Summer Program Pre-School Teacher Aide (Ann Visger)**

At the April 21, 2010, Board of Education meeting, the Board authorized the Superintendent of Schools to post and interview for the position. I recommend that the position be given to Ms. Samantha Harris, Local 2555 member. This program will run from June 21 through August 26 and will service children that were unable to attend either the 2009-2010 GSRP Program or the Headstart Program. This will give these children an opportunity to prepare to enter into the kindergarten in the fall.

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

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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