

School District of the City of Saginaw
MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING
550 Millard Street, Saginaw, Michigan 48607 (989)399-6500
August 27, 2025 – 5:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 5:08 p.m. by Mrs. Joyce Seals:

1. Committee Members Present: Mrs. Joyce Seals (Chair)
Mr. Kevin Mark Rooker
Mrs. Mattie Thompson

Board Members Present: Mrs. Janet Nash
Dr. Charles Coleman
Ms. Ruth Ann Knapp
Ms. Jasmine Calhoun

Central Administration Staff: Dr. Ramont Roberts

2. Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Seals motion to move adoption of August 11, 2025 minutes. Mrs. Seals motioned to carry, and Ms. Thompson supported.

A voice vote was taken with the following results.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 – Motion Carried

3. Presentations: Student Interviews

Dr. Coleman asked Dr. Roberts for the presentation who then gave the floor to Mrs. Seals. She asked for 2-3 minutes to select the questions each board member will ask the student candidates. She prioritized the questions she said needed to be asked and some of the questions had already been answered in the information the students submitted.

Mr. Rooker mentioned that there are 14 questions and each board member could ask two but they wouldn't have the time to do that.

Dr. Roberts said the idea was to give them a bank of 14 questions to select from. Whatever the board's pleasure is in terms of the seven, eight or nine questions they would like to ask.

Mrs. Seal said Mr. Chair it would be nice to prioritize the questions to help the process move forward. Each member would ask the same question each time and can follow up if they have a question with the student if they need more clarification.

President Coleman said they have a recommended seven questions and some of them are answered in the information shared. Mrs. Seals is suggesting that each board member picks the question they are going to ask. She confirmed that that is her recommendation. Board member agreed and consensus was reached.

Mrs. Seals took the liberty of prioritizing the questions to ask the students and they are 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, and 13. Mr. Rooker agreed. Mrs. Seals that question 13 should be the last question asked. Questions were assigned as follows:

- 2- Mrs. Seals
- 4- Mr. Rooker
- 5- Mrs. Knapp
- 7- Mrs. Thompson
- 8- Mrs. Nash
- 9- Ms. Calhoun
- 13- Dr. Coleman

Ms. Calhoun arrived and President Coleman informed her that she had been assigned question nine to ask the students.

President Coleman called the first candidate Tierra Pringle to the front and welcomed her. At the end of her interview President Coleman said they were done with the scripted questions and had another question he wanted to ask her. "What questions would she ask her fellow students or herself about serving on the board?"

President Coleman asked if the board had any other questions. Mrs. Thompson wanted to know about when she brought up absenteeism, and has she been in other groups with other students to solve it in her own school? How would she encourage them to go to school?

Mrs. Seals requested to release Ms. Pringle from the interview and she has something she wants to say. President Coleman thanked her for attending and said she will be informed once a selection has been made.

Once the student was out of the room Mrs. Seals said, now that an additional question has been asked it has to be asked to all of the candidates to remain fair. She reminded them this process is new to the board, mistakes will be made but now the question needs to be asked to the other students. Mrs. Nash said they could add the follow up question Mrs. Thompson asked, to question number seven.

President Coleman acknowledged having to add the question and that he was out of order. Mrs. Seals said that's okay.

Board members had brief discussion about scoring and adding the question President Coleman asked as question fourteen.

President Coleman called Ms. Patel to the front to start the interview. At the end of the interview, Mrs. Nash told her they would let her know when the selection has been made.

Mrs. Nash said that the next candidate is out of the country. They asked Dr. Roberts what will be done and he gave the floor to Dr. Coleman who recommended giving her a chance to sit for an interview before making a decision. They asked Dr. Roberts when she will be back and he said Monday. Dr. Coleman asked what's the pleasure of the board? Mrs. Knapp said they should be

interviewed as soon as possible. Mrs. Seals said if she had her way she would take the three interviews today and make a decision. Mrs. Thompson said they needed to call for a break. Mrs. Seals said they are having an open discussion at the moment. Mrs. Nash disagreed with Mrs. Seals and they should give the candidate an opportunity to interview. Mrs. Knapp recommended the next Policy Meeting. Mrs. Seals said that if there was a policy to discuss, it would be September 8th but they don't have a meeting if there is nothing from Neola to go over. President Coleman said they could call a special meeting. He said the candidates were promised a meeting and that they (the board) would be fair. It is his opinion to have a face to face interview with all candidates. Mrs. Knapp said she thinks it's important to interview the candidate in person and recommended making the decision for Saginaw United and holding off on SASA and do the third interview at another board/committee of the whole meeting.

President Coleman asked what's the pleasure of the board? Mr. Rooker moved to interview the candidate at the next policy meeting on September 8th. Mrs. Thompson supported. Mrs. Seals asked Dr. Roberts if there was anything on the docket. He said no. Mrs. Knapp wanted to know if they could get a summer school report. He said he was sure they could pull something together. All in favor.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 1 – Motion Carried

Mrs. Knapp asked if they could recess until the last student arrived. President Coleman said there was a call to recess, board supported. Recess granted until the next candidate arrived.

6:15 PM - President Coleman called board members to return to the table. Mrs. Seals motion to resume meeting, supported by Mr. Rooker.

President Coleman called Iesha Little to the front to start the interview. He thanked her for applying and she will be informed once a decision is made.

President Coleman asked board members if they wanted to take time to score? After brief discussion it was decided Mr. Rooker would receive member scores to tally and announce Saginaw United's choice. Consensus was reached.

4. Candidate Discussion

Mrs. Seals said we had excellent candidates and wished the board could take them all. Mrs. Thompson agreed. Mrs. Knapp said they were well prepared and articulate and whoever is chosen, both are qualified and look forward to them sitting at the table. Mrs. Seals mentioned both are seniors and they will have to start over soon. President Coleman said he noticed they represented themselves well which means they will represent the district well. Mrs. Seals noticed they were all females and would like to have seen male applicants. Mr. Rooker then gave the final scores to President Coleman.

Mrs. Knapp has had the opportunity to watch other students in other districts during their interview with the superintendent. Their input was important and well received and is something that can be expected with Saginaw Public and looking forward to their comments and trusting they will do their

homework before the board makes decisions. She understands that they will not be involved in disciplinary meetings, vote, or go into close session with them.

Mrs. Seals said the board needs to have a good discussion about the clear backs according to what the students said in their application. It's important to tell the kids why. She then asked if the person selected is unable to attend how will the alternate know what was discussed. President Coleman said they don't have alternates and it will be discussed later. Mrs. Nash asked if the students will be privy to staff salaries. Mr. Rooker said it's public information.

5. Public/Union Comments

No public comments.

No union comments.

6. Final Board Comments

Mrs. Knapp - It was a wonderful evening. Very reassuring. Thank you.

Ms. Calhoun - It was great. She is excited to get the students' perspective prior to the board making decisions. It would have been nice to have students at the table during the clear back pack process; it would have been a much smoother process and better received.

Mrs. Thompson - No comment

Mrs. Nash - Wonderful evening. Thank you.

Mr. Rooker - No comment

Mrs. Seals - Said all that she needed to say.

President Coleman - Saginaw Public is trying to be cutting edge and is excited about all the students who applied and look forward to seeing them at the table and they should assign the students a mentor to teach them how to navigate the process. Mrs. Thompson said Mrs. Seals already volunteered. Mrs. Seals mentioned the student who didn't interview can watch the video stream of those who did. Mrs. Thompson reminded President Coleman to announce candidate selection for Saginaw United. President Coleman announced Tierra Pringle as the selected student board member and Ilesha Little as the alternate.

7. Announcement Of Next Meeting

Policy and Curriculum Committee of the Whole, September 8, 2025 at 5:00 PM

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Submitted by: Jessica Patman