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School District of the City of Saginaw
MINUTES OF THE BOARD BRIEFING SESSION
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November 13, 2024

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

1. ATTENDANCE

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

Central Administration Staff:

Superintendent, Dr. R. Roberts	Present
Chief Financial Officer T. Johnson	Present

2. APPROVAL OF BRIEFING SESSION AGENDA

President Coleman asked board members if there were any additions or subtractions to the agenda. The agenda was approved as presented.

Dr. Coleman stated there would be an additional topic regarding Human Resources – Mid-Year Evaluation of the Superintendent. We will have to make a decision next week.

3. PRESENTATIONS

35A Budget

Dr. Roberts called on Jennifer Nichols to present the 35A Budget. Jennifer Nichols shared the request for allocating the 35A Budget for supplies and staff and answered questions from Board Members. This item will be on the Consent Agenda at the November 20, 2024 Action meeting.

Secretary of State Partnership

Dr. Roberts shared information about the Secretary of the State Partnership to provide state ID's and referred to Dr. Foley to share more details. Dr. Foley discusses the partnership and the advantages for our students. He continued to share his PowerPoint and answered the Board member's questions.

International Teacher

Dr. Roberts called on Dr. Foley to introduce the International teacher. Dr. Foley called on Dr. Auggie Torrecampo from the Philippines, who will teach at SUHS the subjects of STEM/STEAM/Robotics and Computer Science.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Finance Committee

October Financials

Ms. Knapp called on Ms. Johnson who reviewed the summary of the October Financial reports. Board members will email questions to Ms. Johnson. These items will be on the Consent Agenda at the November 20, 2024 Action meeting.

Policy and Curriculum

Mrs. Seals shared that a meeting will be held on Monday and stated she will need a quorum of members present for the committee meeting. She said several policies were reviewed with revisions for the first readings.

Policy Revisions – 1st Reading

Mrs. Seals said there is one policy for the first reading, which will be presented tonight. The second reading will be held in December, and the policy will be presented for approval at an Action meeting.

- Policy 6325 – Procurement Federal Grant/Funds

Buildings and Grounds

Mrs. Nash shared that a meeting will be on Monday, November 18, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

Human Resources

Mrs. Thompson said they have been working with Mr. Rod Green regarding the superintendent evaluation dates for 2024.

Dr. Roberts shared that he would check with Mr. Green next week about what the midterm entails and decide based on the superintendent evaluation information.

City/County/School Liaison Committee

Dr. Coleman shared we are working on how the City and County will work with the Board of Education to preserve the two iconic representations of our combined high schools. He shared that the items are in storage and will be placed in an agreed-upon and safe location.

5. 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.

Index Scores

Dr. Roberts shared information regarding the Friday, November 15, 2024, review for our four partnership schools that will include where they stand in terms of their achievement based on the new Index Scores, which is the accountability measurement utilized by the State. He called on Amanda Kitterman-Miller, the Accountability Administrator, to give an overview of the Index Rubric to understand how the State gets to a school’s index score. Ms. Kitterman elaborated on the Index Rubric, its use, and how the State calculates it. She continues to share data in PowerPoint; information from MDE is attached in the Board Book, and she answered questions from Board Members. She shared the new index for 2024 is not yet determined.

6. PUBLIC/UNION COMMENTS

President Coleman called for Public comments and the following was made:

Coach Phil Verduco – made comments regarding The Bowling team. He shared that the season officially starts tomorrow with the first practice. There will be a Boys and Girls team and hoping for a JV Team. Coach Verduco stated he had 63 students sign up from SUHS. He shared that the students attended a Hall of Fame Bowling Banquet for the County. Coach Verduco also shared that students are doing college visits and have potential offers. He did share an upcoming event to save the day: On January 20, 2025, there will be an MLK Tournament. Coach Verduco would like to present a plaque for Corky Thompson, AD, with an appreciation for all he does for the team, including uniforms, bussing, etc. He liked to thank everyone, and he answered questions from the Board Members.

Dr. Coleman called for Union Comments but there were none.

7. FINAL BOARD COMMENTS

Mrs. Seals shared that it was nice to see a large turnout of the community to the SASA Ribbon-Cutting Event. She congratulates our community for making this happen with their support. Mrs. Seals felt grateful for being a part of the celebration.

Mrs. Nash – stated she shared the same and was delighted to see the retired AHHS Teachers with positive comments. Mrs. Nash would like to commend Mrs. Reid and Mr. Kraniak, and all of the staff for making it a top-level. Additionally, she thanked the Board Members, Dr. Roberts, Mr. Furtaw, and all of our construction management people for the attention to detail they gave to that school to create that kind of environment that future IB programs and number two in the state schools should have. Mrs. Nash said she was thankful and appreciated the event. She wanted to share that she enjoyed Saginaw Middle School's Open House and especially the students who came and spoke. Mrs. Nash shared that she enjoyed all three Open Houses, which culminated 5 years of hard work.

Mrs. Thompson – said ditto.

Ms. Harrison – no comment.

Ms. Knapp – shared that we had four school openings in 2 years and this year alone three school's amazing Open House/Ribbon cuttings that were very nice. Ms. Knapp stated she attended a school board conference and shared the great things SPSD is doing. She said thank you for the information on bowling and the other upcoming events. Ms. Knapp shared that next Friday, November 22, and Saturday, November 23, 2024, are the Holidays in the Heart of the City and the 46th Annual Christmas Parade. She said that for the parade, the Grand Marshals would be Dr. Eugene Seals and Mrs. Joyce Seals on the float, which the SCC Program built.

Dr. Roberts - said he would like to thank the Secretary of State, Jocelyn Benson's office, for the partnership. He dittoed Mrs. Nash's comments regarding SASA. Dr. Roberts wanted the community to know that we still need to finish work at SASA. We will conduct a phase 2 tour, and they will say "wow" and be pleased.

President Coleman – He said, "Wow"! Dr. Coleman was impressed by the students who spoke the Ribbon-Cutting. He said Kudos to Dr. Roberts and his staff, the principals of the Ribbon-Cutting schools, and the entire staff for their hard work and students. He congratulated Peyton and the Food Service team at each Open House/Ribbon Cutting. Dr. Coleman congratulated the successful wins of the Athletic and SUHS football players. He thanked the Board Members for allowing him to sit at the board table; this is an awesome team.

8. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING(S)

There will be a Building and Grounds/Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting on Monday, November 18, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. and an Action Meeting on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. The meetings will be held in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 550 Millard Street.

There will be a Briefing Session/Committee of the Whole Meeting on Wednesday, December 4, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. and an Action Meeting on Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. The meetings will be held in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 550 Millard Street.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business, the Briefing Session was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Recorded by: K. Henderson