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School District of the City of Saginaw
MINUTES OF THE BOARD ACTION MEETING
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September 16, 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 – arrived at 5:33 p.m.
	Trustee J. Seals	Present
	SMOB D. Ramakrishnan	Present
	SMOB P. Guidry-Holmes	Present
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

Youth Sports

Dr. Roberts called on Ms. Tracy Johnson, Youth Sports Coordinator to share information on the school district youth sports program. Ms. Johnson shared information about the program and said the district started with 11 youth sports programs and have added 4 additional programs. She shared the names of the sports and the number of students participating in each sport. Board members asked questions and shared comments.

SCC Contracts

Dr. Roberts called on Mr. Ben Leal, principal of the Saginaw Career Complex, who presented the four contracts that need to be approved. They are the 2026-27 HealthSource – CAN Education Agreement, 2026-2027 Cosmetology- Bayshire Agreement, 2026-2027 Welding Local 85 Agreement and the 2026-2027 HVAC Local 85 Agreement. Mr. Justin Pomerville from Local 85 spoke about the HVAC program and in support of the CTE millage renewal. Board Members asked questions. These items will be on the Consent Agenda.

SEIU Local 1 – Tentative Agreement

Dr. Roberts called on Ms. Tiffany Pruitt who shared highlights about the tentative agreement between SEIU Local 1 and the school district. This group includes the food service workers, cooks, culinary aides, custodians, maintenance, and grounds workers. The agreement was ratified on September 12, 2026. Board approval required for final approval of the 3-year successor agreement. Board Members asked questions. This item will be on the Consent Agenda.

ELL Services

Dr. Roberts called Mrs. Jennifer Nichols who shared the services offered through the district's English Learner/Multilingual Learner Programming. She introduced Ms. Melody Oak who is the district's K-12 EL Coach. Board members asked questions regarding the services offered and shared concerns.

Instructional Data Overview

Dr. Roberts shared a general overview of the MSTEP data by subject and grade. He stated this is a 5-year trend. Board members and student board members asked questions.

4. PUBLIC/UNION COMMENTS

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

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Introduction of Student Board Members

Dr. Roberts introduced the student board members and the alternate student board members. The student board members are Precious Guidry-Holmes, SUHS and Diya Ramakrishnan, SASA. The alternate student board members are Caidin Dutton, SUHS and Kasahn Byrd, SASA. Board members welcomed the students.

2027 National Merit Scholarship Program Semifinalists – Diya Ramakrishnan

Dr. Roberts called on Ms. Kaydra Goode-Tibbs, principal of Saginaw Arts and Sciences Academy, who shared highlights of the scholarship. She shared Diya Ramakrishnan as the 2027 National Merit Scholarship Program Semifinalists. She said the National Merit Semifinalist are among the highest-scoring students in their state and represent less than 1% of U.S. high school senior. These outstanding students now can advance to finalist standing and compete for National Merit Scholarships. Board members congratulated Diya.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Finance

Ms. Knapp shared the Finance information will be on the Consent Agenda. Mrs. Seals asked questions regarding the cutbacks in the Food Service budget. Ms. Johnson and Dr. Roberts addressed her questions.

Policy and Curriculum

Mrs. Seals shared there was a meeting Monday and she felt the superintendent and staff did an excellent job going through the summer school programs.

CTE Millage Resolution

Ms. Knapp called on President Coleman to read a portion of the CTE Millage Resolution that the board will adopt if approved. This item will be on the Consent Agenda.

Building and Grounds

Mrs. Nash - no report

Human Resources

Mrs. Nash – no report

City/County/School Liaison

Dr. Coleman said the meeting was postponed.

7. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Ms. Knapp asked that Items “F and G” be excepted.

The following motion was made.

Motion

Moved by Mrs. Nash and supported by Ms. Harrison, the Saginaw Board of Education accepts the Consent Agenda format “A-E, H” excepting items “F & G”.

A voice vote was taken with the following results.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 – Motion Carried

- A. Approve the for Minutes for August 12, 2026 (Briefing Session) and August 19, 2026 (Action Meeting)
- B. Approve the September 2026 Human Resources/Labor Relations Report
- C. Approve the August 2026 Financials
- D. Approve the the Section 97N Grant as presented at the September 9, 2026, Briefing Session
- E. Approve the 21H Grant as presented at ther September 9, 2026, Briefing Session
- ~~F. Approve the SCC Contracts as presented~~
- ~~G. Approve the SEIU Local I Tentative Agreement as presented~~
- H. Approve the CTE Millage Resolution as presented

- F. Approve the SCC Contracts as presented

Motion

Moved by Ms. Knapp and supported by Mrs. Nash that the Saginaw Board of Education approve the SCC Contracts as presented.

A voice vote was taken with the following results.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 – Motion Carried

- G. Approve the SEIU Local I Tentative Agreement as presented

Motion

Moved by Ms. Knapp and supported by Ms. Harrison that the Saginaw Board of Education approve the SEIU Local I Tentative Agreement as presented.

A voice vote was taken with the following results.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 – Motion Carried

8. **FINAL BOARD COMMENTS**

Mrs. Seals – shared information about the upcoming Power of a Promise event. She asked Ms. Williams to check with board members to see who would be interested in attending.

Ms. Guidry-Holmes – no comment

Mrs. Nash – no comment

Ms. Calhoun – said she is excited to see the student board members at the table today. She thanked the administrative staff for stepping in as the daycare to watch the children of board members.

Ms. Harrison – no comment

Dr. Bady – echoed what Ms. Calhoun comment and thanked the administrative staff for stepping in as the daycare today. She acknowledged things that are happening in neighboring districts.

Ms. Ramakrishnan – said she is excited to be seating back on the board.

Ms. Knapp - said she is happy to see the student board members back.

Dr. Roberts – no comment

Dr. Coleman – said we covered a lot of data and information tonight. He is happy to see the student board members back.

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING(S)

There will be a Briefing Session on October 14, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., and an Action Meeting on Wednesday, October 21, 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 7:57 p.m.

Recorded by: C. Williams