

School District of the City of Saginaw
MINUTES OF THE BOARD ACTION MEETING
550 Millard Street • Saginaw, Michigan 48607 • 989-399-6500
February 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	Present
	Secretary K. M. Rooker	Absent
	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.

Discussion ensued pertaining to moving the Committee Reports on the agenda before the Consent Agenda. Dr. Roberts explained to board members the purpose for having the Committee Reports after the Consent Agenda was to discuss any new business that will need to be addressed at a future meeting.

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 gave a report on activities in their schools.

Biliteracy Recognition

Dr. Roberts called on Mrs. Nichols and Ms. Melanie Olk, SPSPD Multi-Language Coach to present information pertaining to the Biliteracy Recognition of two students. Mrs. Reid, principal of SASA introduced the students. The Michigan Seal of Biliteracy was presented to two SASA students, Khushpreet Kaur Ghotra and Manikisha Kaur Ghotra. The Seal of Biliteracy is an award given by a school, school district or state in recognition of students who studied and attained proficiency in two or more languages. This is the first recognition for Saginaw Public Schools students.

CMU Med School Partnership

Dr. Roberts called on Dr. Foley who shared exciting news regarding the partnership between Saginaw Public Schools' Saginaw Arts and Sciences Academy and Saginaw United High School with Central Michigan University's Medical School. The partnership will provide students interested in the healthcare field with mentorship and job shadowing experiences. Dr. Foley introduced Dr. Amandeep Dhaliwal, Assistant Professor

of Medicine at CMU who shared his excitement to collaborate with the school district to provide this opportunity to Saginaw Public School students.

Truancy Plan

Dr. Roberts presented the Truancy Plan to address truancy in our school district. He shared the job descriptions for the Elementary and Secondary Truancy Officers. The positions will be funded through grant funds from 31A and Stronger Connections.

Dr. Roberts also shared a partnership with Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Pathways to Potential, which will focus on attendance and chronic absenteeism. They will assist families by providing Success Coaches to help the families with their needs.

Two (2) vehicles will be purchased with a grant from the Michigan Department of Education's Transportation School Grant to provide transportation for the Truancy Officers.

Board members asked questions and Dr. Roberts responded.

4. PUBLIC/UNION COMMENTS

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

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1st Semester Data Report

Dr. Roberts reviewed with board members the following reports:

- Daily attendance report for 1st Semester
- Data report for truancy – chronically absent students
- Out of school suspensions by school
- NWEA Growth in Math and Reading

Dr. Roberts answered various questions from the board regarding the data presented.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

President Coleman asked board members if there were any exceptions to the Consent Agenda. Ms. Knapp asked that Item "A" and Mrs. Seals asked that Items "G" and "H" be except from the Consent Agenda.

The following motion was made.

Motion

Moved by Mrs. Seals and supported by Mrs. Thompson that the Saginaw Board of Education accepts the Consent Agenda format with exceptions.

A voice vote was taken with the following results.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 – Motion Carried

- B. Approve the February 2025 Human Resources/Labor Relations Report
- C. Approve the January 2025 Financials
- D. Approve the Updated Grading Scale and GPA Calculation (Updated January 24, 2025)
- E. Approve the Success Academy Diploma Program Proposal – Proposed Implementation: 2025-2026 School Year
- F. Approve the Open Enrollment and Schools of Choice Timelines for the 2025-26 School Year

- I. Approve the purchase of two (2) 2024 GMC Yukon XL 1500 4x4 Utility Vehicle SLE from Todd Wenzel Buick GMC of Westland in the amount of \$126,956. The School Transportation Fund Grant will be used for this purchase

- 6A. Approve the Minutes for January 8, 2025, Organizational Meeting and Briefing Session; January 15, 2025, Action Meeting

Ms. Knapp requested that the Organizational Meeting minutes be corrected to reflect the votes for the Election of Board Officers. She would like the minutes brought back to the March Action Meeting for approval.

Motion

Moved by Ms. Knapp and supported by Mrs. Seals that the Saginaw Board of Education approve the Action Meeting minutes and correct the Organizational Meeting minutes to reflect the vote for the Election of Board Officers and bring the minutes back for approval.

A voice vote was taken with the following results.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 – Motion Carried

- 6G. Approve the purchase of Maintenance Equipment from Lansing Sanitary Supply, Inc. in the amount of \$62,799.75. Bond Funds will be used for this purchase.

Motion

Moved by Mrs. Seals and supported by Mrs. Nash that the Saginaw Board of Education approve the purchase of Maintenance Equipment from Lansing Sanitary Supply, Inc. in the amount of \$62,799.75. Bond Funds will be used for this purchase.

A voice vote was taken with the following results.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 – Motion Carried

- 6H. Approve the purchase of a John Deere Gator with Sprayer and Boom from John Deere in the amount of \$36,785.48. Bond funds will be used for this purchase

Motion

Moved by Mrs. Seals and supported by Mrs. Nash that the Saginaw Board of Education approve the purchase a John Deere Gator with Sprayer and Boom from John Deere in the amount of \$36,785.48. Bond funds will be used for this purchase.

A voice vote was taken with the following results.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 – Motion Carried

7. NEW BUSINESS

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance

Ms. Knapp shared things we need to make sure are included in the budget for next year. She shared concerns regarding the age of the Chromebooks in district used by students. Dr. Roberts responded we have included replacing Chromebooks in the Consolidated Application.

Policy & Curriculum

Mrs. Seal thanked the superintendent for presenting the data. She said Policy and Curriculum will meet next month. She stated there are a few documents to review. She would like to discuss Summer School and Saturday School.

Buildings and Grounds

Mrs. Nash shared the committee will meet on Monday. She also spoke of the eleven buildings not occupied in the district. She stated we need a grant to restore or demolish the buildings.

Human Resources

No report

City/School/County Liaison

Dr. Coleman shared there will be a meeting in April. He stated the Superintendent and the City Manager will be meeting to discuss the placement of the Arthur Hill and Saginaw High School signage.

9. FINAL BOARD COMMENTS

Mrs. Seals – said our students are doing outstanding things. She is thankful for the partnership with Central Michigan University Medical School.

Mrs. Nash – is thrilled at the presentations tonight. She is excited about the new health center that will be opening.

Mrs. Thompson – thanked Dr. Roberts and his staff for their hard work. She announced SVSU will have a Soul Food Dinner on February 27, 2025 from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at the SVRC Marketplace.

Ms. Calhoun – said this was a phenomenal meeting. She shared there are lots of great things going on in the district.

Ms. Knapp – dittoed her fellow board members' comments about how well our students are doing. She shared information pertaining the SPSP Exhibits at the Saginaw Art Museum and that SASA high school art is part of the Art at Andersen Exhibit. She reminded board members of the Saginaw County School Board Dinner next week.

Dr. Roberts – no comments.

Dr. Coleman – shared parents have an opportunity to choose where their children go to school. We want to make sure that what we are doing in SPSP is attractive enough to hold the students and draw that students that are in our attendance area back home. He is proud of the achievement of our students. He asked board members to let Mrs. Williams know if they will be attending the NSBA Conference in Atlanta, GA so arrangements can be made.

10. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING(S)

President Coleman announced there will be a Briefing Session on Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. and an Action Meeting on Wednesday, March 19, 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 Action Meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Recorded by: C. Williams