

School District of the City of Saginaw
MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING/BOARD BRIEFING SESSION
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January 8, 2025

Dr. Coleman called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

1. REAFFIRMATION OF OATH OF OFFICE

Ms. Henderson administered the Reaffirmation of Oath of Office to all Board members.

2. ATTENDANCE

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

Central Administration Staff:

Superintendent, Dr. R. Roberts	Present
Deputy Superintendent T. Johnson	Present

3. ELECTION OF TEMPORARY CHAIR

Motion

Moved by Dr. Coleman and supported by Mrs. Seals that the Saginaw Board of Education appoint Dr. Ramont Roberts as the Temporary Chair.

A voice vote was taken. The results were as follows:

AYES: 7 NAYS: 0 Motion carried.

4. APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY SECRETARY

Dr. Coleman appointed Ms. Kimberly Henderson as the Temporary Secretary.

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Dr. Roberts explained the process for the election of officers.

Mrs. Seals recommend the following of officers for 2025 and the motion.

Motion

Moved by Ms. Knapp and supported by Mrs. Thompson that the Saginaw Board of Education adopt the following slate of officers from the 2025 year.

President: Dr. Charles Coleman
Vice President: Mrs. Janet Nash
Treasurer: Ms. Ruth Ann Knapp

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

AYES: 7 NAYS: 0 Motion carried.

Mrs. Seals recommends Kevin Mark Rooker as the following officer for Secretary for 2025 and the motion.

Motion

Moved by Ms. Knapp and supported by Mrs. Thompson that the Saginaw Board of Education adopt Kevin Rooker for the following 2025 year.

Secretary: Mr. Kevin Mark Rooker

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

AYES: 7 NAYS: 0 Motion carried.

Dr. Roberts turned the meeting over to President Coleman to preside over the remainder of the meeting.

6. ADOPTION OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2024

Board members were provided with a draft copy of the projected meeting dates for the 2025 calendar year.

Motion

Moved by Ms. Knapp and supported by Ms. Thompson to leave room for an amendment to the schedule if needed for the 2025 Meeting Schedule.

A voice vote was taken with the following results:

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 – motion carried

7. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

All Board members received a copy of the Conflict of Interest Compliance Statement. Dr. Coleman asked Mr. Rooker to read the statement in the minutes. Dr. Coleman asked Board members to sign, date, and return the form to Ms. Henderson.

8. APPROVAL OF BRIEFING SESSION AGENDA

President Coleman asked Board members if there were any additions or subtractions to the agenda.

9. PRESENTATIONS

School Board Recognition

Dr. Coleman called on Dr. Roberts for presentation. Dr. Roberts presented each Board Member with a Certificate of Appreciation and gift.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Finance Committee

Ms. Knapp called on Ms. Johnson who reviewed the Summary of the December Financial Reports. These items will be on the Consent Agenda at the Action Meeting.

Policy and Curriculum

Mrs. Seals called on Dr. Roberts to share more information about this presentation. Dr. Roberts asked Dr. Foley to share more details about the agenda item.

Student Expulsion – Reference# 01-2025-02

Dr. Foley shared that we are asking the Board to reinstate the student regarding Reference #12-2025-02. This item will be on the Consent Agenda for approval.

Buildings and Grounds

Mrs. Nash stated no report.

Human Resources

Mrs. Thompson said there was no report.

Liaison Committee

Dr. Coleman shared that the next meeting will be on Thursday, January 16, 2025.

Committee Assignments

Dr. Coleman shared that the Committees are as following:

- Finance Committee: Ms. Knapp as Chair, Ms. Calhoun, and Mrs. Seals.
- Policy & Curriculum Committee: Mrs. Seals as Chair, Mrs. Thompson, and Mr. Rooker.
- Human Resource Committee: Mrs. Thompson as Chair, Mrs. Nash, and Ms. Calhoun.
- Buildings and Grounds: Mrs. Nash as Chair, Dr. Coleman, and Mr. Rooker.
- Liaison Committee: Dr. Coleman as Chair, Ms. Knapp, and Mrs. Seals.

11. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Human Resources/Labor Relations Report

Dr. Roberts gave an overview of the Human Resources/Labor Relations report, which will be an item on the Consent Agenda. Dr. Roberts also provided the Board members with a copy of the vacancy list in Board Book.

12. PUBLIC/UNION COMMENTS

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

13. FINAL BOARD COMMENTS

Mrs. Seals – said congratulations to Ms. Calhoun and Mr. Tany and Happy New Year 2025.

Mr. Rooker – shared his congratulations to Ms. Calhoun and Mr. Tany.

Mrs. Nash said she was glad to be back and shared her congratulations with Mrs. Calhoun and Mr. Tany. She said she was sad about the retirees on the HR Report but glad we have new individuals coming in who will rise to the occasion and take their place. Mrs. Nash also shared information with Mr. Tany regarding the American School Board Journal article about having students join us at the table to help prepare our next generation of Board Members and Commissioners. She said this information would be shared at the Liaison Meeting next week.

Mrs. Thompson - said she would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. She said thanks to Dr. Roberts and the fabulous staff, she said she sleeps better knowing things are run well at the district. Mrs. Thompson would like to thank Ms. Calhoun and the other Board Members for being here today.

Ms. Knapp – said welcome to Ms. Calhoun. Ms. Knapp stated she was looking forward to the Liaison Meeting on Thursday, January 16, 2025, and working with the City and County again. She said she is looking forward to working in 2025.

Dr. Roberts – said Happy New Year to everyone, staff and students. Dr. Roberts said we are off to a great start for the 1st week and hoping to finish strong for the 2024-25 school year. He said he wanted to say congratulations to Mrs. Calhoun and looking forward to working with her. Dr. Roberts shared the same comment about Mr. Jack Tany working with the county. He wanted to recognize Michael Baldwin from SUHS for his 100th Wrestling victory at the Saginaw County Wrestling Match. The wrestling team and coach as a whole did a great job for four winning placements (1st, 2nd 3rd and 4th). Dr. Roberts shared a SASA student was recognized as the top of 300 scholars promises made to our community. Thank you to the Board for all of your support, and I am looking forward to our continued work together.

Ms. Calhoun – said Happy New Year to everyone. Ms. Calhoun said she just wanted to thank for the warm welcome. She has received a lot of information, “several binders full”. Ms. Calhoun said she is excited to be here and looks forward to the present and future of this school district. She said, “Thank you for having me”.

President Coleman -said he welcomes and appreciates Ms. Calhoun for considering, running, and being part of the transformation of the City of Saginaw. He stated that the transformation will not come from those sitting at the table but from the next generation, which will be our next responsibility as season citizens.

Dr. Coleman said he is excited to have Ms. Calhoun. Happy New Year to everyone. This is the year you will see things in the community we have been talking about manifesting. He thanked Board Members for their confidence in allowing him to Chair the Board for another year. He said we are looking at a busy year. He asked Board Members to share the committees they wish to sit on. Dr. Coleman said, we are excited about what is happening in SPSD, we are on our way forward. He would like to remind everybody that MASB may contact you about the 2025 Strategic Planning Process, please respond. He shared that Dr. Roberts would give updates on the completed planning process. Dr. Coleman asked the community to respond, to ensure our students get what they want and need by responding to surveys. He also would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and a productive year.

14. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING(S)

President Coleman announced there will be an Action Meeting on Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. and a Liaison meeting on Thursday, January 16, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. The meetings will be held in the Board Room of the Administration Building at 550 Millard St.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business, the Briefing Session was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Recorded by: K. Henderson