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School District of the City of Saginaw
MINUTES OF THE BOARD ACTION MEETING
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March 18, 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	Absent
	Trustee J. Seals	Present
	SMOB T. Pringle	Present
	SMOB R. Patel	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

2016 Bond Refunding

Dr. Roberts shared information on the Bond Refunding. He shared that Bill Roche will provide detailed information on the refunding of our bonds. Mr. Bill Roach shared a presentation with the board stating that the district sold \$10,800,000 in new bonds on March 5 to refund 2016 bonds, resulting in \$1,100,000 in reduced debt service and \$978,000 in present-value savings. He said the refunding transaction was oversubscribed and met the Treasury's present-value savings expectations at 8.5%, well above the 3% guideline. Mr. Roche shared that the District Staff will monitor market conditions for a potential refunding of the 2017 refunding bonds in early January 2027 and report opportunities to the board. He answered the Board Members' questions. Dr. Roberts stated this item would be on the Consent Agenda for approval next week.

Recognitions

Dr. Roberts called on Loomis Elementary - Rwaida Bates of Jesse Loomis Elementary received the Mid-Michigan Golden Apple Award winner, which is an award that recognizes outstanding K-12 teachers for their impact on students and community. Dr. Roberts shared that Mrs. Rwaida Bates was 1 of 5 nominated throughout the State. Mrs. Bates greeted the Board Members and took a picture.

Dr. Roberts shared that SUHS has a partnership with Becca's Closet Prom Grant. Becca's Closet has agreed to fund the entire 2026 class for the Saginaw United class of 2026. He shared that this is a huge expense and a huge honor. Dr. Roberts would like to recognize the individuals who made it happen on behalf of our students.

Mr. Gordon announced that it was Candace Houpis. He shared that Ms. Houpis has been working with Becca's Closet since Arthur Hill High School. Mr. Gordon shared that they have been very generous in donating dresses for the students, and this year, they wrote a \$14,000 check. Ms. Houpis shared that Macy's will contribute funds as well. Ms. Houpis greeted the Board Members and took a picture.

Student Ambassadors

Dr. Roberts called on each high school principal to introduce the Student Ambassadors. The students gave a report on activities in their schools.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Finance - R.A. Knapp

The budget presentation and hearing are scheduled in June, with adoption and state submission by June 30th.

B. Policy and Curriculum - J. Seals

Shared that there will be a Policy and Curriculum Committee scheduled next month. Mrs. Seals shared that she will have some information from Dr. Tran at the upcoming meeting. Dr. Roberts stated there was a new NEOLA representative, and he will be here at that meeting as well. He shared that the Policy and Curriculum meeting will be rescheduled due to Easter Monday being a district holiday. Ms. Henderson will poll the Board Members for a better date and/or time.

1. Gifted and Talented Admission Process

Dr. Roberts shared that the District has been exploring the admissions processes at Handley and SASA. Dr. Roberts called on Mrs. Tibbs and Dr. Gould to share detailed information on the processes.

Mrs. Tibbs summarized the process details for admission, revision, and selection of the best student for the programs. She shared that most of the components used throughout the process remain current and viable, and that current tests are in place. Mrs. Tibbs stated that are still included recommendations letter, grades, and compared SCAT scores, which has used over 30 years, New tool is COGAT, and beenn recommended the COGAT for K–12 alignment, cost, scoring automation, and comparable verbal/quantitative measurement; plans include pilot testing current students, refining writing prompts, developing rubrics with ELA leadership, and returning a finalized admissions process to the board.

Dr. Gould stated that a stakeholder focus group unanimously preferred the COGAT over the SCAT for admissions alignment across K–12. He shared that it included students, teachers, parents, and a few principals, and they all explored the different assessments of the SCAT and the COGAT. Dr. Gould shared that 2 weeks later, the COGAT was preferred.

Mrs. Tibbs shared with Mrs. Taylor (ELA chair) that the district ELA teachers will develop writing prompts and scoring rubrics for the SASA writing sample.

Dr. Roberts shared that we will conduct a pilot test with some students using the COGAT during the assessment. He will share the information with the focus group and aim to use it for admissions

next school year. Dr. Roberts shared that we will come back to the Board once that is finalized. He shared that the other component for Elementary is the Social Emotional Component, with which the Social Work department is working closely with Dr. Gould. They answered the Board Members' questions.

C. Building and Grounds - J. Nash

Shared Dr. Roberts and Mr. Furtaw have items to share. Dr. Roberts stated that Mr. Furtaw will present several projects at SCC today, which are attached in the Board Book. Dr. Roberts shared information on the partnership with the ISD and the operations with the CTE Consortium at SCC with the new sitting Board Member before Mr. Furtaw began his presentation.

1. SCC Projects

Dr. Roberts called on Mr. Furtaw, he will present the SCC project details and vendor quotes to the board as part of the approved ISD reimbursement process.

- SCC projects (furniture, restaurant seating, clocks/PA) were presented with vendor quotes and will use CTE millage funds and Omnia/sourcewell contracts for reimbursement. Detailed vendor quotes were presented for campus-wide furniture replacement (\$580,976.29 via Office Design Solutions)
- Restaurant furniture (\$40,896 via Joel Robinson and Associates), and
- Clock/PA system upgrades, including installation (\$57,596) and Graybar equipment purchases; all projects will use Omnia/sourcewell contracts and CTE millage funds for reimbursement.

Mr. Furtaw stated that all quotes and vendor information were included in the Board Book and answered the Board Member's question. He shared part of the approved ISD reimbursement process. This is on the Consent Agenda for tonight's approval.

D. Human Resources - J. Nash

Shared Dr. Roberts Superintendent Self-Evaluation will be on April 8, 2026, at 5:30 pm, and the Board Members' Superintendent Evaluation on May 20, 2026, at 5:30 pm. Both evaluations will be in closed session.

E. City/County/School Liaison - C. Coleman

Next Meeting Thursday, April 16, 2026, at 5:30 pm.

5. PUBLIC/UNION COMMENTS

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

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

No report.

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 Mrs. Nash and supported by Ms. Harrison that the Saginaw Board of Education accepts the Consent Agenda format.

A voice vote was taken with the following results.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 – Motion Carried

- A. Approve the Minutes for February 11, 2026, Briefing Session and February 18, 2026, Action Meeting.
- B. Approve the February 2026 Financial Reports
- C. Approve the March 2026 Human Resources/Labor Relations Report
- D. Approve the Office Designs Solution, LLC furniture quote in the total amount of \$580,976.29, utilizing the Sourcewell and Omnia purchasing contracts. CTE funds will be used.
- E. Approve the Joel Robinson + Associates furniture quote in the amount of \$40,896.00, utilizing the Omnia purchasing contract. CTE funds will be used.
- F. Approve the Structured Technologies professional service installation quote for \$57,596.00. CTE funds will be used.
- G. Approve the Graybar quote for clock/paging equipment for \$89,601.30, utilizing the Omnia purchasing contract. CTE funds will be used.

8. NEW BUSINESS

9. FINAL BOARD COMMENTS

Ms. Knapp – reshared information – this will be the 2nd year of County Parks Play dates this summer across the city, intended for families. She also shared that the SUHS Band played for Positive Results at the Dow Event Center, and the SMOB/Drum Major did an excellent job with the impromptu concert.

Ms. Patel – no comment

Dr. Bady - shared how successful our students are. The 2nd meeting of the month is her favorite, seeing and hearing the students. She shared that her experience last year was great at the Playdate at SMS, and she cannot wait for this summer.

Ms. Harrison - shared that it was nice hearing from the Student Ambassadors. She shared how she will be encouraged to try the Play dates this year. Ms. Harrison shared her congratulations to Mrs. Bates for the Apple Award this year.

Mrs. Nash – it was a pleasure to be here tonight.

Ms. Pringle – shared that she enjoyed the student ambassadors. She stated that what students are doing across the district is very impressive, and she would like to encourage parents and students to watch the Saginaw United Mock Trial Team. I encourage them to learn more about civic education and get involved. I would love to see more Mock Trial Teams in high schools, as they provide a valuable educational experience.

Mrs. Seals – no comment

Dr. Roberts – said thank you to the Board, to staff, SPSD staff, the Executive Team, and for all they do. Dr. Roberts wanted to share information about a student who attends SASA Middle School who is taking a high school math courses since being at Handley. This student is a Math and Science prodigy. He will exhaust all of our math offerings before High School. He will likely be attending Delta College or SVSU in dual enrollment as a very young student at 14, taking college-level math. Just wanted to highlight the genius academic we have in some of our students, he's one, and there are others. Fantastic story for Handley, SASA, and SPSD.

Dr. Coleman – shared he listened to the Ambassador Student Reports, and I’m Godly proud of what we are doing as a district. People wonder about the quality of education. When we go to a conference and come back with awards, that says that we are doing a good job. Congratulations to Dr. Roberts and his team for ensuring our students have the opportunities and information to compete at that level. The announcement of Becca’s Closet is mind-boggling, and what it does for SUHS students is a big load off the students and parents. I applaud those who help.

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING(S)

President Coleman announced there will be a Briefing Session on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. and an Action Meeting on Wednesday, April 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 6:56 p.m.

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