

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, July 28, 2010, at 6:13 p.m.

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

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

Members Absent: Frank Krupinski was excused from this evenings meeting

Motion Carried

#### Closed Session

At approximately 6:16p.m., President Cora stated that the board would enter into a closed session.

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

Nays: Members: None

Motion Carried

#### Resume Meeting

At 7:18 p.m. the members returned, roll call was taken and the meeting resumed.

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

Nays: Members: None

Absent: Members: Sabuda (was excused for the remainder of the meeting and left at approximately 7:15 p.m.)

Motion Carried

#### Consent Agenda

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

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

Nays: Members: None

Motion Carried

#### Reports/Updates/Presentations

Ms. Jan Meek, informed the board that the dependent audit that was voted on at the February 17, 2010 board meeting had been completed. Results revealed that the district will be able to save money in premiums annually. She stated that there was 100% participation and cooperation from the employees.

Ms. Meek informed the board that the State of Michigan has a new law called **Transparency Reporting**. Under this law, the district has thirty days from the time the board approves the budget to get it to the state in order to be in compliance. She went on to explain that under this law, it is mandatory that the District's Salary Compensation Report be put on the District's website for public view.

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Communications/Correspondence

Member Cora offered a motion, seconded by Member Tate that the Board of Education approve the use of Ann Visger School parking lot on Saturday, August 7, 2010 for a car wash for the City of River Rouge Softball League at no cost.

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

Comments from the Board

There were no comments from the board.

Attorney Update

There was nothing to report this evening.

Old Business – Grievance hearing for Local 2555

Based upon the recommendation from the Labor Relations Committee, Member Cora offered a motion, seconded by Member Cooper that the Board of Education deny grievance #03-09-10, stating that there was no violation to the union contract.

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

Motion Carried

New Business

Appointment of School Principal for Ann Visger PreK-5 Preparatory Academy

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Member Cooper offered a motion, seconded by Member Tate, that the Board of Education hire Larry C. Latimore, Ed.D. as the Principal of Ann Visger PreK-5 Preparatory Academy. This appointment is 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. His salary will be \$75,000 without benefits.

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

Motion Carried

Appointment of a Data Coach for the River Rouge High School

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Member Cora offered a motion seconded by Member Tate, that the Board of Education hire Karen Lee, Ph.D. as the Data Coach for the River Rouge High School. This appointment is 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. Dr. Lee will be compensated as budgeted in the 2009-2010 Title I Consolidated Application Budget.

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

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Administrative Title Change

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Member Tate offered a motion seconded by Member White, that the Board of Education rescind the promotion of Delores Reid for Deputy Superintendent.

Under discussion member White wanted to know why the position had to be rescinded. Superintendent Lopez explained that the position of Deputy Superintendent could not be funded through Title I.

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

Motion Carried

Administrative Title Change

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Member Cooper offered a motion, seconded by Member Tate, that the Board of Education approve the promotion of Delores Reid to Executive Director of State and Federal Projects. Ms. Reid will be in charge of the district when the Superintendent is out of the district.

Under discussion, Superintendent Lopez explained that Ms. Reid's position will be funded through Title I.

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

Motion Carried

Budget Neutral Administrative Salary Adjustment

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Member Cooper offered a motion, seconded by Member Tate, that the Board of Education approve the salary increase of Brandon Cox to \$85,000 for the 2010-2011 school year.

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

Motion Carried

Additional Summer Hours

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Member Cooper offered a motion, seconded by Member White, that the Board of Education approve to extend the summer hours for Alice Perry to full time.

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

Motion Carried

Position Status Change

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Member Cooper offered a motion, seconded by Member Watson, that the Board of Education approve the status change for Deaudre Perry to a full time 12 month position, effective, after the fact, July 1, 2010. His hourly salary will stay the same.

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

Motion Carried

Student Recruiter / School Promoter Positions (3 positions)

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Member Cooper offered a motion, seconded by Member Tate, that the Board of Education hire the following three candidates for the position of Student Recruiters / School Promoters on a part time basis at \$15.00 per hour for six hours per day without benefits. This position will not exceed thirty hours per week.

Diane Bowdler  
Ruth Stamper  
Joseph Hightower

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

Motion Carried

Contract Renewal, ARAMARK Educational Services, Inc.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Member Watson offered a motion, seconded by Member Tate, that the Board of Education agree to 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, 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 school years based upon the contracted bid and the other conditions set forth in the proposal.

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

Motion Carried

Coaching Positions- Non RREA Bargaining Unit Members

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Athletic Director, Jessica McCrary-Maine, Member Cooper offered a motion, seconded by Member Tate, that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent of Schools to contract with Temporary School Services for the following coaching positions. This contract will be contingent upon the successful completion of all of the required paper work and results of the physical and drug screen necessary for employment. These positions are 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>
Varsity Cheer Coach	Frances Cook	\$1,960.95
Varsity Football Coach	Azikiwe Love	\$2,307.00
Junior Varsity Football Coach	James Artison	\$2,191.65
Returning (7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> combined volleyball Coach)	Tonya Cooper	\$1,153.00
Returning (JV Volleyball Coach)	Candise Green	\$1,845.60
Returning (Varsity Volleyball Coach)	Chester Franklin	\$2,076.30
Returning (Head Football Coach)	Corey Parker	\$2,999.10
Returning (Asst. Varsity Football Coach)	Deaudre Perry	\$2,307.00
Returning (Asst. Varsity Football Coach)	Eric Pettway	\$2,307.00
Returning (Asst. Varsity Football Coach)	Anthony Sherrell	\$2,307.00
Returning (Tennis Coach)	Melvin Foreman	\$2,191.95

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

Motion Carried

Lead MJCROTC Senior Marine Instructor Salary

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Member Cora offered a motion, seconded by Member Tate, that the Board of Education approve the salary of \$68,775.24 for Sergeant Jason Jorgensen, The MJCROTC Senior Marine Instructor that the board hired at the board meeting held on Wednesday, June 16, 2010. His salary will be equally split between the River Rouge Board of Education and the U.S. Marine Corp.

Under discussion, President Cora clarified that the salary of Seargent Jorgensen would be equally split between the district and the U.S. Marine Corp. and it was confirmed by Superintendent Lopez.

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

Motion Carried

Mileage Renewal Proposition

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Member Cooper offered a motion, seconded by Member White, that the Board of Education approve the election resolution prepared by counsel and presented by the administration renewing the District's operating millage and authorizing a sinking fund millage. The sinking fund levy will be used for building renovations.

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

Motion Carried

Reassignment of Director for Project Achieve

Due to the resignation of Ms. Nandi Comer, Program Director of Project Achieve, and upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Member Cooper offered a motion, seconded by Member Tate, that the Board of Education resolve to approve Ms. Deitra Porter as the new Program Director of Project Achieve, effective August 1, 2010. This position is funded through Wayne Metro.

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

Motion Carried

Board Committee Reports

There were no reports this evening

Comments from the Audience

A member from the Audience expressed her distain as to how the District laid off custodial workers and teachers and other staff in order to create new positions within the District for others as well as giving pay increases.

Chester Franklin briefly discussed the success of the Chester Taylor Day.

At 8:23 p.m. President Cora stated for the good of the order to adjourn the meeting and roll call was taken.

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

Motion Carried.

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