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School District of the City of Saginaw
MINUTES OF THE BOARD BRIEFING SESSION
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September 11, 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. M. Rooker	Absent
	Trustee J. Seals	Present
	Trustee M. Thompson	Present

Central Administration Staff:

Superintendent R. Roberts	Present
Deputy Superintendent 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.

3. PRESENTATIONS

Section 11bb

Dr. Roberts called on Mrs. Jennifer Nichols to present a grant presentation from our Federal Programs Department that has now become available to us, and we are seeking approval. Mrs. Nichols shared the request for approval for the Section 11bb funds. She said these funds would be utilized for the Chromebook refresh at SASA, and other buildings would be updated using other funding sources. Mrs. Nichols answered questions from Board Members. This item will be on the Consent Agenda for next week.

Summer School Overview

Dr. Roberts called on Dr. Foley to share the Summer School report. Dr. Foley shared a quick overview of the Secondary Summer Academy 2024. He presented PowerPoint presentations displaying some of the highlights from the programs. Dr. Foley answered questions from Board Members and shared information in the Board Book.

C.I. Curriculum Purchase

Dr. Roberts called on Mrs. Leann Bauer to share the C.I. Curriculum Purchase Overview. Mrs. Bauer shared information in the Board Book, including that this particular program is for individuals who work with autistic students. She shared detailed information regarding the C. I. Curriculum purchase. Mrs. Bauer requested the Board's approval for \$45,962.00, which IDEA funds will be used. She answered questions from Board Members. This item will be on the Consent Agenda for approval.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Finance Committee

Unaudited June Financials and August Financials

Ms. Knapp called on Ms. Johnson, who gave an overview of the financial summary of the unaudited June and August Financial reports and answered Board members' questions. These items will be on the Consent Agenda for approval.

Policy and Curriculum

Mrs. Seals shared that there was a reading on Monday, September 9, 2024, and a need to complete a second reading. The District has fulfilled this requirement to complete the update of Policy #3112 and Policy #4112, which are ready to be approved.

MASB 2024 – Selection of Delegates and alternates

Dr. Coleman shared information about the MASB selection of delegates and alternates. He called on recommendations and offered to those interested in attending.

Joyce Seals, Vera Harrison, Mattie Thompson, and Dr. Charles Coleman were selected as delegates. Janet Nash, Ruth Knapp, and Kevin Rooker will serve as alternates. This item will be on the Consent Agenda for approval.

Buildings and Grounds

Mrs. Nash thanked the school district staff for allowing the Board to tour the facilities before the school opened. She suggested that everyone take time to visit the buildings independently. She called on Dr. Roberts to give updates on the other building issues in the District.

SASA Construction Schedule

Dr. Roberts shared information regarding the updates on the SASA Project, including updates from construction and the architect's schedules of when that building will be completed. Dr. Roberts called Mr. Tim Furtaw to share more updates on the SASA Project in categories. Mr. Furtaw shared updates on where we currently stand with construction, with category details. He continues to share and present an explanation of each project. Mr. Furtaw answered questions from the board members.

Human Resources

Mrs. Thompson said there was no report.

Liaison Committee

Dr. Coleman shared that the Liaison Committee will meet on October 17, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. The County will host the meeting here at the Saginaw Board of Education. If any items need to be covered, please have items shared with Ms. Henderson.

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Human Resources/Labor Relations Report

Dr. Roberts gave an overview of the Human Resources/Labor Relations report. This item will be on the Consent Agenda for approval. We will post the Support Staff Vacancy list in Board Book.

6. PUBLIC/UNION COMMENTS

President Coleman called for Public and Union comments, and none were made.

7. FINAL BOARD COMMENTS

Ms. Knapp shared that she visited two opening sessions at the Dow. She said it was so nice to celebrate the employee of the year in all categories. She also shared that she visited Saginaw Career Center, Saginaw Middle School, and Jessie Rouse on opening day and thanked all the families for trusting SPSD with their students.

Ms. Harrison – no comment

Mrs. Thompson – She said thank you to Dr. Roberts and his staff, and she appreciates you.

Mrs. Nash – said she is infinitely excited about the school year that lies ahead for our students, our staff, and our community. She would like to highlight the open houses “Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies” that are scheduled now on our social media pages. Mrs. Nash also shared how she greeted students on the 1st day of school. She appreciated the safety measures the District has put in place for decades. She commends our district for keeping our kids and our staff safe as a priority.

Mrs. Seals – said it is a very exciting year. She stated she went to Jessie Rouse. Mrs. Seals said she appreciated everyone coming out on a Saturday to rally in prayer for the new school on the bridge with Pastor Charlene Washington, the organizer. She thanked the staff for all the inconvenience of all the moves and dealing with construction.

Dr. Roberts - shared that the plaque will be delayed for the Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony. He asked the Board to reschedule the event or keep the date, and we will not have the plaque.

President Coleman – said he wanted to ask for a moment of silence in remembrance of 9/11, 23 years ago. Dr. Coleman said we will also pause for a moment of silence for the school shooting incident in Georgia last week; lives were lost, and students and staff were injured. He shared that our district is one of two State of Michigan districts with Metal Detectors. Dr. Coleman shared kudos to faculty, staff, and students for a great opening week. He said he applauded the Board for the opening of Saginaw United High School for students; it completed a promise made to the community. Dr. Coleman asked Dr. Roberts to commend the staff and let them know how much we appreciate the work that they have been doing to get us to this point.

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING(S)

There will be a Building and Grounds/Finance Committee of the Whole on Monday, September 16, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. and an Action Meeting on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. The meetings will be held in the Board Room at the Administration Building, 550 Millard Street, Saginaw, MI 48607.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business, the Briefing Session was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Recorded by: K. Henderson