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School District of the City of Saginaw

MINUTES OF THE BOARD ACTION MEETING

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October 21, 2026

President Coleman called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

1. ATTENDANCE

Board of Education:	President C. Coleman	Present
	Vice President J. Nash	Present
	Secretary V. Harrison	Present
	Treasurer R. A. Knapp	*Absent - Excused*
	Trustee J. Bady	*Absent*
	Trustee J. Calhoun	Present
	Trustee J. Seals	Present
	SMOB D. Ramakrishnan	Present
	SMOB P. Guidry-Holmes	Present
Central Administration Staff:		
	Superintendent R. Roberts	Present
	Deputy Superintendent T. Johnson	*Absent*

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Coleman asked Board members if there were any additions, deletions or subtractions to the agenda. President Coleman shared that SMOB Diya Ramakrishnan will give an update on happenings at SASA after the Student Ambassador presentations.

3. PRESENTATIONS

Student Ambassadors

Dr. Roberts called on the high school principals from Saginaw United, SASA and SCC to introduce their Student Ambassadors. Student Ambassadors from each building provided a report to the board on activities and happenings at their schools from the beginning of the school year through mid-October. Highlights included but are not limited to academic achievements, student accomplishments, community service/civic engagement opportunities and sporting events.

SMOB Diya Ramakrishnan – Shared that student survey results from SASA were largely positive and indicate that students are excited about the upcoming year. Diya is excited to share further information with the board as more feedback is received from her peers.

Wolverine Pathways Program

Dr. Roberts called on Dr. Foley to present on the Wolverine Pathways Program that will be offered at Saginaw United High School in partnership with the University of Michigan. This program is designed to expand opportunities, raise academic expectations and create meaningful pathways to college success for Saginaw United Students – connecting learning to careers. The presentation covered several highlights including student expectations, success rate data, cost of tuition savings, and the application process. Conversation ensued; Dr. Foley answered questions from the board.

4. PUBLIC/UNION COMMENT

President Coleman called for Public and Union Comments, no public comments were made.

Union Comments:
Andrea Rethman – SEA President brought forth concerns about the new elementary ELA curriculum implementation, skyward system changes and challenges teachers are experiencing with the new standards-based report card at the elementary level. Her comments highlighted administration/union collaboration and gave thanks to district administration for the flexibility and willingness to reschedule elementary parent-teacher conferences along with providing additional training and work time for teachers and staff as they learn to navigate the updated version of the skyward system.

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

No formal report. The updated vacancy report was provided to board members via BoardBook. Dr. Roberts will answer any questions regarding the vacancy report.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Finance

Ms. Knapp and Ms. Johnson were both unavailable this evening. President Coleman shared that board members received an overview of the finance information as part of their packets at the Briefing Meeting held a week prior. Board members had a chance to direct any questions to Ms. Johnson after the Briefing Meeting was held.

Policy and Curriculum

Mrs. Seals shared there was a Policy & Curriculum meeting held Monday, October 19 and there is one new policy. Policy 2370.02 – Virtual Instruction Days. Dr. Roberts asked Mrs. Seals that the board cover the conference piece on the meeting agenda under Policy and Curriculum before diving into policy updates. Dr. Roberts brought to the attention of the board the proposed changes in the elementary parent-teacher conference schedule which would move the current scheduled conferences and half-days from the first week of November to the week of November 18, 19 and 20. Conversation ensued.

NABSE International Conference

The Board discussed a request for Board members to attend the National Association of Black School Educators (NABSE) conference coming up this December. This conference was not included in the previously approved conference schedule during the organizational meeting held at the beginning of the year. Ms. Harrison provided an overview of the opportunities and benefits of attending. Discussion ensued.

President Coleman said the Board has an opportunity to act on this now as waiting until next month for approval will be very close to the actual scheduled dates of the conference or hold it for the consent agenda.

Motion

Moved by Mrs. Seals and supported by Mrs. Nash to authorize Board member attendance at the NABSE conference on December 2-6, 2026 in Orlando, FL.

A voice vote was taken with the following results:
Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0 – Motion Carried

Policy 2370.02 – Virtual Instruction Days (New) – 2nd Reading

Mrs. Seals asked Dr. Roberts to speak on the importance of the district adopting policy 2370.02 as a new policy. Dr. Roberts shared that this policy gives the district flexibility to use virtual instruction days in the event that in-person instruction cannot be held. This policy allows for the district to utilize up to six (6) virtual instruction days per school year as outlined.

Policy Revisions – 2nd Reading

Mrs. Seals shared that the five (5) policy revisions consist of clarifying language, wordsmithing, and updating the year in which the policies were revised to reflect the year 2026. Conversation ensued. The policy updates will be on the consent agenda.

Building and Grounds

Mrs. Nash - no report

Human Resources

Mrs. Nash – no report

City/County/School Liaison

Dr. Coleman said the committee will be meeting on Thursday, November 19, 2026 in the Board Room at 5:30.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

President Coleman read the following items to the board members as listed on the consent agenda:

A. Approve the Minutes for September 9, 2026 (Briefing Session) and September 16, 2026 (Action Meeting)
B. Approve the October 2026 Human Resources/Labor Relations Report
C. Approve the September 2026 Financials
D. Approve the SPSSA Tentative Agreement as presented at the October 14, 2026, Briefing Session
E. Approve the food service adult meal pricing increase as presented at the October 14, 2026, Briefing Session.
F. Adopt Policy 2370.02 - Virtual Instruction Days (New) as presented
G. Adopt the following Policy Revisions as Presented (Second Reading)
    - po5111.01 Vol. 41, No. 1 - September 2026 Revised HOMELESS STUDENTS
    - po5330 Vol. 41, No. 1 - September 2026 Revised USE OF MEDICATIONS
    - po8321 Vol. 41, No. 1 - September 2026 Revised CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SECURITY (NON-CRIMINAL JUSTICE AGENCY)
    - po8330 Vol. 41, No. 1 - September 2026 Revised STUDENT RECORDS
    - po8420 Vol. 41, No. 1 - September 2026 Revised EMERGENCY SITUATIONS AT SCHOOLS

President Coleman asked board members if there were any objections, exceptions or removals to any of the items listed on the consent agenda.

The following motion was made:

Motion

Moved by Mrs. Nash and supported by Mrs. Seals that the board of education adopt the consent agenda as presented.

A voice vote was taken with the following results.
Ayes: 5 / Nays: 0 – Motion Carried

8. FINAL BOARD COMMENTS

Ms. Ramakrishnan – None

Ms. Harrison – Thankful for the updates and reports provided by the Student Ambassadors. She commends the schools for all of the work they are doing outside of the classroom. She applauds Dr. Foley for the work he has done to bring the Wolverine Pathways program to Saginaw United.

Ms. Calhoun – Echo's all of the sentiments as shared by Ms. Harrison.

Mrs. Nash – Gave praise to the Wolverine Pathways program. Excited to hear about students out in the field, allowing them to see and hear things in the real world – all of the great things happening around the district to make school feel like real life to our students.

Ms. Guidry-Holmes – Shared her excitement for all of the great things the other students reported on as she was not aware of so much happening outside of Saginaw United.

Mrs. Seals – Ditto to all of the comments given. She stands in agreement with all of the great things being shared. She would like the teacher of the year to return for further board recognition.

Dr. Roberts – Applaud the staff for all of their hard work and for all of the work they are doing behind our students to get them to where they need be. Acknowledged the partnership with the union and recognized Dr. Foley for all of his hard work as well as Dr. Tran for leading the work with Mrs. Rethman and the union.

Dr. Coleman – Recognized Dr. Roberts for creating an excellent team. Highlighted what collective bargaining is all about.

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING(S)

There will be a Briefing Meeting on Wednesday, November 11, 2026 at 5:30 p.m., and an Action Meeting on Wednesday, November 18, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. The meetings will be held in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 550 Millard St Saginaw, MI 48607.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business, the Action Meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Recorded by: R. Cox