

School District of the City of Saginaw
MINUTES OF THE BOARD ACTION MEETING
550 Millard Street • Saginaw, Michigan 48607 • 989-399-6500
March 19, 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	Absent
	Secretary K. M. Rooker	Present
	Treasurer R. A. Knapp	Present
	Trustee 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 AGENDA

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

3. PRESENTATION

Michael Baldwin Presentation

Dr. Roberts and Mr. Gordon recognized Michael Baldwin a student at Saginaw United High School for winning the MHSAA State Wrestling Championship. Dr. Roberts presented him with a plaque which acknowledged his Division 1, 175 lb., MHSAA State Wrestling Championship, and the 1st State Champion for Saginaw United High School, which will be the first in their memory "Hall of Fame". Dr. Roberts also recognized his mother, Ms. Arshen Baldwin. Michael Baldwin thanked everyone and said this feels amazing.

Student Ambassadors

Dr. Roberts called on each high school principal to introduce the Student Ambassadors. The students gave a report on activities in their schools.

HELP Partnership

Dr. Roberts called on Dr. Foley who shared an invaluable partnership between Saginaw Public Schools and the community organization HELP. Dr. Foley shared a power point highlighting the purpose of HELP which stands for "Healing Engagement Love and Presence," it is a community intervention program. Dr. Foley introduced Mr. Kareem Bowen who is one of the founders of the organization. Their mission is to empower families and communities, particularly those affected by violence.

National Ed Equity Lab Partnership

Dr. Roberts shared he has been researching dual enrollment and specifically allowing our students to gain college credits while in high school. He stated the National Ed Equity Lab allows our students to have dual enrollment in college and universities across the country at a reasonable price. Dr. Foley shared this is an exciting opportunity for our students to expand their college access. He said this partnership prepares our

students to compete at the highest levels. We will offer this to our students at Saginaw United High School and the Saginaw Arts and Science Academy beginning in the 2025-26 school year. The professors will be virtual and there will be a teacher of record in the classroom. Dr. Foley shared some of the universities who participate in the program.

Board members asked questions and Dr. Roberts responded.

4. PUBLIC/UNION COMMENTS

President Coleman called for Public Comments and the following comment was made.

Public Comment

Andrea Paschall – shared a t-shirt design contest she would like SPSD 6-12 grade students to participant in. The t-shirts will have the “Saginawawesome” theme. She shared instructions, permission slips and stated there will be three winners.

Union

President Coleman called for Union Comments and none were made.

5. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

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 Mrs. Seals and supported by Ms. Knapp that the Saginaw Board of Education accepts the Consent Agenda format.

A voice vote was taken with the following results.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 – Motion Carried

- A. Approve the Minutes for January 8, 2025, Organizational Meeting and Briefing Session; February 12, 2025, Briefing Session; February 19, 2025, Action Meeting
- B. Approve the February 2025 Financials
- C. Approve the March 2025 Human Resources/Labor Relations Report
- D. Authorize the Superintendent of Schools to take any and all measures necessary and proper to implement the layoff of staff within the District becoming effective upon the close of business June 30, 2025.
- E. Authorize the Superintendent of Schools to recall those employees laid off at the close of business June 30, 2025, as needed, based on economic conditions of the district and as required by applicable collective bargaining agreements and the governing laws.

7. NEW BUSINESS

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance

Ms. Knapp shared information she heard regarding the Michigan Legislative Education budget.

Policy & Curriculum

No report

Buildings and Grounds

No report

Human Resources

No report

City/School/County Liaison

No report

President Coleman asked that the board share their final comments before going into the Closed Session.

Motion

Moved by Ms. Knapp and supported by Mrs. Seals that the board share final comments prior to the Closed Session.

A voice vote was taken with the following results.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 – Motion Carried

9. FINAL BOARD COMMENTS

Mrs. Seals – is excited about the curriculum the district is offering. She also is happy about the support we are offering our students.

Mr. Rooker – said it was great to see the student ambassadors. He also shared HELP is a fantastic group.

Mrs. Thompson – thanked Dr. Roberts and his staff for their hard work.

Ms. Calhoun – echoed her fellow board members comments.

Ms. Knapp – shared she was pleased to hear the student ambassadors from Saginaw United share that SUH received an award from Positive Results.

Dr. Roberts – shared this was Mrs. Williams last meeting with us. He thanked her for coming back and supporting the district.

Dr. Coleman – shared comments asking that we not panic about what is happening in Washington. He stated he was excited about the presentation from the students tonight. He said we have a visionary sitting in the corner office, Dr. Roberts. He shared Dr. Roberts has selected a team that is outstanding and we want to commend the entire team. He said the staff under him is comfortable bring ideas to him. He commended the entire administrative team of SPSPD.

10. CLOSED SESSION

President Coleman entertained a motion to go into a Closed Session to discuss the purchase of property. There will be action coming out of the Closed Session.

Motion

Moved by Ms. Knapp and supported by Mr. Rooker that the board go into Closed Session for the purpose of purchasing property.

A roll call was taken. The results were as follows:
Ayes: 6 Nays: - Motion carried

Board members entered into Closed Session at 7:08 p.m.

11. RECOVENE OPEN SESSION

President Coleman entertained a motion to Reconvene in Open Session and approve the Closed Session minutes.

Motion

Moved by Ms. Knapp and supported by Mrs. Seals that the board reconvene in Open Session and approve the Closed Session minutes

A roll call was taken. The results were as follows:
Ayes: 6 Nays: - Motion carried

Board members reconvene in Open Session at 7:26 p.m.

Dr. Roberts presented the following recommendation.

Purchase of Property

The Superintendent recommends that the board approve the 2nd amendment to the CSX purchase agreement and approve the attorney present it to the CSX representatives.

Motion

Moved by Mrs. Seals and supported by Mr. Rooker that the Saginaw Board of Education approve the 2nd amendment to the CSX purchase agreement and approve the attorney present it to the CSX representatives.

A voice vote was taken with the following results.
Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 – Motion Carried

12. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING(S)

President Coleman announced there will be a Briefing Session on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. and an Action Meeting on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. The meetings will be held in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 550 Millard Street.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business, the Action Meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Recorded by: C. Williams