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School District of the City of Saginaw
MINUTES OF THE BOARD BRIEFING SESSION
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March 11, 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.

3. PRESENTATIONS

Summer School 2026

Dr. Roberts called on Dr. Foley and Dr. Tran to give an overview of the Elementary and Secondary 2026 Summer School programs. Both shared PowerPoint presentations and displayed some of the highlights from the programs, which will take place this summer.

Consolidated App Carryover

Dr. Roberts called on Mrs. Nichols to share details of the 2025-26 Budget Carryover for Title Federal dollars I, II, III, IV and section 31A, which are funds that we initially thought we were going to spend in categories. Dr. Roberts shared we did not use the funds, so at this time we will spend it elsewhere. Mrs. Nichols presented the district amendment and allocations to MDE and final approval of the consolidated application amendment and carryover request. She said a shared information in Board Book for Board Members. We are asking for approval for Part III, additional allocation and carryover of for Title I is \$1,941,630.00, Title II \$502,067.00, Title III(EL) \$31,756, and Title III(Immigrant) \$2,474 and Title IV \$335, 345 totals. Dr. Roberts asked the Board members if they had any questions please share them with Ms. Henderson. This will be on the Consent Agenda for approval next meeting.

Negotiation Timeline

Dr. Roberts shared that we have the Negotiation the Timeline of two bargaining units to negotiate with: their contracts are expiring this year. He shared were are going to open negotiations with those two bargaining units. He called on Ms. Tiffany Pruitt to go over the negotiation timeline for each unit.

Ms. Pruitt shared two-unions' timeline: SPSSA current bargain agreement expires June 30, 2026 (26 employees; administrative assistants). Negotiations beginning Monday with SPSSA until a tentative agreement is reached and ratified by their union, then we will come before the board for final approval.

Ms. Pruitt shared the other group is SEIU Local 1, and current bargain agreement expires August 31, 2026. It impacts (160 employees; 72 maintenance, custodial and grounds, and 88 foodservice). Negotiations scheduled to start in May 2026. Negotiations will proceed until a tentative agreement is reached and ratified before board approval.

Ms. Pruitt recapped existing contract terms across bargaining units and identified two contracts expiring this school year; a board member expressed concern about limited fund balance and negotiating flexibility, and administration responded they will not negotiate into a deficit and will present options if problems arise. Administration committed not to negotiate the district into a deficit and will advise the board if negotiations threaten budget stability. Board members asked various questions.

4. NEW BUSINESS

SMOB

Tierra Pringle- Absent

Riya Patel – shared the Saturday, March 14, 2026 is the Flint Regional Science Engineering Fair and the Award start at 6 pm and everyone is welcome to attend. Next Saturday is the SASA Theater Concentration Play, “39 Steps” buy tickets at the door or online with a card.

Finance Committee

February Financials

Ms. Knapp shared the floor with Dr. Roberts and Ms. Johnson. Ms. Johnson reviewed the summary of the February Financial reports. Board members will email questions to Ms. Johnson. These items will be on the Consent Agenda at the March 18, 2028 Action meeting.

Ms. Knapp suggested the three-Wednesday June sequence for budget presentation, public hearing, and adoption to meet June 30 deadlines.

Policy and Curriculum

Mrs. Seals shared there are no new NEOLA policies to bring forward, introduced a new NEOLA representative, scheduled an introductory meeting next week with Ms. Cox, and arranged to send Mrs. Seals the meeting date with the new NEOLA Rep.

Buildings and Grounds

Mrs. Nash yielded to Dr. Roberts. Next month there will be a meeting to finalize the redevelopment of the Nash Nature Preserve.

Human Resources

Mrs. Nash shared she is saddened to hear Dr. Wilson Smith passed away. Dr. Roberts Superintendent Self-Evaluation will be on April 8, 2026, at 5:30 pm, and the Board Members' Evaluation of the Superintendent will be on May 20, 2026, at 5:30 pm. Both meetings will be in closed session.

City/County/School Liaison Committee

Dr. Coleman shared the Next Meeting is Thursday, April 16, 2026, at 5:30 pm. Please share any activities for information for the Hot Times magazine, to the City Official Office Rachel Hozeska.

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Human Resources/Labor Relations Report

Dr. Roberts gave an overview of the Human Resources/Labor Relations report, which will be an item on the Consent Agenda at the March 18, 2026 Action meeting.

Layoff/Recall Resolutions

Dr. Roberts shared the standard layoff/recall resolutions. These resolutions authorize the superintendent to implement the layoff of staff effective upon the close of business June 30, 2026 and recall staff laid off at the close of business on June 30, 2026 as needed. These items will be on the Consent Agenda at the March 18, 2026 Action Meeting.

6. PUBLIC/UNION COMMENTS

President Coleman called for Public and Union comments but there were none made.

7. FINAL BOARD COMMENTS

Ms. Knapp – shared Mr. Furtaw will be the new president of Positive Results Downtown, for the next year or two. Please come to the Luncheon.

Ms. Patel – no comment

Dr. Bady – said she loves the energy in the community for our sports lately.

Ms. Harrison – no comment

Ms. Calhoun – no comment

Mrs. Nash – said she enjoyed the Robotics Night at SASA, very nice event.

Mrs. Seals – said she is so proud of the girls and boys basketball games.

Dr. Roberts – shared he we will be recognizing Michael Baldwin, our State Wrestling Champion at the Action meeting next week. He also acknowledged the other athletic teams at SUHS. He also shared highlights from the AASA Conference that he, Dr. Foley and Dr. Tran attended recently. He shared an update on the Strategic Plan progress.

President Coleman – echoed the comments of his fellow board members. He gave kudos to Dr. Roberts and his team for the curriculum we use.

President Coleman asked board members to start thinking about the commencement exercises and who will be speaking on behalf of the board members. Mrs. Seals suggested Dr. Coleman speaks at both commencement exercises.

8. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING(S)

There will be an Action Meeting on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. The meetings will be held in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 550 Millard Street.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business, the Briefing Session was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Recorded by: K. Henderson