

School District of the City of Saginaw
MINUTES OF THE BOARD BRIEFING SESSION
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May 14, 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	Present
	Trustee K. J. Calhoun	Present
	Trustee J. Seals	Present
	Trustee M. Thompson	Present
Central Administration Staff:		
	Superintendent R. Roberts	Present
	Deputy Superintendent T. Johnson	Present

2. APPROVAL OF BRIEFING SESSION AGENDA

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

3. PRESENTATIONS

SASA Honor Robotics

Dr. Roberts shared information about SASA Honor Robotics winning a championship. Dr. Roberts called on Mrs. Reid, principal of SASA, to share details of the winners of the Honor Robotics 5193 Team. Mrs. Reid continued to share and later introduced each student and the coaches to the Board Members and Dr. Roberts.

Student Member of the Board Process

Dr. Roberts called on Dr. Foley to share an overview of the Student Member Board process, which will involve students as part of the Board for the 2025-26 School year. Dr. Foley shared detailed information and key aspects of the Student Member of the Board handbook for students interested in becoming a member of the Board. Dr. Foley continued to share and answer questions from Board Members.

Saginaw ISD Budget

Dr. Roberts called on David Smith from SISD to share information on the FY 2025-26 School Year Budget. David Smith, Saginaw ISD's Executive Director of Finance, presented the preliminary ISD 2025-26 budget. He stated that, according to Public Act 234 of 2004, the ISD must provide the general fund budget for the subsequent year to constituent districts for approval. David Smith continued to summarize the information and answered Board Members' questions. The SISD preliminary general fund budget for FY 2025-2026 will be presented to the full Board and placed on the Consent Agenda for approval.

Budget Revision Presentation

Dr. Roberts called on Tamara Johnson to share information on the Budget Revision Presentation, which was shared in Board Book. Ms. Johnson gave a brief overview of the Data. She stated a revision will be uploaded as soon as she finishes presenting. Ms. Johnson answered questions from board members. This will be placed on next week's Consent Agenda for approval.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Finance Committee

Ms. Johnson shared the Financial Reports of the April 2025 EFT Report and the Report of Claims. Ms. Johnson answered questions from board members. These items will be placed on next week's Consent Agenda for approval.

Ms. Knapp requested the dates of the Budget Presentation, Public Hearing, and Budget Adoption for June. Dr. Roberts will give recommendations for dates next week.

Policy and Curriculum

Mrs. Seals stated that there are three Policies on hold, and we will need to follow up to ensure those are still on hold. Dr. Roberts will confirm with Mrs. Jessica Patman and Mr. Don Schelke regarding our current policies and his recommendations.

Buildings and Grounds

Mrs. Nash shared that there is no report; the meeting was cancelled.

Human Resources

Mrs. Thompson shared that there is no report.

Liaison Committee

Dr. Coleman shared that the “Hot Times” booklet is in the process of being published. He stated that hard copies will be available and on the City’s website, and they will soon be added to the County and Board websites, featuring a QR Code. Dr. Coleman and Dr. Roberts shared the planned location of “Iconic Memorabilia” for Saginaw High School and Arthur Hill High School: the Lumberjack statue and the SHS name I-Beam.

5. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Human Resources/Labor Relations Report

Dr. Roberts gave a summary of the Human Resources/Labor Relations report. This item will be on the Consent Agenda for approval.

6. PUBLIC/UNION COMMENTS

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

7. FINAL BOARD COMMENTS

Mrs. Seals - said that she enjoyed the students from SASA and them receiving their commendations. Mrs. Seals shared that she attended a scholarship program of a SHS alumni’s business, Office Designs Solutions, last night which presented four scholarships worth \$2500 each, laptops, and a gift. She also stated she is looking forward to the students being selected who will be sitting at the Board Table this upcoming Fall.

Mr. Rooker – said it was nice seeing the Senior SASA and SUHS Senior Banners, and he said congratulations to the graduates. Mr. Rooker said, great job to the SASA Robotics. He shared that it will be nice to see the students on the Board. Mr. Rooker said thank you to Mrs. Johnson, kudos for your work.

Mrs. Nash – said she give the same sentiments as the other Board Members regarding students that presented tonight. Mrs. Nash congratulated Michael Baldwin on receiving the Gates Scholarship from SUHS and Nicholas Foundation Awards, and the students going to Germany, and the Robotics Competition, the theater accolades, and the band that performed in the Cinco De Mayo Parade. She said it is nice to see the students and staff in a positive light on our social media.

Mrs. Thompson – said she thanked Dr. Roberts and the staff for their hard work.

Ms. Calhoun - said she echoes other Board Members comments. Ms. Calhoun congratulated the individuals Dr. Coleman, Mrs. Seals, Mr. Rooker and Ms. Knapp, and the SPSD Board was recognized at the MASB Awards as a whole Board.

Ms. Knapp – shared she attended the Turnaround Awards and seven/eight of our students of middle and high School received awards. Ms. Knapp also attended the Stand Up Awards and each high seniors received scholarship for the past 15 years. She thanked Danny Hughes for administrating the awards. Ms. Knapp also shared the Class of 2025 High School banners are up.

Dr. Roberts – thanked Dan Hughes, Hughes-Robinson Financial, family and staff for providing our students with gifts and scholarships. He also thanked Pride for working with us for getting the Banners up in the city with the help from Local 85. Dr.

Roberts said congratulations to all the Board Members who received the awards and the individuals who received them at the Saginaw County MASB Awards. Dr. Roberts shared the SPSP Art Exhibit will be at the Ballroom SVRC Marketplace May 18-26, 2025.

President Coleman – said kudos to Dr. Roberts and his staff. ISD has given SPSP complements to our staff which is well deserving of the work she does. Dr. Coleman said thank you to the McKether Scholarship Program giving back. He said congratulations to the SASA Robotics Team, Art Show at the Fashion Square Mall students are doing awesome work. Dr. Coleman mentioned the hardest event to attend will be held next week, where we will be having a Retirement Dinner program.

8. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING(S)

President Coleman announced there will be an Action Meeting on Wednesday, May 21, 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 7:38 p.m.

Recorded by: K. Henderson