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School District of the City of Saginaw
MINUTES OF THE BOARD BRIEFING SESSION
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August 13, 2025

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

1. ATTENDANCE

Board of Education:	President C. Coleman	Absent
	Vice President J. Nash	Present
	Secretary K. M. Rooker	Absent
	Treasurer R. A. Knapp	Present
	Trustee J. S. Calhoun	Present
	Trustee J. Seals	Present
	Trustee M. Thompson	Absent
Central Administration Staff:		
	Superintendent R. Roberts	Present
	Deputy Superintendent T. Johnson	Present

2. APPROVAL OF BRIEFING SESSION AGENDA

Vice President Janet Nash asked Board Members if there were any additions or subtractions to the agenda. Mrs. Seals recommends that we adjust the agenda to include a Presentation item, “3D” introduction of New Staff. Mrs. Nash asked the Board Members, if they agreed to move item six to item three.

Mrs. Nash asked if there were any other changes, additions, or deletions to the agenda. She said she will approve the agenda as presented.

3. PRESENTATIONS

Behavior Technician Contract

Dr. Roberts called on Mrs. Rachel Reid, the new Executive Director of Student Services, to present the Behavior Technician Contract. Mrs. Reid shared detailed information regarding the Behavior Technician Contract, which is an agency that supports students with ASD and other deficiencies. She shared that the Behavior Technician Contract is a new company, Solant Staffing Contract, for \$715,500. General Funds will be used. This item will be on the Consent Agenda for approval next week.

Grant Funds Presentation

Dr. Roberts called on Mrs. Jennifer Nichols to share information on the Grant Funds Presentation. Mrs. Nichols shared detailed information regarding the Consolidated Application Funds and Timeline. She shared that the Title funds that were previously being withheld would be released. Mrs. Nichols also shared that applications will be submitted prior to the requested date by the US Department of Education.

Dual Enrollment Programs

Dr. Roberts shares that students have the opportunity to participate in Dual Enrollment opportunities at our high schools. He shared that there are several new dual enrollment programs that are offered in the 2025-26 School year. He called on Dr. Foley to share information regarding the Dual Enrollment Program at SUHS and SASA. Dr. Foley shared a brief presentation on Dual Enrollment, which allows students to enroll in high school and college simultaneously to reduce time and cost toward a degree. SPSPD will work with Delta College, SVSU, Delta, and National Equality Lab (Harvard, Stanford, Brown, Columbia, Georgetown, Morehouse, Arizona State, and Wesleyan University).

Introduction of New Principals

Dr. Roberts introduced the newly selected Administrators for the upcoming year. He introduced the new principals, Dr. Johnathan Gould at Handley, Mr. Jason Laporte at TMS, Mrs. Julie Kolobaric at TMS, and Mrs. Arshen Baldwin at SUHS.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Finance

July 2025 Financials

Ms. Knapp shared that Ms. Johnson sent out the financials. If you have any questions, a Buildings and Grounds/Finance Committee of the Whole meeting will be held on Monday, August 18, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. Please email or have questions ready for Ms. Johnson to answer. These items will be on the Consent Agenda on Wednesday, August 20, 2025.

Policy and Curriculum

Mrs. Seals stated there was a Policy and Curriculum meeting on Monday, August 11, 2025. She shared that there was a discussion about the Attendance Policy and the Clear Book Bag that is being recommended.

Attendance Policy Recommendation 2025-2026

Dr. Foley presented the Attendance Policy Recommendation 2025-2026. He shared detailed information to align with Board Policy 5200, which recommends that the school district ensure regular on-time attendance is essential for student achievement. He asked the Board to approve the Attendance Policy Recommendation 2025-2026.

Clear Bookbag Presentation

Dr. Foley provided details of the Clear Bookbag Policy that he implemented for SUHS last year. He would like to create a mandatory Clear Bookbag for SUHS, SMS, and TMS. Dr. Foley stated that the main goal and purpose of the policy are to enhance student safety and create a focused learning environment, aligning with best practices. This is also efficient in terms of time, and a massive number of students are entering at the same time in the morning.

Building and Grounds

Mrs. Nash asked Dr. Roberts and Mr. Tim Furtaw to share and present the items on the agenda. Dr. Roberts called Mr. Furtaw to share informational updates on the Capital Projects.

Capital Projects

Mr. Furtaw stated that the Capital Project Budget will replace two new commercial lawn mowers to replacing a 1998 mower and a mower in the shop to be replaced which will cost \$30,508.46 from Hoffman, which is under the threshold. He shared Dave's Glass had replaced the main entrance doors at Success Academy with \$28,500.00. Mr. Furtaw shared Quality Asphalt will seal and stripe Loomis parking lot for \$14,800.00. Information is in the Board Book for Capital Projects.

Human Resources

No report.

City/County/School Liaison Committee

Dr. Coleman shared that the Liaison Committee will meet on Thursday, October 16, 2025, and will be hosted by the county.

5. PUBLIC/UNION COMMENTS

Vice President Mrs. Nash called for Public Comments.

Mr. Brodie Killian, Director of PFM Financial Advisors LLC, works for the District's Municipal Bond Advisor. He is new and wanted to introduce his self to the Board Members and Dr. Roberts.

Union Comments, there were none made.

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Human Resources/Labor Relations Report

Dr. Roberts shared the August Human Resources/Labor Relations Report and answered Board questions. This will be on the Consent Agenda.

Organizational Chart 2025-26

Dr. Roberts also shared the updated Organizational Chart for 2025-26. He shared the updated departmental Executive Director for Student Services, who is Rachel Reid. Dr. Roberts stated that Mrs. Reid will oversee Gifted and Talented Programming and Student Support, working alongside two Directors. Mrs. Yaple for Director of Elementary, Special Education, and we will hire a Director of Secondary, and two Supervisors for Compliance and Behavior (IDEA). This is funded through the ISD and their Employees. Dr. Roberts said we will have two new executive directors: Bob Johnson, who will focus on Communication, Marketing, and Public Relations, and Mrs. Karp, Executive Principal, who will primarily focus on the Partnership Schools to raise student scores and achievements in those schools. He said Mrs. Karp is paid out of the Regional Assistant Grant State funds.

7. FINAL BOARD COMMENTS

Ms. Knapp – no comment

Ms. Calhoun - said she is very excited about what is going on in the district. The team is doing a good job.

Mrs. Seals – said she was excited about seeing the Field house today. She stated she will be excited for the community to see the Field House as well. Mrs. Seals said she is excited about the students taking these expanded courses this school year. She shared how excited she is about the program

for autistic students; it is a good thing that we have made a change. She said it was nice meeting all the new principals. Mrs. Seals shared that the Saginaw Promise Annual Event will take place on October 16, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at the Horizon Center. She shared that it will be about the Medical Diamond and Dr. Roberts, Dr. Shaheen, Tim Morales, John Corishenski, and Senator Ken Horn will be on the panel discussion, and Art Lewis is the Moderator. Mrs. Seals stated that the Saginaw Promise Scholarship benefit helps the Saginaw Public Schools (\$1.3 million). We have 179 students this year who have qualified for the Promise.

Dr. Roberts – no comment

Mrs. Nash - shared that she attended the Open House at the newly remodeled Jerome Elementary School at the ISD with Dr. Collier. She shared that they will have 3–5-year-olds in their Early Childhood Education Program, along with 2-year-olds. The Facility is beautiful! Mrs. Nash shared that the SUHS Athletic Complex is very nice. She shared SASA is welcoming in their a new space that was completed in construction as well. Mrs. Nash also shared she is excited for Open Session this upcoming Monday and for district-wide staff to return for a new school year.

8. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING(S)

Vice President Mrs. Nash announced that there will be a Buildings and Grounds Meeting of the whole on Monday, August 18, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., and a Board Action Meeting on Wednesday, August 20, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting 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 7:37 p.m.

Recorded by: K. Henderson