

Pursuant to the requirements of the Open Meetings Act, this special 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 Monday, July 19, 2010, at 5:30 p.m. for the purposes of hearing presentations regarding the MME / ACT Scores and a closed session to discuss strategies connected with the negotiations of a Collective Bargaining Agreement.

The Vice President, William White, called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Cornelius Cooper, Kevin Sabuda, Jonathan Tate,
William Watson and William White
Members Absent: Marcella Cora (excused)
Frank Krupinski (arrived at 5:55 p.m)

Vice President White opened the meeting this evening at 5:41 p.m.

Member Watson offered a motion seconded by Member Tate that the Board of Education move to approve the agenda.

Yeas: Members, Cooper, Sabuda, Tate, Watson, White
Nays: None

Motion carried

Superintendent Lopez introduced Michelle Myricks as the new Board Secretary and Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent's office, replacing Erica Mixon. Pat DeLaTorre was acting board secretary for tonight's meeting.

There is one action item to be presented and will be taken care of prior to the presentations.

Budget Salary Adjustment

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Lopez, Member Watson offered a motion seconded by Member Tate that the Board of Education approve the increase to Glen Reid's salary from \$37,203 to \$47, 203 effective immediately.

Yeas: Members Cooper, Krupinski, Sabuda, Tate, Watson
Nays: Member White

Motion carried.

Presentations:

Superintendent Lopez stated that at the August Board Meeting, he will be sharing his Comprehensive School Improvement Plan on how to turn around River Rouge High and Ann Visger Schools to insure that both schools meet their annual yearly progress. A SIG grant (Student Improvement Grant) was submitted in the amount of 2 million dollars in order to support these measures. Through the funding from the grant there will be Title I Math, Title I reading for the High School, two graduation coaches, one for 9th and 10th graders and one for 11th and 12th graders and a support staff that will help students by connecting them with entrepreneurship's as well as being linked with certain universities which will allow students to earn college credits while attending high school.

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Superintendent Lopez discussed that one of the components of the school improvement plan is to extend the school year ten additional days for the teachers. Currently teachers work 183 days, under the plan, teachers would now be required to work 193 days. A transformation model has been selected through the state's initiative which is the New Tech High for 9th and 10th graders. The New Tech High promises to alleviate a lot of the challenges because it targets the standards for these students at a higher level and so this should allow the district to see significant gains in progress.

Superintendent Lopez also discussed the MME / ACT test scores and the fact that he was both disappointed and alarmed in the scores. He stated that he has had a discussion with RREA / MEA and they to were disappointed with the scores. A memo of understanding is in the process of being prepared.

Closed session

Vice President White offered a motion seconded by Member Krupinski to go into closed session at 5:57p.m.

Yeas: Members Cooper, Krupinski, Tate, Watson, White

Nays: None

At 7:21 p.m. Vice President White reconvened and opened up the meeting.

Comments from the Audience

There were no comments from the audience and/or administrators.

At 7:22 p.m. Member Watson offered, a motion seconded by Member Krupinski to adjourn the special meeting

Yeas: Members Cooper, Krupinski, Tate, Watson and White

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Meeting ended at 7:22p.m.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting, Wednesday, July 21, 2010 has been cancelled and rescheduled for Wednesday, July 28, 2010 with the study session beginning at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting at 6:00 p.m. All appropriate notices have been posted.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis Krupinski, Secretary