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**School District of the City of Saginaw**  
**MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING**  
550 Millard Street, Saginaw, Michigan 48601 989-399-6500  
**December 8, 2025 – 5:00 P.M.**

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The meeting was called to order at 5:00 P.M. by Dr. Charles Coleman Sr.,

1. **Committee Members Present:** Mrs. Joyce Seals (Chair)  
Mrs. Janet Nash  
Dr. Charles Coleman  
Ms. Ruth Ann Knapp

**Board Members Present:** Mr. Kevin Rooker  
Ms. Jasmine Calhoun

**Central Administration Staff:** Dr. Ramont Roberts

1. **Approval of Minutes**

President Coleman said chair will entertain motion to approved the from the September 8, 2025 meeting. Mrs. Seals motioned to carry, and Mrs. Nash supported.

Ayes: 4    Nays: 0 – Motion Carried

2. **Presentations: Homeless & Foster Care Student Presentation**

Dr. Coleman presented the next item on the agenda, homeless and foster care students.

Mrs. Seals requested to add item to the discussion and invited the new board member Vera Harrison to attend because she has some expertise in these areas and she might be able to answer some questions. Also asked Mrs. Reid to prepare information after she did research and saw there was a correlation between the foster care of the incarcerated student, as well as kids going through grief and problems. Mrs. Seals then asked the following questions: Have we identified those students? How are we giving that support? What are we doing to support these students?

Mr. Reid thanked the board for inviting her to present. Students can qualify as a homeless student if they are a youth lacking fixed, regular, adequate nighttime residence. Students in Michigan experience homelessness has had a huge uptick over the last few years. The data that we have is from 22-23. There were 32,762 students who were reported in 23-24, there were 34,495, which is about an 8% increase from the previous year. Early indicators show that last year's 24-25 will be even higher with a continued upward trend. The number of students as of Friday, December 5th, is 119 students that that have been identified in Saginaw Public Schools that are homeless. For the 24-25 school year, 149 students, were identified as homeless the entire year.

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Ms. Knapp asked would the possibility be that the same person would be counted in both of those counts? Mrs. Reid replied each year we are required to clear out the homeless numbers and start over. Yes, some of these students were on the list from last year and are repeated, still considered homeless today.

Mrs. Nash wanted to know if that included foster care students? Mrs. Reid said, foster care students are a separate number.

Mrs. Reid said McKinney-Vento training is provided to all employees to help identify students that are homeless. Student Services works with student officials to make sure we are providing student support immediately. If a student is identified as homeless, they immediately get transportation wherever they are even if that is in Bay City. Social workers and counselors immediately are aware and work with outside agencies to support students as well as using our own supports that we have here in our district.

Mrs. Seals asked the question what about prom and how do we make sure those kids aren't short in that area? Mrs. Reid replied that our counselors and our social workers, at the secondary level, work with those students weekly asking what do they need, do they need a dress? Do you need prom tickets? They also work with the principal.

During the 24-25 school year, SPSP secured the 2023 McKinney-Vento ARP Homeless Grant. Mattresses, blankets, sheets, towels, hygiene products, food, backpacks, suitcases, etc., was purchased.

Mrs. Nash asked if the teachers know? Mrs. Reid said some do, there are laws and rules about how much we can share, and make sure that we are being discreet about supporting the students through McKinney-Vento.

Mrs. Seals asked how do we deal with incarcerated parents? Mrs. Reid said we don't know the percentage but Dr. Roberts made sure that each school had a social worker.

Dr. Roberts said that's a difficult one because oftentimes we may not know. That is not information that's shared with us or required to be shared. That generally comes out in an IT meeting. So once we find out, then to Ms. Reid's point, social work services and or other wraparound supports that we may have available in the district to provide support for that student.

Ms. Knapp said, at one point in time, I don't remember the name of it, but there was a program that if emergency workers like police or fire locally knew that there was a situation, they would use some sort of code word about handle with care and contact the buildings. Do we still do that? Dr. Roberts responded and said, that is a countywide system where that that comes from the ISD to superintendents. If they have been made aware of something that may be going on with some of our students, due to some type of agency, then they would send us those students' names. So

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yes, we still get those emails and then we forward those emails to the building principals. Mrs. Nash asked if they are included in the numbers shared? Dr. Roberts said, could be yes and no, just depending. Maybe. Yes. If it's homeless and they had an incident or if they were in foster care. Mrs. Reid said the foster care students typically are because they are handle with cares typically, but a homeless student may not be.

Mrs. Seals called Ms. Vera Harrison to the mic to share about the liaison each district has.

Ms. Harrison shared that each school has a liaison. So when the child enters foster care, form 942 is taken to the school by the foster care worker. That gives the school permission to share information with the foster care worker. And they usually will call the foster care worker if there's any issues at the school.

Mrs. Seals asked if Mrs. Reid knew the liaisons for each school.

Ms. Harrison clarified that each district has one liaison.

Mrs. Seals wanted to know would that liaison then make sure that you know what students are in each school that are foster care or not? Mrs. Reid stated she is the liaison for the district and would know which students are in foster care. She then asked there other ones that we might not know about?

Dr. Roberts replied and said I'm going to say that those are the ones that we have been informed about. I'll say it that way. There may be others, we just have not been informed about them. So once we are informed, they'll be included in that count. Mrs. Seals just want to make sure our person has done diligence and making sure that we have that information on every foster child in our system, because they need more support. She just wants to make sure we're doing everything that we can so they can be successful in life because sometimes those are obstacles to children being successful.

President Coleman asked the question, how much of this kind of information have we shared with the community? Dr. Roberts said we can share numbers; they are very sensitive in terms of sharing information around homeless students as it relates to McKinney-Vento and will let Ms. Reid speak to that. We can share general overall data in terms of how many, but going beyond that gets a little touchy.

Mrs. Reid concurred with Dr. Roberts. She stated that we do have to be very careful under the McKinney-Vento Kenny Vento law to make sure that we are keeping these students as confidential as possible. However, overall numbers can be reported our overall numbers and if the board wishes to see it, those numbers more often, that is something we absolutely can do.

Mrs. Nash asked with the holidays approaching do we provide gifts, do drives within the school work with parent groups to help provide Christmas presents to the foster family for their children. Mrs. Reid said that Saginaw Arts & Sciences does, brighten the holidays, adopt families, and do a toy drive and donate to Saginaw County. United, also did a toy drive.

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Dr. Roberts we have to be creative so it has to be for everyone and then if within that program there are students who are identified they can participate in that but singling them out and doing something like that that publicizes that, we have to be very careful about.

Ms. Harrison said as far as Christmas gifts the state does do a program we do operation good cheer and they do foster gifts for their foster care kids.

President Coleman said the reason he raised the question, how much of this can we share with the groups that we work with in the community who might be able to help us assist these students without identifying who they are. Dr. Roberts said we can share information and stay within the lines in terms of McKinney-Vento. If you would like Ms. Reid to work with whatever groups you're referring to, Dr. Coleman, we can do that.

Mrs. Seals thinks it's important to let the community know what we're doing for students. Dr. Roberts responded and said, so board members are aware, we get resources. Last year we had some additional resources and we're very strategic about how we utilize those resources for our homeless students.

President Coleman requested the presentation be sent to him through email.

Mrs. Seals thanked Mrs. Reid and Ms. Harrison for coming

Mrs. Nash wants to look at how they can be supported through the before and after the bell programs.

Ms. Knapp is concerned about the students who might be involved in extracurricular activities at the secondary. Assuming that when it said transportation would be provided that the transportation home after the extracurricular activities end, that would be one of the things that happens.

Mrs. Nash thank Mrs. Reid and Ms. Harrison for coming out and providing the information and clarifying for not only for the board but also for community that things are being done to support our students.

Mrs. Seals and board members reviewed the policies updates and everyone understood the new language and word smiting. Conversation ensued of revised technology policies. A copy of the original changes will be made available for the second reading.

### **3. Policy Updates**

Mrs. Seals said that the Superintendent has already vetted the policies and Mrs. Pruitt is here because many of those things would fall under her view. Policy number 142 consolidated, 1422, 1422.02, and 1662. The following policies were reviewed:

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- POLICY 1422 Vol. 40, No. 1 — Nondiscrimination — September 2025 Replacement NONDISCRIMINATION, EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY, AND ANTI-HARASSMENT
- POLICY 1623 Vol. 40, No. 1 - Nondiscrimination - September 2025 Technical Correction SECTION 504/ADA PROHIBITION AGAINST DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT
- POLICY 2260 Vol. 40, No. 1 - Nondiscrimination - September 2025 Technical Correction NONDISCRIMINATION AND ACCESS TO EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY
- POLICY 2260.01 Vol. 40, No. 1 - Nondiscrimination - September 2025 Technical Correction SECTION 504/ADA PROHIBITION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION BASED ON DISABILITY
- POLICY 3122 Vol. 40, No. 1 — Nondiscrimination — September 2025 Replacement NONDISCRIMINATION, EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY, AND ANTI-HARASSMENT
- POLICY 3123 Vol. 40, No. 1 - Nondiscrimination - September 2025 Technical Correction SECTION 504/ADA PROHIBITION AGAINST DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT
- POLICY 4122 Vol. 40, No. 1 - Nondiscrimination - September 2025 Replacement NONDISCRIMINATION, EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY, AND ANTI-HARASSMENT
- POLICY 4123 Vol. 40, No. 1 - Nondiscrimination - September 2025 Technical Correction SECTION 504/ADA PROHIBITION AGAINST DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT

#### **4. Public / Union Comments**

None

#### **5. Final Board Comments**

Mrs. Seals thanked Jessica for working with her. She also thank ed MRs. Ried for sharing information about the homeless populations and the new board member Vera harrison for attending the meeting. The district wide event was a success and thanked the vendors who attended and gave away prizes.

Mrs. Nash enjoyed the event as well and learned what the organization in the community do for our kids. She thanked Ms. Pruitt and Dr.Roberts for their diligence on the employment compliance guidelines. Shed attended the basketball game and was proud of the conduct of everyone.

Ms. Knapp was away at a helpful conference and will share the information she learned with members. Every year she tries to make one of the games of everything. She will start when she gets schedules.

Dr. Roberts will reserve comments for Wednesday.

Dr. Coleman shared that the information heard about how our students are being impacted by life is disheartened. Specific organizations should have this information to make sure we are the kind of resource our students and families need.

#### **6. Announcement of Next Meeting**

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Briefing and action meeting on Wednesday, December 10, 2025 held at 550 Millard, Saginaw, MI.

**7. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourn at 6:11 p.m.

Submitted by: Jessica Patman