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School District of the City of Saginaw
MINUTES OF THE BOARD ACTION MEETING
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September 24, 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 J. Calhoun	Absent
	Trustee J. Seals	Present
	Trustee M. Thompson	Present
Student Member of the Board:		
	Tierra Pringle	Present
	Diya Ramankrishnan	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.

3. PRESENTATION

Student Ambassadors

Dr. Roberts called on each high school principal to introduce the Student Ambassadors. The students reported on school activities and activities that were held in other buildings.

Student Members of the Board

Dr. Roberts called on each Student Member of the Board to introduce themselves and share their students' reports and suggestions from their fellow students in their buildings.

Tierra Pringle, a senior, SMOB representing Saginaw United High School. She shared information gathered from students regarding stricter rules on bullying and fighting. Ms. Pringle shared that there were concerns about the number of lunch options. She also mentioned students desire more school spirit activities that build pride and unity within the school community. She said the senior class would like to decorate graduation caps to express individuality and celebrate their achievements. Ms. Pringle thanked the Board and her Principal, Mr. Gordon, for allowing her to voice the opinion of her made classmates.

Diya Ramankrishnan, a junior, SMOB representing Saginaw Arts and Science Academy. She shared information from students regarding lunches and dietary restrictions. Ms. Ramankrishnan stated that there is a desire for more senior activities for students to build connections. She shared that

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more clubs are starting at the SASA, including Chemistry, STEM, and MIT Competitions, with the History Club coming soon. Ms. Ramankrishnan said she would bring more things to share, and thanked the Board for allowing her to share.

Dr. Coleman asked Student Ambassadors to take pictures with the SMOB for the website.

Library Board 2025

Dr. Roberts called on the Library Board representative. Dr. Chris Giroux introduced himself as the candidate for the Library Board. He shared detailed information about himself. Dr. Giroux expresses his desire to be the next member of the Library board. This will be on the Consent Agenda today.

Middle Cities Workers' Compensation Group Resolution

Dr. Roberts shared a resolution for Middle Cities Workers' Compensation Group. He shared that the two items in Board Book are the actual resolution, and the second is an example of when the last resolution was read and passed in 2017. Dr. Roberts shared that a representative from Middle City reached out him via email and said we need an updated resolution. Dr. Roberts noted that Middle Cities is for liability, it covers the District for liability across the board for property and employees. He stated that Middle Cities handles workers' compensation insurance, which has to be done annually. Dr. Coleman read the Resolution. This will be on the Consent Agenda tonight.

Motion

The following motion was made.

Moved by Mrs. Nash and supported by Mrs. Thompson, that the Saginaw Board of Education will accept the resolution for the Middle Cities Worker as presented.

A roll call voice vote was taken with the following results.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 – Motion Carried

MASB 2025 - Selection of Delegates and Alternates

Dr. Coleman shared information regarding the MASB selection of delegates and alternates. He called on recommendations and offered to those interested in attending.

Joyce Seals, Kevin Rooker, Janet Nash, and Mattie Thompson were selected as delegates. Dr. Charles Coleman, Jasmine Calhoun, and Joyce Seals will serve as alternates.

Motion

The following motion was made.

Moved by Mrs. Nash and supported by Mr. Rooker, that the Saginaw Board of Education will accept the resolution for the MASB Certification for delegates and alternates as presented.

A voice vote was taken with the following results.

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Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 – Motion Carried

4. PUBLIC/UNION COMMENTS

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

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Professional Development Calendar

Dr. Roberts called on Ms. Jennifer Nichols to share the Professional Development Calendar for the 2025-26 school year. Mrs. Nichols gave detailed information on the district calendar and answered the Board Members' questions. This will be on the Consent Agenda.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

President Coleman asked board members if there were any exceptions to the Consent Agenda.

The following motion was made.

Motion

Moved by Ms. Knapp and supported by Mrs. Seals, that the Saginaw Board of Education adopt the Consent Agenda as amended.

A voice vote was taken with the following results.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 – Motion Carried

- A. Approve the Minutes for the August 13 Briefing Session and August 20, 2025, Action Meeting.
- B. Approve the Unaudited June Financials and August Financials as presented.
- C. Approve the 2025-2026 Consolidated Application for the Title 1 Budget as presented on September 17, 2025.
- D. Approve the 2025-2026 31a Budget as presented on September 17, 2025.
- E. Approve the Library Board as presented.
- ~~F. Approve the MASB 2025 – Selection of Delegates and Alternates.~~
- G. Approve the Middle Cities Worker's Compensation Group Resolution
- ~~H. Approve the Professional Development Calendar~~
- I. Approve the SCC Contracts for the 2025-26 School Year: Cosmetology - Bayshire Beauty Academy, HVAC and Welding Technology with Plumbers and Steamfitters Local #85, Hoyt Nursing Agreements.
- J. Approve the September 2025 Human Resources/Labor Relations Report

The following motion was made to remove from consent due to their having already voted, and the other was information only.

- F. Approve the MASB 2025 - Selection of Delegates and Alternates.
- H. Approve the Professional Development Calendar

7. NEW BUSINESS

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Mrs. Seals shared the SMOB comment regarding having input on food at the high schools. She asked Dr. Roberts to coordinate with the food service staff and facilitate the focus group. Mrs. Seals recommended making the policy visible to help students recognize and understand it.

Mrs. Nash asked Dr. Roberts to share more about Free and Reduced Lunch. He shared that things are still the same right now, but negotiations are going on in Lansing.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance

Ms. Knapp shared that the Education Budget was supposed to be signed by September 30, 2025, and is waiting for a response from the State.

Policy and Curriculum

Mrs. Seals stated no report. Mrs. Nash shared that the Federal Blue Ribbon Programs have been shut down. Hopefully, we can apply through the State, or we won't be able to do it for SUHS.

Buildings and Grounds – Mrs. Nash

Mrs. Nash stated she has nothing to share besides highlighting the October 3, 2025, Ribbon Cutting at SUHS for the Fieldhouse. Dr. Roberts shared that we will be cutting the Ribbon and having a tour of the Athletic Center at 5:30 pm on Friday, October 3, 2025. He stated it will be the 1st game for SUHS on the new fieldhouse.

Human Resources - M. Thompson

Mrs. Thompson said she would meet with Dr. Roberts regarding the mid-year evaluation and share a date.

City/County/School Liaison - C. Coleman

Dr. Coleman shared that there will be a meeting on Thursday, October 16, 2025, at 5:30 pm. Please bring or share any items to discuss for the agenda.

9. FINAL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Seals – shared that it is nice to hear the Student Ambassadors speak and all they do to impact the community. Mrs. Seals would like to remind everyone that the Saginaw Promise Luncheon is on October 16, 2025, at 11 am -1 pm at the Horizon Conference Center, and will discuss the Medical Diamond. We are inviting 20 students to accompany SMOB and the Board Members at our Tables.

Ms. Pringle - said she liked hearing from the Student Ambassadors, and this was new to her. It was nice hearing about what other schools are doing, which will allow her to implement in her HS. Thanks for allowing me to speak.

Mr. Rooker - said that he thanked the new SMOB for coming to the Board, and it is going to be fantastic. He shared that it is always great to see the student Ambassadors. Mr. Rooker shared that there are ways to contact the State by going to senate.michigan.gov and adding a zip code or visiting legislator.mi.gov.

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Mrs. Nash – she shares that she loves the student ambassadors' presentations and their connection to the real world. She said she would like to congratulate Dr. Chris Giroux on the seat on the Library Board.

Mrs. Thompson – said thank you to Dr. Roberts and his staff. Mrs. Thompson would like to thank the Board Members for their excellent comments. Thank you again.

Ms. Ramankrishnan – said she enjoyed hearing about all the various discussions that took place. It was nice hearing from the Student Ambassadors as well as their overview of each school. Ms. Ramankrishnan shared SASA has a Key Club focused on volunteering and service.

Ms. Knapp – said that the NAACP Banquet is on Sunday, September 28, 2025. She named some honorees, including Rhonda Butler, Thelma Ruffin, Theresa Stitt, Joshua McMillan, and Jasmine Calhoun. Ms. Knapp shared the upcoming Christmas Parade. It is the 50th Anniversary this year. There will be a school involvement and a best school entry prize. The reviewing stand is sponsored by SPSPD.

Dr. Roberts - shared that he initially doubted we would improve as a team of eight, but now that we are a team of ten, he believes we have made progress. He shared that he likes the perspective of SMOB, and it will help our school district better meet the needs of the 21st-century future. He shared that he is proud of the change.

Dr. Coleman - said he thanked Dr. Roberts for the efforts he put into the District. Dr. Coleman said that tonight was great in adding our SMOB. He would like to take a moment to remember Mayor Wilmer Jones Ham and applaud the District and Community for their support.

10. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING(S)

President Coleman announced there will be a Briefing Session/Committee of the Whole Meeting on Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.; an Action Meeting on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.; and a Liaison Meeting on Thursday, October 16, 2025. The meetings will be held in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 550 Millard Street.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business, the Action Meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Recorded by: K. Henderson