

**Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting for  
The School District of the City of River Rouge, Wayne County, Michigan  
Held at the River Rouge High School, LGI Room, River Rouge, Michigan  
Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.**

**1-3 – CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Valveta Reese, President, with invocation by Mitchell Doig, Secretary.

Members Present: Cooper, Doig, Hightower, Green, Reese, Sabuda, Wheeler  
Members Excused:  
Member Absent:

**4 – CONSENT AGENDA**

**MINUTES REGULAR MEETING – WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2023**

Motion moved by Member Wheeler, seconded by Member Sabuda, that the Board of Education approved the minutes of Wednesday, September 20, 2023.

Yeas: Members: Doig, Hightower, Green, Reese, Sabuda, Wheeler, Cooper  
Nays: Members: None

Motion carried.

35. **DISTRICT RESIGNATIONS**

Motion moved by Member Reese, seconded by Member Sabuda, that the Board of Education accepted the letters of resignation from the following employees.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
TaJuana Washington	Teacher	RRHS	Friday, September 15, 2023
Henry Cole	Teacher	Sabbath	Monday, September 11, 2023

Questions by board members.

Yeas: Members: Hightower, Green, Reese, Sabuda, Wheeler, Cooper, Doig  
Nays: Members: None

Motion carried.

36. **DISTRICT EMPLOYMENT**

Motion moved by Member Reese, seconded by Member Sabuda, that the Board of Education approved the following individuals as employees in the River Rouge School District for the 2023-2024 school year:

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SALARY/BENEFITS</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
Tammy McKay	Instructional Specialist	RRHS	\$91,008.00 w/benefits	Monday, September 25, 2023
Kimberly Pritchett	Instructional Specialist	Ann Visger	\$91,008.00 w/benefits	Monday, September 18, 2023
LaToya Tyler	Instructional Specialist	Ann Visger	\$91,008.00 w/benefits	Monday, September 25, 2023
Arrieal Williams	School Social Worker	Ann Visger	\$74,743.00 w/benefits	Monday, September 18, 2023
Velena Stephens	Instructional Specialist	RRHS	\$91,009.00 w/benefits	Monday, August 14, 2023
Brandon Hughes	Student Advocate	STEM	\$50,032.00 w/benefits	Monday, October 2, 2023

These positions are contingent upon the successful completion of all 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.

Question by a board member.

Yeas:           Members:   Green, Reese, Sabuda, Wheeler, Cooper, Doig, Hightower  
Nays:           Members:   None

Motion carried.

New employees introduced themselves to the board and administration.

**37. POSITION CHANGES**

Motion moved by Member Reese, seconded by Member Cooper that the Board of Education approved the position changes of Mr. Micah Black to PBIS Coordinator in the STEM Academy with a salary of \$41,032.00 with benefits effective Monday, September 25, 2023 and Mrs. Tiffany Chambers to Early Literacy Coach at Ann Visger Preparatory Academy with a salary of \$85,433.00 with benefits effective August 7, 2023.

Yeas:           Members:   Reese, Sabuda, Wheeler, Cooper, Doig, Hightower, Green  
Nays:           Members:   None

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**38. GO GREEN CONTRACTING INC.**

Motion moved by Member Wheeler, seconded by Member Cooper, that the Board of Education awarded Go Green Contracting Inc. as the project coordinator for the River

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Rouge High School lunchroom improvement project for 2023 in the amount of \$956,000.00.

Yeas:           Members:    Sabuda, Wheeler, Cooper, Doig, Hightower, Green, Reese  
Nays:           Members:    None

Motion carried.

**39.    JV FOOTBALL OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL**

Motion moved by Member Sabuda, supported by Member Cooper, that the Board of Education approved, after the fact, the travel of the Boys’ JV Football Team to Toledo, Ohio on Saturday, September 9, 2023. The team departed the district at 10:00 a.m. and returned at approximately 6:00 p.m.

Yeas:           Members:    Wheeler, Cooper, Doig, Hightower, Green, Reese, Sabuda  
Nays:           Members:    None

Motion carried.

**40.    RIVER ROUGE VOLLEYBALL TRAVEL**

Motion moved by Member Reese, supported by Member Sabuda, that the Board of Education approved the following team travel for the River Rouge Athletic Department:

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DEPART</u>	<u>RETURN</u>
Volleyball Team	Friday, October 6, 2023	Michigan State Univ. E. Lansing, MI	5:00 p.m.	10:00 p.m.
Volleyball Team	Sunday, October 15, 2023	Halloweekend Sandusky, OH	6:00 a.m.	8:00 p.m.

All costs will be covered through the Athletic Department.

Question by board member.

Yeas:           Members:    Cooper, Doig, Hightower, Green, Reese, Sabuda, Wheeler  
Nays:           Members:    None

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41. **GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY COACH**

Motion moved by Member Reese, supported by Member Sabuda, that the Board of Education approved Ms. Jessica Green as the Girls' Cross Country Coach for the 2023-2024 school year in the River Rouge School District with a stipend of \$1,000.00.

This position are contingent upon the successful completion of all 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:	Doig, Hightower, Green, Reese, Sabuda, Wheeler, Cooper
Nays:	Members:	None

Motion carried.

**5 – INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES**

Were introduced earlier in the meeting.

Dr. Coleman spoke to the board regarding the varsity football team and cheerleaders traveling to Euclid, Ohio on Friday, October 6, 2023. It will be on the next board bulletin, after the fact.

**6 – COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE**

Secretary Doig shared with the board the 2023 Truck or Treat event at Ann Visger Preparatory Academy on Wednesday, October 25, 2023 from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

**7 – STUDENT LIAISON REPORT**

Ms. Jefferson was not able to attend this evening's meeting.

**8 - SUPERINTENDENT AND ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS**

I. Mirza, Director of Business & Finance

- Auditors are on site
- November 1 – deadline for finance

N. German, Curriculum Director

- Grants received – 23i Friends of the Children \$397,000; COSA Math \$125,000; Mental Health Expansion WRESA \$116,000.
- Job Corp

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A. Berry-Brown, Deputy Superintendent

- Parent/Teacher Conferences

Dr. Coleman

- To date, we have not had any fights in the high school

**9 - COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Thank you for the board training with Michigan Association of School Boards.

Buildings & Grounds Committee – Board Member Wheeler reported on their meeting today. There were questions by board members.

Food Service Committee – Board Member Green reported on the walkthrough @ Ann Visger’s kitchen.

**10 - COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE AND ADMINISTRATORS**

Robert Cruz, Director of Public Safety in the City of River Rouge, spoke to the board regarding traffic at Ann Visger, STEM and parking at RRHS.

**11 - ADJOURNMENT**

Motion moved by Member Sabuda, seconded by Member Wheeler that the meeting be adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

Yeas:	Members:	Hightower, Green, Reese, Sabuda, Wheeler, Cooper, Doig
Nays:	Members:	None

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitchell Doig, Secretary  
River Rouge Board of Education  
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