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School District of the City of Saginaw
MINUTES OF THE BOARD BRIEFING SESSION
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April 8, 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 T. Pringle	Absent
	SMOB R. Patel	Present
Central Administration Staff:		
	Superintendent, Dr. R. Roberts	Present
	Chief Financial Officer, 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.

Ms. Knapp asked to move the Board Comments before Closed Session. Dr. Coleman asked if there were any objection.

Motion

Moved by Mrs. Nash and supported by Ms. Harrison, the Final Board Comments will be made before the Closed Session on the agenda.

A voice vote was taken with the following results.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 – Motion Carried

Dr. Coleman asked if there were any further adjustments. If not, we will make these changes and follow the agenda as amended.

3. PRESENTATIONS

R.A.G. Carryover

Dr. Roberts asked Mrs. Nichols to share information for carryover funds from the Regional Assistance Grant. Mrs. Nichols is requesting Board Approval of the R.A.G. Funds and R.A.G. Carryover. She provided detailed information on the funds and carryover, and noted that the information is attached to the Board Book. Mrs. Nichols shared that there is a budget allocation of \$269,884, with an initial carryover before the middle school's allocation of \$84,644. After the other schools, the new carryover has an additional amount of \$183,276, for a total budget of \$537,804. She shared that both the Saginaw ISD and the Michigan Department of Education have approved the complete budget request. Mrs. Nichols answered the Board Members' questions. These items will be on the Consent Agenda at the April 15, 2026, Action meeting.

2026-27 Official Calendar

Dr. Roberts shared the 2026-27 Official Calendar for the upcoming school year. He gave additional information on important upcoming dates. These items will be on the Consent Agenda at the April 15, 2026, Action meeting.

Literacy Strategies

Dr. Roberts called on Dr. Tran to share the Literacy Strategies requested by Mrs. Seals that were presented at the Policy and Curriculum. Dr. Tran shared information about the Districtwide Tiered Program in Elementary Education. She provided a comprehensive overview of tiered instruction and answered the Board Member's questions.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Finance Committee

Ms. Knapp stated that there are Financial Reports in the Board Book; she shared that the Committee will receive them as well and will share any questions or concerns.

Dr. Roberts shared that Ms. Johnson is not present; the March 2026 Financial Reports are in the Board Book. If you have any questions, Ms. Johnson will be available at the Building and Grounds Meeting on Monday. These items will be on the Consent Agenda at the April 15, 2026, Action meeting.

Policy and Curriculum

Mrs. Seals shared that there was a very interesting Policy & Curriculum meeting last night. She shared that Neola recommended a few new policies based on changes in the law. Mrs. Seals shared policies regarding AI use, job cell phones, and other devices. Please watch last night's meeting for more information. She shared that these items will be on the Consent Agenda next week for the final review of the policies.

Ms. Knapp asked Mrs. Seals to share more information regarding the first and second readings. Mrs. Seals said Phil from Neola shared that the process we've been following for the first and second reading was excessive. Phil said to post the agenda and read a brief overview of the policy changes as the first reading. He said the second reading is to look at the editor time and say, "This is what we went over the first time; here are the categories I would read."

Dr. Roberts shared that Dr. Tran presented a new ELA curriculum for our elementary division. He would like her to present a summary of that next week. He said this is in the Board Book as a slideshow, as well as on Facebook as a video.

Buildings and Grounds

Mrs. Nash shared that there is a meeting on Monday, April 13, 2026, at 5 p.m.

Human Resources

Mrs. Nash shared that tonight will be the Annual Superintendent Self-Evaluation. She shared that the Board Superintendent Evaluation will be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

City/County/School Liaison Committee

Dr. Coleman stated that the Liaison Committee Meeting will be held next week, Thursday, April 16, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. The city will be hosting.

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 at the April 15, 2026, Action meeting.

Tentatively, the District Retirement Celebration will be Thursday, May 28, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., at SUHS.

6. PUBLIC/UNION COMMENTS

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

7. FINAL BOARD COMMENTS

Mrs. Seals – said thank you, Superintendent and Dr. Tran, for bringing that information and for supporting ways to increase students' reading, math, and other abilities. This way, we can help our students learn, and our teachers teach, incorporating the curriculum changes into the process. Mrs. Seals shared that she would like the litter in the park outside of SUHS picked up.

Mrs. Nash – no comments

Ms. Harrison – no comments

Dr. Bady – shared that their baby, Avery was born on March 28, 2026. Thank you for all the well wishes from the community.

Ms. Patel - shared that the SASA Juniors are taking their SAT's next week, as well as the MStep and the ACT WorkKeys. She would like to wish them good luck.

Ms. Knapp - shared that the 37th Saginaw County Student Art Show opens at Fashion Square Mall on April 20, 2026. The awards are on April 30, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. for elementary, and at 6 p.m. for secondary, and it closes on May 3, 2026.

Dr. Roberts - said he hopes everyone had a great spring break. We're off to a great start, finishing up the 4th quarter, finishing strong.

President Coleman – no comment

8. CLOSED SESSION - SUPERINTENDENT SELF-EVALUATION

President Coleman entertained a motion to enter Closed Session to discuss the Superintendent Self-Evaluation. There will be no action taken following the Closed Session.

Motion

Moved by Mrs. Nash and supported by Mrs. Seals, that the board will go into Closed Session for the Superintendent's Self-Evaluation.

A roll call vote was taken. The results were as follows:

Ayes: 6 Nays: - Motion carried

Board members entered into Closed Session at 6:44 p.m.

9. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

President Coleman shared that there will be no action.

10. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING(S)

President Coleman announced there will be a Buildings and Grounds/Finance Committee of the Whole on Monday, April 13, 2026, at 5 p.m., an Action Meeting on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., and a Liaison Committee meeting on Thursday, April 16, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. The meetings will be held in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 550 Millard Street.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business, the Briefing Session was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Recorded by: K. Henderson