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School District of the City of Saginaw
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
550 Millard Street • Saginaw, Michigan 48607 • 989-399-6500
December 3, 2025

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

1. ATTENDANCE

Board of Education:	President C. Coleman	Present
	Vice President J. Nash	Present
	Secretary K. Rooker	Present
	Treasurer R. A. Knapp	Absent
	Trustee Jasmine Calhoun	Present
	Trustee J. Seals	Present

Central Administration Staff:

Superintendent R. Roberts	Present
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2. 31AA Opt-In Recommendation

Dr. Coleman shared that Dr. Roberts would like to present one item for action today. Dr. Roberts stated that he had information regarding 31aa for the December 4 deadline to opt into this funding, which includes new certification requirements.

Dr. Roberts shared additional information regarding the legal implications of 31aa funding. He discussed, in particular, the requirement that the Districts must waive the attorney-client privilege in mass-casualty situations. Dr. Roberts shared details that would face significant opposition due to concerns over constitutional rights. The Michigan Department of Education has extended the funding deadline to December 4th due to ongoing legal challenges. Legal counsel warned that failure to act could result in lawsuits against the district. The board also explored the potential for districts to opt in by December 4th, which is tomorrow, with an understanding that if a decision is made prior to December 30th that is not in our favor, we have the option to opt out, no questions asked.

Dr. Roberts has a 31aa recommendation based on the guidance from the Michigan Association of School Administrators and Legal Counsel. The superintendent recommended that the Board approve the administration to opt into section 31a funding for the 2025-26 Fiscal year, and if necessary, to opt out based on the outcome of pending litigation.

Motion

Moved by Mrs. Nash and supported by Mr. Rooker, approved the recommendation that was stated.
A voice call vote was taken on the motion. The results were as follows:

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 Motion carried.

Dr. Roberts answered questions from the Board members.

3. OTHER – INTERVIEW CANDIDATES

President Coleman called for the next step to be for the interviewer, Mrs. Seals to share recommendations that the Board divide the 14 questions evenly among the Board, ensuring each Board Members has the appropriate question.

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.

First Candidate - Vera Harrison
Second Candidate - Janae T. Bady
Third Candidate - Alison L. Reed

Mrs. Seals asked Dr. Coleman to move public comment before deliberations to hear from the public.

4. PUBLIC/UNION COMMENT

President Coleman called for Public Comments.

Mr. John Russell Thomas, born and raised in the city of Saginaw, is a 1963 graduate of SHS and a proud brother of Coach Thomas. He stood in support of his community friend, Ms. Alison Reed, who is applying for the Saginaw School Board.

There were no Union Comments made.

DELIBERATION OF CANDIDATES

President Coleman shared that we had three (3) applicants to apply by the deadline. He shared that the last time there was a board vacancy, three (3) candidates were interviewed, all on the same day.

Dr. Coleman shared their scores and ranking: 1st Candidate is Vera G. Harrison, 2nd place Candidate is Janae T. Bady, and 3rd Candidate is Alison L. Reed

On scoring, Ms. Harrison had 229 points, 45.8%, Mrs. Bady had 186.5 points, and Ms. Reed had 164.5 points.

Motion

Moved by Mrs. Seals and supported by Mrs. Nash, that Vera Harrison has received the highest score, and a motion to appoint her to be seated at the next official Board meeting.

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

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 Motion carried.

5. FINAL COMMENT

Ms. Calhoun – Welcome, Ms. Harrison.

Mrs. Nash - No Comment

Mr. Rooker - No Comment

Mrs. Seals - No Comment

Dr. Roberts - No Comment

Dr. Coleman – He shared that this is a difficult step the Board must take. These have been a ruff 30 days for all of us.

NEXT MEETING

Policy and Curriculum Meeting of the Whole meeting on Monday, December 8, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., and an Action Meeting on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. w/Superintendent Midyear-Evaluation. 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 7:02 p.m.

Recorded by: K. Henderson