

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF SAGINAW
BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS / FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
550 MILLARD STREET**

SEPTEMBER 16, 2024 – 5:00 p.m.

President Coleman called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

1. **ATTENDANCE –**

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Board Members:

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| President | Charles Coleman | Present |
| Vice President | Janet Nash | Absent |
| Secretary | Vera Harrison | Present-arrived at 5:03 p.m. |
| Treasurer | Ruth Ann Knapp | Present |
| Trustee | Kevin Mark Rooker | Present |
| Trustee | Joyce Seals | Present |
| Trustee | Mattie Thompson | Absent |

Administration:

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| Superintendent | Ramont Roberts | Present |
| Deputy Superintendent | Tamara Johnson | Present |
| Director of Facilities | Tim Furtaw | Present |

2. **APPROVAL OF MAY 13th, 2024 MINUTES**

President Coleman entertained a motion to approve the May 13th, 2024, minutes. Mrs. Seals moved the motion, which Mr. Rooker supported. The motion passed.

3. **CAPITAL PROJECTS-INFORMATIONAL ONLY**

Mr. Furtaw presented the following capital projects funded by the general fund:

- A. Spicer Survey –100. S. Outer Drive survey for \$9,592.25.
- B. Audio Central Alarm—100 S. Outer Drive alarm install for \$5,975.00.
- C. Spicer Survey—Saginaw Career Complex (SCC) land title survey for \$25,000.00.

4. **97c- SEC SITE SECURITY ASSESSMENT**

Mr. Furtaw presented a proposal from Secure Environment Consultants (SEC) for a \$34,000 site security assessment. This assessment includes a comprehensive security analysis of all 17 student-occupied buildings. The funding for this assessment will come from a Section 97c state grant.

The 97c-SEC proposal will be submitted to the full Board and placed on Wednesday’s consent agenda for approval.

5. **97d—CRG CRITICAL INCIDENT MAPPING**

Mr. Furtaw presented Critical Response Group (CRG) incident mapping proposal, for \$85,822.00. The incident mapping enables better communication during emergencies by providing collaborative response graphics to first responders. The proposal includes coverage for all district buildings and will be funded through a Section 97d state grant.

The 97d-CRG proposal will be submitted to the full Board and placed on Wednesday’s consent agenda for approval.

6. **SCC MILLAGE PROJECTS**

Mr. Furtaw gave an update on bid package #1 at SCC. Bid package #1 was approved last year and awarded to Wobig. Additionally, he presented SCC's bid package #2, which includes HVAC replacements for SCC buildings A and B.

Mr. Furtaw recommended that Remer be awarded SCC's bid package #2, with a 5% contingency, for \$763,892.85. The CTE Consortium has approved these funds, which will be reimbursed by the CTE millage pending ISD approval. This item will be submitted to the full Board and placed on Wednesday's consent agenda for approval.

Dr. Roberts explained that Mr. Furtaw had spoken with the CTE Consortium about bid package #3. This package involves expanding Building C at SCC and replacing the heating system. Although there appears to be some resistance to bid package #3, Dr. Roberts is confident it will eventually be presented to the Board for approval.

Mr. Furtaw mentioned that bid packages #4 and #5 are currently in the design development phase.

7. **PUBLIC/UNION COMMENTS**

No comments.

8. **FINAL BOARD COMMENTS**

Mrs. Seals expressed concerns about the condition of the nature preserve across the street from Saginaw United High School and emphasized the need for better maintenance.

Ms. Knapp would like a summary sheet of the Bond 2020 projects for the community. She explained that the sheet should inform the community about what funds the bond granted, the impact of inflation, and the status of all projects- whether they are completed, in progress or postponed. She pointed out that the design of the top of the academic tower and the band and choir rooms differs from the original bond. Additionally, Ms. Knapp mentioned that the Janet Nash Nature Preserve could benefit Saginaw United's science instruction and research opportunities, but its appearance could be slightly improved.

President Coleman emphasized there would be additional discussion about the nature preserve later.

Dr. Roberts stated there is an expired legal agreement among Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy, Saginaw County, Saginaw City, and our school district regarding the Janet Nash Nature Preserve. Even though the agreement has expired, it outlines each entity's responsibilities for the preserve. He will arrange a meeting with all involved parties to discuss the agreement and begin forging the path forward based on our vision for the area. Additionally, Dr. Roberts explained that we are fulfilling all our commitments outlined in the bond. Everything in the bond application submitted to the Michigan Department of Treasury will meet all legal obligations. We may have chosen more cost-effective materials in certain areas, but we are still delivering exactly what was approved during the design development phase to the voters. Lastly, Dr. Roberts explained that once all the bond projects are completed, we could provide a simple document to the public detailing what we have accomplished with the bond.

Mrs. Seals was pleased that Dr. Roberts clarified that we fulfilled our commitment to the bond and she wanted to reassure the public that we have kept our promises.

9. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Buildings and Grounds/Finance Committee Meeting will be announced.

Dr. Coleman asked Dr. Roberts if the nature preserve could be added to the City, County, School Liaison Meeting agenda. Dr. Roberts agreed.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chirila Hamilton
Recorder