

School District of the City of Saginaw
MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING/BOARD BRIEFING SESSION
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January 8, 2024

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. Calhoun	Present
	Trustee J. Seals	Present
	Trustee M. Thompson	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 recommended the following officers for 2025.

Motion

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

President: Dr. Charles Coleman
Vice President: Mrs. Janet Nash
Secretary: Mr. Kevin Mark Rooker
Treasurer: Ms. Ruth Ann Knapp

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.

Dr. Coleman shared handouts of the roles and responsibilities of Board Officers to the board members.

6. ADOPTION OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2025

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 accept the 2025 meeting calendar leaving room for amendments if needed.

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 into 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 the presentation. Dr. Roberts presented each Board Member with a Certificate of Appreciation and a 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 information pertaining to the agenda item. Dr. Roberts asked Dr. Foley to share more details regarding 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 wished everyone a 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 Ms. Calhoun and Mr. Tany. Mrs. Nash said she was sad about the retirees on the HR Report, but was glad we have new individuals coming in who will rise to it and take their place. She 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. This information will be shared at the Liaison Meeting next week.

Mrs. Thompson - said she would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. Thanks to Dr. Roberts and the fabulous staff, she said she sleeps better knowing things are running smooth at the district. Mrs. Thompson would like to welcome Ms. Calhoun and thanked the rest of the 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 a great year in 2025.

Dr. Roberts – said Happy New Year to everyone, staff and students. He said we are off to a great start for the 1st week back and looking to finish strong for the 2024-25 school year. He said congratulations to Ms. Calhoun and he is looking forward to working with her. Dr. Roberts also congratulated Mr. Jack Tany and said he is looking forward to working with the County. He recognized two students – 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 also shared a SASA student was recognized as one of the top 300 scholars in the Regeneron Science Talent Search. He thanked the Board for all of their support and he is looking forward to working together this year.

Ms. Calhoun – said Happy New Year to everyone. She thanked everyone 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 her.

President Coleman – said he welcomes and appreciates Ms. Calhoun for considering and running and being part of the transformation of the City of Saginaw. He stated the transformation will not come from those sitting at the table who are seasoned citizens, but from the next generation. He said our responsibility as seasoned citizens is to train our replacements.

Dr. Coleman told board members he appreciated them allowing him to serve as Chair for another year. He shared the Board Committee assignments for the 2025 year. Dr. Coleman said, he is excited about what is happening in SPSD, and stated we are on our way forward. He reminded board members that they may be contacted by MASB about the 2025 Strategic Planning Process. He shared Dr. Roberts will give updates on the planning process that was completed. Dr. Coleman ask the community to respond to the surveys, to ensure our students get what they want and need. He wished everyone a Happy New Year and a very 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