

# DRAFT

School District of the City of Saginaw  
**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING**  
550 Millard Street • Saginaw, Michigan 48607 • 989-399-6500  
January 26, 2026

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President Coleman called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

## 1. ATTENDANCE

<b>Board of Education:</b>	President C. Coleman	Present
	Vice President J. Nash	Present
	Secretary V. Harrison	Present
	Treasurer R. A. Knapp	Present
	Trustee J. Calhoun	Present
	Trustee J. Seals	Present

### Central Administration Staff:

Superintendent R. Roberts	Present
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## 2. OTHER – INTERVIEW CANDIDATES

Dr. Coleman called on each candidate to enter at a selected time. Mrs. Seals recommended that the Board divide the 14 questions evenly among the Board members, ensuring each member receives a balanced set of questions.

Dr. Coleman gathered the Board and Dr. Roberts' opinions, and they will narrow the candidates to the top three and announce them to the public if the outcome reflects the results. Dr. Coleman also shared that they will start with question #1 with Mrs. Seals and go around the table, and everyone will have two questions.

Each candidate was greeted and welcomed to the Board Room by the Superintendent and introduced to the Board Members. They were seated for the Special Meeting- Interviews for the Board Vacancy. There will be a brief 10-minute break between each candidate, during which the Board members will tally the scores.

The results were:

5:15 p.m. - 1st Candidate Lula Woodward  
5:45 p.m. - 2nd Candidate Khadijah Murrell  
6:15 p.m. - 3rd Candidate Connie Johnson  
6:45 p.m. - 4th Candidate Alison Reed  
7:15 p.m. - 5th Candidate Janae T. Bady  
7:45 p.m. - Deliberation

Dr. Coleman thanked each candidate for taking the time to interview with us.

### DELIBERATION OF CANDIDATES

President Coleman shared that Ms. Harrison will provide the cumulative total for each candidate interviewed.

Lula Woodward - 275 points  
Khadijah Murrell – 175 points  
Connie Johnson – 268 points  
Alison Reed – 255 points  
Janae T. Bady – 334 points

### Motion

Moved by Mrs. Nash and supported by Ms. Calhoun, that Dr. Janae Bady has received the highest score, that this Board should appoint her to be seated as a Trustee at the next official Board meeting.

A Voice call vote was taken on the motion. The results were as follows:

AYES: 6      NAYS: 0    Motion carried.

**3. PUBLIC/UNION COMMENT**

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

**4. FINAL COMMENT**

Ms. Knapp - said that it was nice to be part of this meeting in person.

Ms. Harrison - said glad the candidates applied for the position to serve on the school board.

Ms. Calhoun – she agrees with the other comments, and is excited to work with Dr. Bady.

Mrs. Nash - said she is pleased that the community that received so many strong applicants would honor Mr. Rooker for his position. Mrs. Nash shared how she believes Dr. Bady will be a great Board Member.

Mrs. Seals - said it was nice to have younger and educated people who applied at this time to interview. She thanked all the candidates for applying.

Dr. Roberts - no comment

Dr. Coleman – He shared that it is important to know we are a team. Dr. Bady will bring unique contributions. Dr. Coleman again thanked the candidates, the Board, Dr. Roberts, and his team.

**5. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING(S)**

There will be a Briefing Session and Committee of the Whole on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., and Buildings and Grounds and Finance Committee of the Whole on Monday, February 16, 2026, at 5:00 p.m., an Action Meeting on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. The meetings will be held in the Board Room at the Administration Building, 550 Millard Street, Saginaw, MI, 48607.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

On motion, the Special Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Recorded by: K. Henderson