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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
August 19, 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	Absent
	Treasurer R. A. Knapp	Present
	Trustee J. Bady	Present
	Trustee J. Calhoun	Absent
	Trustee J. Seals	Present
	SMOB D. Ramakrishnan	Absent (Excused)
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. The agenda was approved as presented.

3. PRESENTATION

School Bond Loan Update/Energy Conservation Bond

Dr. Roberts called on Mr. Bill Roche, Financial Advisor, who shared information about legal requirements for the bonds that were overlooked. He will take care of the legal requirements, and the closing will still take place on September 22, 2026. Board members asked questions. This item will be on the Consent Agenda.

Professional Development Calendar

Dr. Roberts called on Ms. Jennifer Nichols to review the Saginaw Public Schools Professional Development Calendar for the 2026-2027 school year. Board members asked questions. This item will be on the Consent Agenda.

Data Presentation

Dr. Roberts presented non-instructional data, covering attendance trends, discipline data, and graduation rate data. The embargo on the State data has not been lifted to date, so he could not present that data publicly. Once the embargo is lifted, he will present the data. Board members asked questions.

Enrollment Goals

Dr. Roberts shared the district enrollment goals for the school year. He shared each school is given an enrollment goal. The school buildings that reach their goal receive a monetary bonus. He shared a spreadsheet showing the goal for each building. Board members asked questions.

4. PUBLIC/UNION COMMENTS

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

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Teacher and Staff Vacancies

Dr. Roberts said there is no formal report, but he shared with board members that he posted in Board Book where the district stands with teacher and support staff vacancies. Board members asked questions.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Finance

Ms. Knapp shared the Finance information is on the Consent Agenda.

Policy and Curriculum

Mrs. Seals shared there is an agenda item regarding the 1st day of school.

School Visit 1st Day of School

Board Members shared the buildings they will visit on the 1st day of school. Dr. Roberts said Ms. Henderson will provide a list of the starting times for each school building for board members.

Building and Grounds

Mrs. Nash - no report.

Marshall Thomas Gymnasium

Dr. Roberts shared the naming ceremony of the gymnasium at Saginaw Middle School to the Marshall Thomas Gymnasium in honor of Marshall Thomas was proposed to take place on Thursday, August 27, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. He asked board members to discuss and confirm that date, so that the press release and announcement can go out.

Mattie Thompson Life Skill Center

Dr. Roberts shared information pertaining to the naming of the Life Skill Center located on the 5th Floor at Saginaw United High School in honor of Mrs. Mattie Thompson. He stated after speaking with Mrs. Thompson's family, he would like to propose the date of Thursday, September 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. as a possible date.

Mrs. Seals shared that the superintendent and district have done a great job in the past of outlining a program for these events. Dr. Roberts shared what the outline of the program would look like. He stated the programs are normally 30 minutes in length. Board members asked questions pertaining to the events. Board members confirmed the proposed dates. Dr. Roberts said tomorrow the district will move forward with the press releases and announcements.

Human Resources

Mrs. Nash said she is looking forward to December and asked if the board needs to do the superintendent's interim evaluation. She asked the board if there will be two meetings in December. The board discussed the new law stating superintendents can be evaluated every 2 years. Board Members discussed if they would conduct an evaluation for the superintendent this year or wait until next year due to the new law.

Motion

Moved by Mrs. Nash and seconded by Mrs. Seals that the Saginaw Board of Education move ahead and wave the need for the superintendent evaluation for the 2026-2027 school year.

A voice vote was taken with the following results.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 – Motion Carried

City/County/School Liaison

Dr. Coleman said he did not know if a meeting date had been determined. Dr. Roberts said he would investigate that and get back to the board.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

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

The following motion was made.

Motion

Moved by Ms. Knapp and supported by Mrs. Seals, the Saginaw Board of Education accepts the Consent Agenda format as presented.

Discussion ensued regarding Item “G”. It was stated that the amount of the contract be added. Dr. Roberts stated that the Board will also need to approve Item “I” the School Bond Loan Update/Energy Conservation Bond Resolution. He asked if the board would like to except Item “I” on the Consent Agenda. Board members stated, yes to except the item. Ms. Knapp amended the motion.

Amended Motion

Moved by Ms. Knapp and supported by Mrs. Nash, the Saginaw Board of Education accepts Items “A-H” on the Consent Agenda. Excepting Item “I”.

A voice vote was taken with the following results.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 – Motion Carried

- A. Approve the Minutes for July 15, 2026 (Action Meeting)
- B. Approve the July 2026 Human Resources/Labor Relations Report
- C. Approve the July 2026 Financials
- D. Approve the the Consolidated Application – Grant Funds as presented on August 12, 2026
- E. Approve the Behavior Technician Contract for Soliant, \$715,500.00, General Funds.
- F. Approve the Elementary Report Cards as presented on August 12, 2026
- G. Approve the Health Aide Contract for Soliant, \$51,840, General Funds
- H. Approve the Professional Development Calendar as presented.

I. Approve the School Bond Loan Update/Energy Conservation Bond Resolution as presented.

Motion

Moved by Mrs. Nash and supported by Mrs. Seals that the Saginaw Board of Education approve the School Bond Loan Update/Energy Conservation Bond Resolution as presented.

Dr. Coleman read the resolution.

A voice vote was taken with the following results.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 – Motion Carried

8. FINAL BOARD COMMENTS

Ms. Knapp – shared events that are happening in the City of Saginaw. She also shared information regarding the Board Operating Procedures Manual which the Board will be working on during an upcoming Board Workshop.

Dr. Bady – said she is excited about the start of the new school year. She shared she had the opportunity to visit three school buildings. She spoke with some of the teachers at the Arts Festival and they are excited too. She hopes the children will be excited as well.

Mrs. Nash - said she mirrored Dr. Bady’s comments. She said it is nice to see the changes in the instructional curriculum within the school district.

Mrs. Seals – spoke about the festivities going on in the City. She is excited about the new school year as well.

Dr. Roberts – said we are excited to start the school year. Opening Session will be on Monday, August 24, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. at the Saginaw Arts and Sciences Academy. He said the 1st Day of school for the students will be Monday, August 31, 2026.

Dr. Coleman – said we are looking forward to the new school year. Kudos to Dr. Roberts and his staff for all their work. He also thanked the board members for their support.

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING(S)

There will be a Board Norms Meeting on Wednesday, August 26, 2026, at 5 pm., a Briefing Meeting on September 9, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., and an Action Meeting on Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. The meetings will be held in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 550 Millard Street.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business, the Action Meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Recorded by: K. Henderson/C. Williams