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School District of the City of Saginaw
MINUTES OF THE BOARD BRIEFING SESSION
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August 12, 2026

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 J. Bady	Present
	Trustee J. Calhoun	Present
	Trustee J. Seals	Present
	SMOB D. Ramakrishnan	Absent (Excused)

Central Administration Staff:

Superintendent R. Roberts	Present
Deputy Superintendent T. Johnson	Present

2. APPROVAL OF BRIEFING SESSION AGENDA

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

3. PRESENTATIONS

Saginaw ISD CTE Millage Campaign

Dr. Roberts called on the Saginaw Intermediate School District to present information pertaining to the CTE Millage Campaign. He shared comments prior to their presentation. Dr. Roberts said we are at a point where the renewal of the original CTE Millage is necessary. He stated the Saginaw ISD is here to share their campaign for the renewal of that millage. Dr. Roberts shared we have enjoyed the partnership with the Saginaw ISD over the past eight or so years since the CTE millage and the results speak for itself. The enrollment at the facility this year will be over a thousand students. He stated at the point of the original millage the enrollment was around 400 students. This shows participation throughout the County, and we have added over 12 programs to the Career Complex. He said we support the renewal of the millage. The Saginaw ISD team presented information pertaining to the millage campaign. Board members asked questions and shared concerns.

Consolidated Application - Grant Funds

Dr. Roberts called on Mrs. Jennifer Nichols to share information on the Consolidated Application - Grant Funds. Mrs. Nichols shared detailed information regarding the Consolidated Application Funds and Timelines. Board members asked questions. This item will be on the Consent Agenda on Wednesday, August 19, 2026.

Elementary Report Cards

Dr. Roberts said we are looking to transition to an Elementary Report Card that more accurately reflects the developmental stages of students in our elementary grades. He called on Dr. Tran to share the changes that the district would like to make to the standard-based report cards. Board members asked questions. This item will be on the Consent Agenda.

Soliant Contract

Dr. Roberts called on Mrs. Rachel Reid to speak regarding some positions that we have been unable to fill. She stated we have Healthcare Aide position that we have not been able to fill. She said we have a student that is going to need specialized medical care during the day. We have posted this position; however, we have not been able to fill it. She is requesting that we contract Soliant for the Health Aide position at the amount of \$51,840. The company would contract a CNA for this position. Board members asked questions. This item will be on the Consent Agenda.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Finance

July 2026 Financials

Ms. Knapp shared that Ms. Johnson sent out the financials. Dr. Roberts called on Ms. Johnson who reviewed the summary of the June/July Financial reports. Ms. Knapp shared information pertaining to the upcoming audit. These items will be on the Consent Agenda on Wednesday, August 19, 2026.

Policy and Curriculum

Mrs. Seals stated we wanted to schedule a Policy and Curriculum meeting this month, but the superintendent said some of the scores are still embargoed. She shared once we get a full release we will receive a presentation. She shared concerns pertaining to five students going to the 1st grade that did not know their alphabet.

Building and Grounds

Mrs. Nash asked Dr. Roberts and Mr. Tim Furtaw to share and present the items on the agenda. Dr. Roberts called Mr. Furtaw to share informational updates on the Capital Projects.

Capital Projects

Mr. Furtaw presented information on the following projects. The Chester Miller Painting Ceiling only, 2-Grounds Trailers from Mid-State Liquidators, KI Quote for Furniture at Saginaw Public School District - Handley Room 408 and 409, Proposal to Add Larger Marshall Thomas Logos and recoat SMS gym floor 2026 and Purchase of Units from Anderson Radio, and Removal of asbestos floor tiles at Chester Miller. Information is in the Board Book for Capital Projects.

Human Resources

No report.

City/County/School Liaison Committee

Dr. Coleman he had no report.

5. PUBLIC/UNION COMMENTS

President Coleman called for Public Comments.

Public Comments

Chala Crawford from Crown with Care – she spoke regarding supporting students’ dignity and basic needs.

Union Comments, there were none made.

6. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Introduction of New Principals

Dr. Roberts introduced the newly selected Administrators for the upcoming year. He introduced the new principals, Monica McCoury at Zilwaukee and Rodney Woods at Loomis.

Organizational Chart 2026-27

Dr. Roberts also shared the updated Organizational Chart for 2026-27. He shared the updated departmental Executive Director for Student Services, who is Rachel Reid. Dr. Roberts stated that Mrs. Reid will oversee Gifted and Talented Programming and Student Support, working alongside two Directors and two Supervisors for Compliance and Behavior (IDEA). This is funded through the ISD and their Employees.

Human Resources/Labor Relations Report

Dr. Roberts shared the August Human Resources/Labor Relations Report and answered Board questions. This will be on the Consent Agenda.

7. FINAL BOARD COMMENTS

Mrs. Seals – said the students are going through so much. She shared some of the students’ concerns and the difficulties they are experiencing in life.

Mrs. Nash - dittoed Mrs. Seals’ comments regarding the students’ needs and challenges in life. She also shared she spoke with some parents who are experiencing challenges due to them not speaking English. She stated the school district in the past had individuals to assist the parents, but those programs no longer exist.

Ms. Calhoun - said she hates to jump on this bandwagon, but it’s for our students. She said she works with Youth Protection Council and if any of our teachers or administrators come across students who are housing insecure, please let her know. She said we have programs and shelter space for students.

Ms. Harrison – said she loves Mrs. Seals passion and love for our students. She told Mrs. Seals to continue to have that passion. She said our work is never done. She stated we must work with the whole child because they have so many things going on in their life. So, we must collaborate with the community partners.

Dr. Bady – said there is two times of the year that she loves, it’s graduation and back to school and that has not changed. She said I see a lot of back-to-school programs in our City and that always excites me. She stated what doesn’t excite her a much is the huge push on social media for the huge back to school outfit, clothing, shoes haul that’s being pushed. We need to remind them that no matter what you come to school with on the first day, it’s going to be a good year.

Ms. Knapp – said there are two more Friday Night Lives. She said the African Cultural Festival is going on this weekend. She stated one thing that we really want to make sure all our students come back to school with a positive attitude. It will take them anywhere they need to go, and we can help them to get there. She spoke about the 1st day of school and welcoming the students back to school.

Dr. Roberts – said he is encouraged and excited. He shared the challenges we kind of talked about today are challenges we have met as a staff and a public school families since he has been in this seat. He said that's what makes me excited every morning about our kids. Meeting the unmet needs of our children. He shared Opening Session information and New Teacher's first day.

Dr. Coleman – said those of us who have time on the first day of school can meet families and greet them at the door and let them know we're looking forward to a great school year. He said the information about the elementary report cards he found interesting and exciting because it gives us a different perspective that our parents can share. He said there are lots of needs in our community. Kudos to Dr. Roberts and his staff. He thanked board members for their continued work.

8. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING(S)

There will be an Action Meeting that will be held on Wednesday, August 19, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., and a Special Meeting - Board Norms on Wednesday, August 26, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. The meetings will be held in the Board Room at the Administration Building, 550 Millard Street, Saginaw, MI, 48607.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business, the Briefing Session was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Recorded by: K. Henderson/C. Williams