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School District of the City of Saginaw
MINUTES OF THE BOARD ACTION MEETING
550 Millard Street • Saginaw, Michigan 48607 • 989-399-6500
May 21, 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	Absent
	Secretary K.M. Rooker	Present
	Treasurer R. A. Knapp	Absent
	Trustee K. J. Calhoun	Absent
	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, which was approved as presented.

3. PRESENTATION

Student Ambassadors

Dr. Roberts called on each high school principal to introduce the Student Ambassadors. The students reported on school activities and those held in other buildings.

Bond Budget Update

Dr. Roberts called on Representative Steve from RC Hendrick to provide a budget update on the Bond Budget. He gave an overview of Bond Budget Updates since the last presentation and answered questions from the Board Members.

SISD Board Election – June 2, 2025

Dr. Coleman shared information about the upcoming Saginaw ISD board election and the requirement, which is scheduled for Monday, June 2, 2025. Mattie Thompson will be the first designated district representative for the electoral voting process, and Mr. Rooker will serve as the alternative representative.

Dr. Coleman also shared that the candidates running for office are Ruth A. Coppens (incumbent) and Ralph J. Martin. Read the resolution regarding the biennial election of the Board of the Saginaw Intermediate School District (SISD), which will be held on Monday, June 2, 2025. He shared that the Saginaw Board of Education must select a representative and an alternate to serve on the 2025 electoral body, which is responsible for electing members to the SISD Board of Education.

Dr. Coleman called on Ralph J. Martin, one of the candidates running for a seat on the SISD Board. He was present at the board meeting and introduced himself to the board.

Dr. Coleman also shared that two candidates are running for the seat. One is Ruth A. Coppens (incumbent) and Ralph J Martin. He asked what the pleasure of the Board was. The following motion was made.

Motion

Moved by Mrs. Seals and supported by Mrs. Thompson, that the board recommend Ralph J. Martin as the candidate for the Saginaw Intermediate School District Board of Education.

A voice call vote was taken with the following results:

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 - Motion Carried

Resolution

Dr. Coleman read the resolution regarding the biennial election of the Board of the Saginaw Intermediate School District (SISD), which will be held on Monday, June 2, 2025. He shared that the Saginaw Board of Education must select a representative and an alternate to serve on the 2025 electoral body, which is responsible for electing members to the SISD Board of Education.

The following motion was made.

Motion

Moved by Mrs. Seals and supported by Mrs. Thompson that the board adopted the resolution of the Saginaw Intermediate School District Board of Education.

A voice call vote was taken with the following results:

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 - Motion Carried

4. PUBLIC/UNION COMMENTS

President Coleman called for Public and Union Comments.

Public Comment

Mr. Ralph J. Martin would like to address the Board Members and ask for nomination support for the SISD Ballot.

Union Comment

No Comment

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Roberts shared additional information on the Student Board Member Process. He shared that the Board Members can allocate a stipend to students from a Board Budget Line Item. The amount will be at our District's discretion. Dr. Roberts recommends that we resend the compensation information to the student and wait to see if any additional responses are received. The goal is to have two students, one from SASA and one from SUHS, attend two meetings a month and receive a \$100 stipend.

Motion was made.

Moved by Mrs. Seals and supported by Mr. Rooker, seconded that the students' board member compensation be set at a \$100 a month stipend, and all student body can resubmit.

A voice call vote was taken with the following results:

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 - Motion Carried

6. CLOSED SESSION – PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AND PERSONNEL ISSUES

Dr. Coleman entertained a motion to go to Closed Session for Purchase of Property and Personnel Issue.

Motion

Moved by Mrs. Seals and supported by Mrs. Thompson that the Board go into Closed Session for Purchase of Property and Personnel Issue. The action will take place in a Closed Session.

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

AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 - Motion carried.

Board members entered into a Closed Session at 6:32 p.m.

7. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

President Coleman entertained a motion to reconvene the Action meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Motion

Moved by Mr. Rooker and supported by Mrs. Thompson, the Saginaw Board of Education accepts the recommendation, as adopted in the minutes of Closed Session.

A voice vote was taken with the following results.

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 – Motion Carried

8. CONSENT AGENDA

President Coleman asked board members if there were any exceptions to the Consent Agenda.

The following motion was made.

Motion

Moved by Mr. Rooker and supported by Mrs. Seals that, the Saginaw Board of Education accepts the Consent Agenda format as presented.

A voice vote was taken with the following results.

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 – Motion Carried

A. Approve the Minutes for April 9, 2025, Briefing Session and April 16, 2025, Action Meeting.

B. Approve the April 2025 EFT Report/Report of Claims.

C. Approve the Saginaw ISD General Funds Budget (FY2025) as presented on the May 13, 2024, Resolution.

D. Approved the May Human Resources/Labor Relations Report

E. Approve the Budget Revision Presentation as presented on May 14, 2025.

9. NEW BUSINESS

None

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance

No Report at this time.

Policy & Curriculum

Mrs. Seals shared that we will need this scheduled again at some point in the near future. Policies are on hold.

Buildings and Grounds

No report at this time.

Human Resources

No report at this time.

City/School/County Liaison

Dr. Coleman shared that the committee will meet on Thursday, July 17, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board of Education, the County will host the meeting.

9. FINAL BOARD COMMENTS

Ms. Thompson – shared that she would like to thank the Ambassadors and the staff, Dr. Roberts and his staff. She stated that it was a beautiful retirement event last night, and the auditorium was gorgeous, very first-class.

Mr. Rooker – said he agreed with Mrs. Thompson comments.

Mrs. Seals – shared she enjoyed the “Apprentice Signing” and the 1st for our District. Mrs. Seals is asking for a copy of the Hot Times of the summer and/or the QR Code emailed. She also would like to address the land across from the SUHS. Her recommendation is to have a lovely garden.

Dr. Roberts – shared property land across from the SUHS property is SPSP Land owned. It was suggested that we have a meeting with other entities in the Buildings and Grounds and the Committee of the Whole. Congratulations to the retirees. The Prom gathering will be held in the SUHS parking lot with the Presence of Law Enforcement. Dr. Roberts shared that Graduation is on Wednesday, June 4th, at SASA and Thursday, June 5th, for SUHS, at the Temple Theater. Both begin at 6 pm.

Dr. Coleman – said kudos to SASA and SCC for outstanding competition outcomes. Dr. Coleman said it's always good to hear from the high school students. He said congratulations to all the retirees. He said he applauded the SASA students and the National Honor Societies from the contiguous districts for their efforts in keeping our students together. Congratulations to the Nichols and Gates Scholarship winners. He would like to commend Dr. Roberts and his staff on the Bond Projects.

10. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING(S)

There will be a Special Meeting - Budget Presentation on Monday, June 9, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., a Special Meeting - Budget Hearing on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., a Briefing Session and Committee of the Whole on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., a Special Meeting - Adoption of Budget on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. an Action Meeting on Wednesday, June 18, 2025. 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 7:16 p.m.

Recorded by: K. Henderson