

School District of the City of Saginaw
MINUTES OF THE BOARD BRIEFING SESSION
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February 12, 2025

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 K. M. Rooker	Present
	Treasurer R. A. Knapp	Absent
	Trustee J. Calhoun	Absent
	Trustee J. Seals	Present
	Trustee M. Thompson	Present

Central Administration Staff:

Superintendent, Dr. R. Roberts	Present
Chief Financial Officer T. Johnson	Present

2. APPROVAL OF BRIEFING SESSION AGENDA

President Coleman asked board members if there were any additions or subtractions to the agenda. The agenda was approved as presented.

3. PRESENTATIONS

GPA Scale Change

Dr. Roberts called on Dr. Mit Foley to present the new updated grading scale and GPA calculation. Dr. Foley shared the updated grading scale and GPA calculation that we would like to implement the 2025-2026 school year. He shared this is in alignment with every other high school in the State. He also shared the normal and weighted GPA. Board members asked questions. This item will be on the Consent Agenda at the February 19, 2025 Action meeting.

Success Academy Diplomas

Dr. Foley shared a proposal to allow the Success Academy to become a diploma granting program. The academy would start granting diplomas to students in the 2025-2026 school year if the proposal is approved. Dr. Foley shared some students attend the academy who come from outside the school district and this would allow the academy to grant them a diploma. Board members asked questions. This item will be on the Consent Agenda at the February 19, 2025 Action meeting.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Finance Committee

January Financials

Dr. Roberts called on Ms. Johnson who reviewed the summary of the January Financial reports. Board members will email questions to Ms. Johnson. These items will be on the Consent Agenda at the February 19, 2025 Action meeting.

Policy and Curriculum

Mrs. Seals shared there will not be a meeting this month and may be not next month. She stated she spoke with Mr. Shelke and he said there are a few policies that we need to review. She also shared various topics she would like to discuss at the next Policy and Curriculum meeting.

Open Enrollment and Schools of Choice Timelines

Dr. Roberts reviewed the timelines for Open Enrollment and Schools of Choice for the 2025-2026 school year. Board members asked questions. These items will be on the Consent Agenda at the February 19, 2025 Action meeting.

Buildings and Grounds

Mrs. Nash shared there will be a meeting on Monday, February 17, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

Maintenance Equipment

Dr. Roberts called on Mr. Tim Furtaw to present maintenance equipment that is needed at Saginaw United High School. Mr. Furtaw shared due to the size of the building and the five floors and stairwells additional equipment is needed. The additional equipment will be purchased from Lansing Sanitary Supply, Inc. for \$62,799.75. Bond Funds will be used for this purchase.

Mr. Furtaw also presented a quote to purchase a John Deere Gator with Sprayer and Boom from John Deere for the amount of \$36,785.48. The equipment will be used to maintain the athletic turf on the football field at Saginaw United High School. Bond Funds will be used for this purchase.

Human Resources

Mrs. Thompson had no report.

City/County/School Liaison Committee

Dr. Roberts shared he and Tim Morales, City Manager have a meeting scheduled to discuss the new location in the City of Saginaw for the Saginaw High and Arthur Hill High School signage.

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Human Resources/Labor Relations Report

Dr. Roberts gave an overview of the Human Resources/Labor Relations report, which will be an item on the Consent Agenda at the February 19, 2025 Action meeting.

Strategic Plan Update

Dr. Roberts shared a flyer highlighting the dates for the Strategic Planning Process. The flyer list dates for the input sessions with students, staff and the community. Deb Macon from MASB will facilitate these sessions. There will be a QR code on the district website after the sessions are completed to allow individuals who were not able to attend the sessions to share input. The Strategic Plan Retreat will take place on Saturday, April 12, 2025. He said we will be polling board members for invitees to the Retreat.

6. PUBLIC/UNION COMMENTS

President Coleman called for Public and Union comments but there were none made.

7. FINAL BOARD COMMENTS

Mrs. Thompson – thanked Dr. Roberts and his staff for their hard work. She said, “we will get through this political stuff.” She thanked Handley School for educating and preparing her great-granddaughter well. Her great-granddaughter lives in Dallas, Texas now and the school she attends said she was educated well.

Mrs. Nash – shared relators are using our schools, the gifted and talented campuses as selling points to promote and sale housing in our area. She thanked Saginaw Middle School for the invitation to attend their

Black History Month Showcase Event. She said she will be attending. She also attended the Career Day at Merrill Park. She presented on Dog Training at the event.

Mr. Rooker – no comment.

Mrs. Seals – said she attend the National Poetry competition on Sunday and two (2) SASA students won the competition. She shared she is working with the community to stop the opening of any more marijuana facilities in our community. She is asking the City Council to put a cap/moratorium on marijuana facilities. She thanked Dr. Roberts for writing a letter in support of this initiative. She asked that the Board Chair also write a letter supporting this effort. Dr. Coleman asked board members if they were in support of him writing the letter and the board concurred.

Dr. Roberts – said he is always in favor of supporting great causes that benefit our students. Board members asked if we are tracking behavior related to exposure to drugs and their community. Dr. Roberts shared the tools the district used to track student behavior and surveys used. He also gave an update on construction projects.

President Coleman – shared this is Black History Month and he shared reflections pertaining to Black History Month.

8. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING(S)

There will be a Building and Grounds/Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting on Monday, February 17, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. and an Action Meeting on Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. The meetings will be held in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 550 Millard Street.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business, the Briefing Session was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Recorded by: C. Williams