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School District of the City of Saginaw

MINUTES OF THE BOARD BRIEFING SESSION

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October 14, 2026

President Coleman called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

1. ATTENDANCE

Board of Education:	President C. Coleman	Present
	Vice President J. Nash	Present
	Secretary V. Harrison	*Absent*
	Treasurer R. A. Knapp	*Absent*
	Trustee J. Bady	Present
	Trustee J. Calhoun	Present
	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 BRIEFING SESSION AGENDA

President Coleman asked Board members if there were any additions or subtractions to the agenda. The chair will postpone agenda item 4.C. – NABSE Conference until the next week. Seeing nothing further, the agenda was approved as presented.

3. PRESENTATIONS

SPSSA Contract

Dr. Roberts called on Ms. Pruitt to present an overview of the Secretaries Contract that has recently reached a tentative agreement. This contract impacts approximately 25 employees who are 10-month and 12-month administrative assistants at the admin building and school building level. The current agreement expired on June 30, 2026, and a tentative agreement was reached on September 25, 2026; this is a 3-year contract. Ms. Pruitt highlighted specifics of the new contract and requested final board approval of the contract as presented. This item will be on the Consent Agenda at the October 21, 2026, Action meeting.

Food Service – Adult Meal Pricing

Dr. Roberts called on Mr. Peyton Strobel to present on the adult meal pricing for the current year. Current adult meal prices are $3.00 for breakfast and $5.25 for lunch – the state sets a minimum price that districts can charge adults for meals and Saginaw Public Schools is currently charging below that price. The current state minimum for breakfast is $3.23 and $5.50 for lunch. Food service is proposing a district-wide increase in the adult meal price to charge $3.75 for breakfast and $6.50 for lunch. Discussion ensured among board members regarding the food service program.
This item will be on the consent agenda at the October 21, 2026, Action Meeting.

Rouse Cameras

Dr. Roberts called on Mr. Theo Dillingham to present for informational purposes only the camera upgrades that are needed at Jessie Rouse. There have been previous 1-1 camera replacements throughout the district; however, Rouse was identified as a building that lacks coverage.

Discussion ensued among board members and Dr. Roberts regarding the need for additional camera coverage at Rouse, as well as other camera-related matters throughout the district.

4. NEW BUSINESS

SMOB

Student Board member, Ms. Ramakrishnan alongside her principal, recently surveyed the students at SASA for any concerns, issues and needs at the school level that students would like addressed to the board. She plans to have the results ready to present to the Board at the Action Meeting on October 21, 2026.

Student Board member, Ms. Guidry-Holmes also surveyed the student body at Saginaw United High School and received approximately 190 responses. Ms. Guidry-Holmes provided an overview of the student survey results to the board.

Finance

September 2026 Financials

Dr. Roberts called on Ms. Johnson who reviewed the summary of the September Financial Reports. Board Members will email any questions they may have to Ms. Johnson. These items will be on the Consent Agenda at the October 21, 2026, Action meeting.

Policy and Curriculum

President Coleman shared that the approval for Board Member travel to the Annual NABSE Conference will be postponed until the Policy and Curriculum meeting which will be on Monday, October 19, 2026.

Mrs. Seals said there are policy updates that will be coming to the board for a first reading during the Policy and Curriculum Meeting and a representative from NEOLA will be present at as well.

Building and Grounds

Mrs. Nash stated she had nothing to report. Turned over to Dr. Roberts who then called on Mr. Furtaw, who shared informational updates on the Capital Projects.

Capital Projects

Mr. Furtaw shared information pertaining to new cubical installation at Chester Miller, Remer plumbing work to be completed at SASA and repair of a catch basin in the staff parking lot at SCC. Discussion ensued; Detailed information is in Board Book under Capital Projects.

Human Resources

Mrs. Nash stated she had nothing to report.

City/County/School Liaison Committee

The Liaison Committee has a meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 19, 2026. The meeting will be held at the Board of Education Building

5. PUBLIC/UNION COMMENTS

President Coleman called for Public and Union comments – None were made.

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Human Resources/Labor Relations Report

Dr. Roberts gave an overview of the Human Resources/Labor Relations report. Dr. Coleman asked how this fits into the current vacancies, Dr. Roberts shared a vacancy list update will be available to the Board at the Action Meeting next week. This item will be on the Consent Agenda at the October 21, 2026, Action meeting.

7. FINAL BOARD COMMENTS

D. Ramakrishnan – No final comments. She is excited to return next week to share what is happening at school.

Dr. Bady – No Comment

Ms. Calhoun – No Comment

Mrs. Nash – Shared how much the Board Members enjoyed attending the CUBE Conference in Chicago and what a great benefit it was to be able to attend and get started implementing tools from the conference. Impressed with the concerned survey from Saginaw United and is looking forward to hearing the results from SASA.

P. Guidry-Holmes – No Comment

Mrs. Seals – Sad to have missed the CUBE Conference but thankful to have been able to attend the fall GALA at SASA. She shared an outstanding job was done by the staff and students who made this event possible; she is looking forward to getting to more production and events across the district. She hopes all those seated at the table can attend the Saginaw Promise Fundraiser that will be held at the end of October. She highlighted tutoring at Rouse will be starting soon and she is looking for more help with tutoring if there is anyone interested.

Dr. Roberts – Applauded the GALA at SASA and recognized the four teams from SASA and one team from Saginaw United that have qualified to advance to the next phase of the A.H. Nickless Innovation Award.

President Coleman – Looks forward to hearing and sharing. Looking forward to hearing reports from the CUBE Conference. Recently visited Saginaw United and would like to applaud Mr. Gordon and his team and the students at Saginaw United for the work that they are doing.

8. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING(S)

There will be a Policy and Curriculum Committee Meeting of the Whole on Monday, October 19, 2026, at 5:00 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 at the Administration Building, 550 Millard Street, Saginaw, MI, 48607.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business, the Briefing Session was adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Recorded by: R. Cox