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School District of the City of Saginaw
MINUTES OF THE BOARD ACTION MEETING
550 Millard Street • Saginaw, Michigan 48607 • 989-399-6500
October 15, 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. Rooker	Absent
	Treasurer R. A. Knapp	Present
	Trustee J. Calhoun	Present
	Trustee J. Seals	Present
	Trustee M. Thompson	Present

Student Member of the Board:

Tierra Pringle	Present
Diya Ramakrishnan	Present

Central Administration Staff:

Superintendent R. Roberts	Present
Deputy Superintendent T. Johnson	Present

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Dr. Coleman recommended that we make one alteration to the agenda with permission. He shared he would like to move item J from the Consent Agenda to 3D of the Presentations. Dr. Coleman asked if there were any objections to that, there were none.

A voice vote was taken with the following results.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 – Motion Carried

Dr. Coleman said that if there are no further adjustments, we will make these changes and follow the agenda as printed.

3. PRESENTATION

Student Ambassadors

Dr. Roberts called on each high school principal to introduce the Student Ambassadors. The students reported on school activities that were in their buildings for the month.

Motion

Moved by Mrs. Nash and supported by Mrs. Thompson that the Saginaw Board of Education move item D to the next presentation.

A voice vote was taken with the following results.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 – Motion Carried

Renaming the Saginaw Middle Gymnasium

Dr. Roberts shared information from the Monday, October 13, 2025, Policy meeting. He read Policy 7250 – Renaming a building, the reasoning for the recommendation, and the body of work of the employee who is being recommended. Dr. Roberts shared that he would like to recommend the renaming of Saginaw Middle School Gymnasium after Coach Marshall Thomas. He shared detailed information about his body of work as a teacher, administrator, counselor, and coach.

Dr. Roberts recommended renaming the Saginaw Middle School Gymnasium after Coach Marshall Thomas to the Marshall Thomas Gymnasium.

Dr. Coleman stated that the chair would move to adopt the recommendation to honor Coach “T”.

Motion

Moved by Mrs. Seals and supported by Mrs. Thompson, that the Saginaw Board of Education rename the Saginaw Middle School Gymnasium after Coach Marshall Thomas to the Marshall Thomas Gymnasium.

A voice vote was taken with the following results.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 – Motion Carried

Dr. Coleman shared that there will be a formal future program renaming the Gymnasium.

SEIU517M Tentative Agreement

Dr. Roberts called on Tiffany Pruitt to share details of the SEIU517M Tentative Agreement, the information in the Board Book. Ms. Pruitt shared the Union update regarding SEIU 517M, the Service Employees International Union that represents instructional aides, paraprofessionals, academic interventionists, and campus security. She shared there is a tentative agreement, was reached Saginaw Public Schools and the SEIU517M on October 9, 2025, for a successor agreement. Ms. Pruitt stated that the SEIU517M membership ratified the tentative agreement on Tuesday, October 14, 2025. She shared that the tentative agreement has been presented to Board Members for final approval to implement as the new collective bargaining agreement. Ms. Pruitt shared this impacts 150 active employees and the contract term is 3-years, 2025 through 2028. Ms. Pruitt answered questions from board members. This item will be on the Consent Agenda.

31a 2025-26 Budget

Dr. Roberts called Jennifer Nichols to share details of the 31a 2025-26 Budget items. He shared that at our previous meeting the 31a full budget was not presented, and tonight she will share information of the full allocation from the State and the remaining items in the budget. Mrs. Nichols shared information of the remaining amount of the 31a and is asking for approval of the remaining amount for the 31a 2025-26 Budget. She shared a summary of the grant to the Board on September 17, 2025, and it was approved on September 21, 2025. Mrs. Nichols said the remaining amount to be budgeted did increase due to the Senate Bill 166 for State aid for 31A-at-risk having an increase of funds. She shared the remaining budget presented tonight for approval in the amount of \$842, 493. Mrs. Nichols answered questions from the Board members. This will be on the Consent Agenda.

4. PUBLIC/UNION COMMENTS

President Coleman called for Public Comments and none were made.

Union Comments:

Andrea Rethman –SEA President with Kristy Weber, Vice President.

She shared that she is pleased to return to the meetings in person, while the representatives will continue to be informed virtually. Mrs. Rethman shared how the value of being present is to listen, engage, and show the success of the Saginaw Public Schools. She thanked the Board for the time to comment and appreciated their support.

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

SU Fieldhouse Wall of Fame Update

Dr. Roberts shared the update on the SU Fieldhouse Wall of Fame. He shared that we will recognize athletes in the Fieldhouse Hall of Fame, which is not yet complete. Dr. Roberts shared that this will be the historical information that the athletic departments of Saginaw High and Arthur Hill will share. He said the timeline for the information to be shared targets a completion date of Friday, December 5, 2025.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

President Coleman asked board members if there were any exceptions to the Consent Agenda. Ms. Knapp asked for Items "J & L" to be excepted.

The following motion was made.

Motion

Moved by Mrs. Nash and supported by Mrs. Seals that the Saginaw Board of Education accepts the Consent Agenda format with the requested exceptions.

A voice vote was taken with the following results.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 – Motion Carried

- A. Approve the Minutes for September 17, 2025, Briefing Meeting and the September 24, 2025, Action Meeting
- B. Approve the October 2025 Human Resources/Labor Relations Report
- C. Approve the September Financials
- D. Approve the Refunding Bond 2016 as presented on October 8, 2025.
- E. Approve the TMS PA System in the amount of \$104,250.43. General funds will be used.
- F. Approve the Denial of Reinstatement - Reference# RRCR-KM-09-2025
- G. Approve the Denial of Reinstatement - Reference# RRCR-KC-09-2025
- H. Approve the SEIU517M successor agreement as presented.
- I. Approve the 2025-2026 31a At-Risk remaining budget as presented in the total amount of \$842,493. 31a At-Risk funds will be used.
- ~~J. Per Policy 7250 Approve the renaming of the Saginaw Middle Gymnasium to Marshall Thomas Gymnasium.~~
- K. Approve the purchase of one new plow/salt truck for Facilities Grounds use through the State Mideal purchasing contract from Todd Wenzel Buick GMC for \$68,422.00. Capital Project Funds will be used.
- ~~L. Approve the Contract with Ameresco for engineering and professional services to begin equipment procurement and labor bids to update all facility lighting throughout the district, other than the buildings that were updated in the bond, for the guaranteed maximum price of \$2,136,530.00. General Funds will be used.~~

Motion

Moved by Ms. Knapp and supported by Mrs. Nash that the Saginaw Board of Education approve the Contract with Ameresco for engineering and professional services to begin equipment procurement and labor bids to update all facility lighting throughout the district, other than the buildings that were updated in the bond, for the guaranteed maximum price of \$2,136,530.00. General Funds will be used.

A voice vote was taken with the following results.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 – Motion Carried

- L. Approve the Contract with Ameresco for engineering and professional services to begin equipment procurement and labor bids to update all facility lighting throughout the district, other than the buildings that were updated in the bond, for the guaranteed maximum price of \$2,136,530.00. General Funds will be used.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Audit Dates

Dr. Coleman stated that the proposed dates for the Audit are Thursday, October 30, 2025, at 5 pm; Monday, November 3, 2025, at 6 pm; and Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at 5 pm. Dr. Roberts shared that Ms. Henderson can send those dates out to poll the Board Members to find a feasible date for that discussion and later share with Dr. Coleman.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance

Ms. Knapp shared that the Audit will be upcoming.

Policy & Curriculum

Mrs. Seals shared that there will be a Policy meeting in November and take recommendations the SMOB has given.

Buildings and Grounds

Mrs. Nash stated that most information was shared Monday at the meeting and/or on the Consent Agenda tonight.

Human Resources

Mrs. Thompson shared will be scheduling the date for the Superintendent's interim review.

City/School/County Liaison

Dr. Coleman shared that the next meeting is tomorrow, Thursday, November 16, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. He shared that there are several things to discuss, the Agenda and last meeting has been emailed to Board Members.

9. FINAL BOARD COMMENTS

Ms. Knapp - she shared that she is very pleased to seeing "Mr. Saginaw High" being honored in the manner of naming a facility where he spent the majority of his extracurricular life. Ms. Knapp stated it was nice seeing Coach T's family here tonight. She is pleased to see that we are completed with all of our contracts.

Ms. Ramankrishnan – no comment, but she is working on newsletter and sending out a google form to the students.

Ms. Calhoun – stated she would like to copy the comments stated about Coach T. She shared how honored she is to be able to be part of the approval process of that gym renaming. Ms. Calhoun said it was nice seeing the student ambassadors with all the exciting things going on. Great things for the District.

Mrs. Thompson – said she would like to thank Dr. Roberts and his staff. She shared how she had the privilege of working with Coach T at Saginaw High by volunteering for 40 years. She stated that he is a fantastic man and he has been a father figure and uncle to many students. Thank you.

Mrs. Nash – she shared how Coach T helped to mentor other administrators, and she benefited greatly from his guidance. Mrs. Nash also mentioned thank you to the student ambassadors who come and present to

the Board. She shared her excitement about the detailed information from each school, which gives a full report of District HS happenings. Mrs. Nash stated she is looking forward to the Hall of Fame and what that will bring. She shared that she is very proud to be part of the Saginaw Schools.

Ms. Pringle - shared how she attended a senior meeting during our previous meeting, and she was glad Ms. Little gave the report and is excited that the seniors wanted to have decorated parking spots and potentially decorate graduation caps. Ms. Pringle shared that she enjoyed the meeting tonight with the student ambassadors. She likes the idea of naming the Gym after a very prominent man in our community.

Mrs. Seals – she answered Ms. Pringle question, “What is Arthur Hill Tech”. She explain it was similar to SCC – “A Technical High School” an all boys school. Mrs. Seals shared that she thought she would see Coach T, and is glad to see his family. She said her son worked with Coach T and he was and still is a mentor for him. She stated the whole community was blessed by him. Mrs. Seals would like to remind everyone of the Saginaw Promise Event is tomorrow Thursday, October 16, 2025, at 11 am at the Horizons. There will be a panel speaking of the Medical Diamond in Saginaw. Mrs. Seals shared she enjoyed the recent SISD meeting the over at Jerome School.

Dr. Roberts – he shared the statement, “you get what you give”. He shared his memories of working beside Coach T as his mentor. He shared how he is proud to give back what he has given to so many people in the community, by recognizing that he is fantastic and appreciates the Board in supporting that initiative. He shared he will be looking forward to that ceremony and will invite the community. Dr. Roberts shared he would like to recognize Ms. Pruitt who received an award for her professional accomplishments today at SVSU from YMCA Great Lakes Bay Region. He shared how he is proud of our SMOB and Student Ambassadors and taking how they are engaged in our process. Dr. Roberts shared how SMOB and Board members are taking information for our leaders and running with the baton. He shared he is really enjoying our SMOB being a part of the Board.

Dr. Coleman - said that is nice to hear from the organized labor teams. He shared it is recognizing that we are working together. He said our goal is to create the best possible citizens of this nation that we can through education. Dr. Coleman shared he was proud of the SMOB at the dinner the other night; the other Districts were impressed. He said thank you to Dr. Roberts and your team, thank you so much. Kudos to the Board, Dr. Roberts, and his team.

10. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING(S)

There will be a Liaison Meeting on Thursday, October 16, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Administration Building, 550 Millard Street, Saginaw, MI, 48607.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business, the Action Meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Recorded by: K. Henderson