



SAGINAW TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Committee-of-the-Whole Minutes

Monday, September 14, 2026 | 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order. The Committee-of-the-Whole of the Saginaw Township Board of Education was held on Monday, September 14, 2026, in the Arrowwood Conference Center, 5410 Seidel Road. President Janice Collison called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Silent Meditation.
3. Pledge of Allegiance. Silent meditation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Roll Call. Roll call found the following Board members present: Marianne Bird, David Booth, Janice Collison, Jenean Coughlin, Michele DeShone, David Jaffe, and Sharon Norman. Absent: None. The following student Board members were present: Hiba Noor and Sanaa Khan. Absent: None. There being a quorum present, the meeting was declared in session.
5. School Presentation - Alan Kern, Mackinaw High School Principal. Principal Alan Kern shared an update with the board on Mackinaw High School.
6. Arrowwood Drainage Update, Spence Brothers. A Spence Brothers representative shared that exploration and initial work have been completed. The piping on the west side of the school was replaced. The piping on the east end leading to the bus loop was scoped, as well as the south side near the flagpole. All of these pipes were full of roots. These were recameraed recently, and we now know that the piping is clear from the courtyard to the county drain. During last Sunday's rain event, which brought 1.5 inches of rain in 20 minutes, we discovered a capacity issue. The county line cannot handle that much rain in that amount of time. We then investigated the sections separately and found that the pipes are clear from the courtyard to the county piping. Therefore, these issues are fixed to a point, but could still cause flooding in the school. Water needs to be able to get away from the building and have a place to go. We will need to address these issues at Arrowwood in a manner similar to that used at White Pine Middle School. Our next steps will be to work on the parking lot drainage and likely add a retention pond. Superintendent Kraatz added that this will shift our priorities to these drainage and parking lot issues, and the planned bathroom project will be postponed. These projects had to be "flip-flopped" to address the flooding first.
7. Board Committee Reports. Marianne Bird shared that the ISD Dinner is on September 29, 2026.

8. Superintendent Update. Superintendent Kraatz shared information with the board regarding the situation at the away football game on September 3rd at Midland Football Stadium in the form of a statement that she read.
9. Student Board Members Report. Hiba Noor informed the board that the first day of school was August 25th, and that Senior Sunrise took place the day before. Also, Class Council and Student Assembly elections took place last week. Homecoming float building is underway, and the Homecoming Court was announced. Hiba also shared that the new wireless phone rule is going over well with the students. In addition, Powder Puff Football will take place on September 23rd. Sanaa Khan shared with the board that the first home football game took place last Friday. The homecoming game will be on September 25th. Last week, the Hawk Walk was held, and Yearbook sales began.

10. Public Comments.

Kujuanna Ray, of 5042 Wakefield, Saginaw, MI 48601, spoke with the Board.
Kinesha Braddock-Mason, of 6 Sawmill Blvd, Saginaw, MI 48603, spoke with the Board.
Gwendolyn McMillon, of 790 Belair Dr, Saginaw, MI 48638, spoke with the Board.
Kareem Bowen, of 1160 Sherbooke Place, Saginaw, MI 48638, spoke with the Board.

11. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Jamie Kraatz, Superintendent**

1. CTE Millage Presentation - Dr. Erin Senkowski, Assistant Superintendent. Saginaw ISD. Dr. Erin Senkowski shared information on the Saginaw County CTE Millage Update.
2. Strategic Plan Presentation - Debbie Stair, MASB. Debbie Stair from MASB shared information on their Strategic Plan for STCS.
3. Facilities Update. Superintendent Kraatz shared with the board that on the first day of school, the HHS Cafeteria control system and the AC units went down. Buildings & Grounds bypassed the system and got cold air flowing again. Heritage's sump pumps failed at the same time, and Buildings & Grounds immediately hooked up temporary pumps and replumbed them to prevent major flooding. They've since installed permanent plumbing and backup pumps, so this doesn't happen again. One main pump is fully back online, and the replacement for the second is in the works. In addition, both district pools have passed inspection, although there is a minor issue at the Heritage Pool. Bleacher inspections will begin on September 28th. The Trane project is in the works, and we are seeing progress.
4. District Update. Superintendent Kraatz shared with the board that the official financial audit has been completed. There were no findings again this year. Yeo and Yeo will be here for a presentation this fall. Curriculum received news that they will be having a full Title audit this year. This is a very large undertaking. This takes place once every 10ish years. It was "our turn". The district cell phone policy update is that it is going very well. We have not received parent pushback, and Students are interacting in ways they have not in years. Different ideas for students during lunches are being explored. Superintendent Kraatz also shared that updates to the Emergency Operations Plan are currently being worked on. We are moving toward working with a different incident management company. The state has changed many of its requirements for emergency

plans. Updates are being made this year, and a full new plan will go into effect next year. The board will receive the information prior to the next board meeting. In addition, Piner Night was last Friday, and the Little Hawks Hustle also took place.

12. **INSTRUCTION REPORT** - Jamie Hales, Director of Curriculum and Learning

1. Spring Data Presentation. Jamie Hales, Director of Curriculum and Learning, shared information about STCS testing data with the board.

13. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Michele DeShone, Secretary

Date