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School District of the City of Saginaw
MINUTES OF THE BOARD BRIEFING SESSION
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September 17, 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	Present
	Trustee J. Seals	Present
	Trustee M. Thompson	Present
Student Member of the Board:	Tierra Pringle	Present
	Diya Ramankrishnan	Present
	Iesha Little	In the audience
	Riya Patel	In the audience
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.

Ms. Knapp suggested that the Board Members approve the Comments from the Board before the Closed session, allowing the student members to share their comments before they are dismissed. Dr. Coleman shared that it was moved and supported, without any objections. He shared that we will move forward with the agenda.

3. PRESENTATIONS

Summer School Presentation

Dr. Roberts called on Dr. Tran to give an overview of the Elementary Summer School programs. Dr. Tran shared PowerPoint presentations highlighting some of the summer program's key achievements for Jumping in Kindergarten and Elementary, including summer school and field trips. She answered questions from Board Members.

Dr. Roberts called on Dr. Foley to share the Secondary Summer School report. Dr. Foley provided a brief overview of the Secondary Summer for Summer Bridge, Middle, and High School Summer Program. He presented PowerPoint presentations highlighting some of the program's key achievements. Dr. Foley answered questions from Board Members and shared information in the Board Book.

Consolidated Application

Dr. Roberts called on Mrs. Nichols to share information pertaining to the Consolidated Application, which includes the Federal Funding and Title, State Funds, and the 31A At-Risk Budget (State). He

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shared that the Consolidated Application must be submitted to the Michigan Department of Education for approval so that we can receive our anticipated Federal Funding.

Mrs. Nichols shared a general overview of the allocations made to us each year and the Carryover amounts available, if signed. Mrs. Nichols shared details of the budgets in the grant application, which have not yet been guaranteed for Titles I, II, and III. She is requesting that Board Members approve the Carryover and Amendment budget, as well as the 31A Budget, and the State Budget. She said the Title 1 funds budget has been approved for the Part 1 budget only. Mrs. Nichols also shared additional information and attached a budget sheet, which is attached in the Board Book. She shared detailed information on the Consolidated Application Grant; Title 1 for Improving Basic Programs is \$9,536,460. Mrs. Nichols shared that Title 2 is Supporting Effective Instruction for \$547,328. She shared that Title III is for Language Instruction for English Learners, at \$15,342, and Title IV is for Student Support and Academic Enrichment, at \$633,302. Mrs. Nichols shared that we have allocated \$95,349 for Parent Engagement within the building's budget. She shared some additional information, including administrative costs of \$4,200, \$1,500 in supplies, and \$16,590 in training and conferences. Mrs. Nichols shared the estimated allocation and 31 at-risk funds, totaling \$7 million, based on the Michigan School Business Officials. She shared the estimated carryover amount of \$1,999,783. She requested the amount of \$8,999,000,783, which is attached for review. She answered questions from Board Members. This item will be on the Consent Agenda for next week.

SCC Contracts

Dr. Roberts called on Mr. Ben Leal, principal at the Saginaw Career Complex, to present the SCC Contractors for the 2025-26 school year. Mr. Ben Leal shared the following contracts.

- Welding - Local 85 Agreement
- HVAC - Local 85 Agreement
- Cosmetology - Bayshire Beauty Academy Agreement
- Hoyt Nursing Home Contract

Mr. Ben Leal shared the collaboration with the variety of programs this year with SCC. He shared that these programs will follow the same format as previous year contracts. He answered questions from Board Members. This item will be on the Consent Agenda for next week.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Finance Committee

Unaudited June Financials and August Financials

Ms. Knapp called on Dr. Roberts and Ms. Johnson, who shared the unaudited June and August Financials. Board members will email questions to Ms. Johnson. These items will be on the Consent Agenda at the September 25, 2025, Action meeting.

Policy and Curriculum

Mrs. Seals stated there would not be a meeting this month or next month. We are waiting on Neola to share information. She requested data from NWEA comparing students who attended summer school with those who did not, including the summer assessment results.

Buildings and Grounds

Mrs. Nash and Dr. Roberts stated there were no items for Buildings and Grounds for this week.

Human Resources

Mrs. Thompson said Dr. Roberts would share a date for his evaluation. Dr. Roberts shared that there

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will be mid-year dates for December.

Liaison Committee

Dr. Coleman shared that the Liaison Committee will meet on Thursday, October 16, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held here at the Saginaw Board of Education, and the County will be hosting.

5. 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.

6. PUBLIC/UNION COMMENTS

President Coleman called for Public comments, and the following was made:

Ebony Jones - is the owner of Ebony Elevate Beauty School. She commented on SCC Contracts. She would like the Board to consider upcoming opportunities for students to have options for a different beauty school.

Danyell Watkins - shared that she is a parent of a student at SUHS and supports Ebony Elevate Beauty School. She believes this would be a valuable experience for the students and hopes the Board will consider Ebony Elevates as a viable option for them. She thanked the Board Members.

Dr. Coleman called for Union Comments, and the following was made:

Client Bryant - shared that he was present to represent SEIU 517 M and to provide detailed information on the sentiments of some union members regarding their situation.

Dr. Coleman called on the Student Member of the Board to comment. Each SMOB, Tierra Pringle, Diya Ramankrishnan, Iesha Little, and Riya Patel, introduced themselves and shared information about their background and interests. Dr. Coleman, Board Members, and Dr. Roberts welcomed them to the Board.

7. CLOSED BOARD — Personnel Discipline

Dr. Coleman shared that there is a closed session for Personnel Discipline.

Motion

Moved by Mrs. Nash, with support from Mrs. Thompson, that the board go into Closed Session for the purpose of the Personnel Discipline.

A roll call vote was taken. The results were as follows:

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 - Motion carried.

Board members entered into a Closed Session at 7:42 p.m.

8. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

Dr. Coleman entertained a motion to reconvene the Briefing Session.

Motion

Moved by Ms. Knapp, with support from Ms. Thompson, to reconvene the Briefing Session and

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approve the Closed Session minutes.

A roll vote was taken with the following results.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 – Motion Carried

9. FINAL BOARD COMMENTS

Mrs. Seals – said she is excited about the SMOB and the great reports on our summer schools. She expressed her gladness that the District will collaborate with other community summer programs to compare data. Mrs. Seals would like to remind everyone that the Saginaw Promise is on October 16, 2025, and discuss the Medical Diamond.

Mrs. Nash – no comment.

Mrs. Thompson – said she was pleased with how the superintendent is moving the district. She shared that she is really excited about the SMOB. She said, great job, Dr. Roberts and staff.

Ms. Knapp – no comment.

Dr. Roberts – said going forward, we will have a place for the SMOB to speak and have a student voice and remarks.

President Coleman – said he is excited about the growth of the Board and bringing students to the table. He shared that we will be celebrating the life of the former Mayor Jones Ham on Friday, September 19, 2025. Dr. Coleman shared she contributed to the city as a teacher, and a Community Leader offering scholarships to the students for higher education. He thank the Board Members for all their work.

10. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING(S)

President Coleman announced there would be an Action Meeting on Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. The meetings will be held in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 550 Millard Street.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business, the Briefing Session was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

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