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School District of the City of Saginaw
MINUTES OF THE BOARD ACTION MEETING
550 Millard Street • Saginaw, Michigan 48607 • 989-399-6500
April 15, 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	Absent
	Trustee J. Calhoun	Absent
	Trustee J. Seals	Present
	SMOB T. Pringle	Absent
	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.

Dr. Coleman shared that he would like to add one agenda item, regarding Board Book, under New Business.

No objections; we will follow the agenda as adjusted.

3. PRESENTATION

SASA's Pantheon

Dr. Roberts called on the Robotics Team from SASA, the Pantheon. They have some great news to share and also some encouraging items for the Board.

The SASA Robotics Team reported that the District won an Impact Award at Escanaba, a top-12 state ranking out of over 500 teams, and plans to compete at the state championship at Saginaw Valley State University this weekend in the Consumers Energy division. The Board Members and Superintendent commended the program's use of bond-funded STEM spaces and encouraged community support at SVSU.

Student Ambassadors

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

ELA Curriculum - Elementary

Dr. Roberts shared that this presentation is for the ELA Curriculum – Elementary information shared at the Policy and Curriculum meeting by Dr. Tran. He said that Mrs. Michelle Karp, Mrs. Peggy Connors, and Mrs. Monica McCurry will present an abbreviated Presentation of the Elementary Curriculum to the full Board, as it will be on the Consent Agenda for the vote.

Mrs. Connors shared an elementary ELA curriculum update required by Michigan Public Act 146, and reported there is 90% teacher support in SPSP for replacing EL Education, and recommended adopting Amplify CKLA based on task-force scoring and teacher feedback. She said that Act 146, Michigan's new K–12 literacy and dyslexia law, lists instructional practices the law prohibits, such as prompting guesses from illustrations or using predictable text for initial word recognition. They emphasized

the law's requirement for explicit instruction and structured literacy and noted that curricula under consideration had to align with the science of reading.

4. PUBLIC/UNION COMMENTS

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

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

MHSAA NIL (PBA) Policy

Dr. Roberts shared information about the Michigan High School Athletic Association Name, Image, and Likeness(NIL). He said that college athletes, and now high school is athletes, can be compensated for use of their name, image, and likeness. Dr. Roberts shared that Michigan is now a state that allows name and likeness use for high school students, and for students or guardians, depending on age. He called on Dr. Foley to present the MHSAA NIL (PBA) Policy and what that entails in the event our students benefit from NIL. Dr. Foley shared NIL, which is called PBA (personal branding activity), and students can get paid for their Brand. He shared a broad overview in detail. He answered questions that the Board presented.

6. 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, the Saginaw Board of Education accepts the Consent Agenda with the specified exceptions.

A voice vote was taken with the following results.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 – Motion Carried

Approve the Minutes for March 11, 2026, Briefing Session; March 18, 2026, Action Meeting

6.B. Approve the March 2026 Financials.

6.C. Approve the April 2026 Human Resources/Labor Relations Report.

6.D. Approve the Literacy Strategies as presented.

~~6.E. Approve the R.A.G. Carryover funds in the amount of \$1,941,630.00 for the purchase of funds to be used.~~

6.F. Approve the 2026-27 Official Calendar.

6.G. Approve the ELA Curriculum - Elementary as presented.

~~6.H. Approve the MHSAA NIL (PBA) Policy as presented. Exclude information~~

6.I. Approve the 2nd Reading Policy as presented.

6.J. Approve the 35m Grant Funding in the amount of \$475,649.

~~6.K. Approve the Janet Nash Preserve as presented on April 13, 2026. Not to exceed \$250,000. General Fund used.~~

6.K. Approve to remove the Janet Nash Preserve and 6.H. MHSAA NIL (PBA) Policy from the consent until further action.

Motion

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

A voice vote was taken with the following results.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 – Motion Carried

6.E. Approve the R.A.G. Carryover funds in the amount of \$1,941,630.00.

Motion

Moved by Mrs. Seals and supported by Mrs. Nash, the Saginaw Board of Education accepts E for the wording.

A voice vote was taken with the following results.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 – Motion Carried

6.H. Approve the MHSAA NIL (PBA) Policy as presented. Exclude- information
Motion

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

A voice vote was taken with the following results.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 – Motion Carried

7. New Business

Dr. Coleman shared that we are making adjustments to how information is presented in the Board Book. He called on Ms. Knapp to explain in detail. She shared that information documents are not attached in the Action Meeting of the Board Book; only the Briefing Sessions has them attached. She would like to attach documents to both. Dr. Roberts shared that it was an old practice. Mrs. Seals stated this should be tabled for another time to provide more details in the Board Book.

8. Committee Reports

Finance

Ms. Knapp shared that all items were just approved under the Consent Agenda. She shared that there will be Budget Presentation, Budget Hearing, and Budget Adoption meetings in June.

Policy & Curriculum

Mrs. Seals shared that several policies are listed on the agenda for review a second time.

Mrs. Seals shared in detail which policy was updated.

POLICY 0100 Vol. 40, No. 2 - Revised DEFINITIONS

POLICY 1410 Vol. 40, No. 2 - February 2026 New STAFF ETHICS

POLICY 2370.01 Vol. 40, No. 2 - Revised ONLINE/BLENDED LEARNING PROGRAM

POLICY 2417 Vol. 40, No. 2 - February 2026 Revised COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL HEALTH EDUCATION

POLICY 2418 Vol. 40, No. 2 - February 2026 Revised SEX EDUCATION

POLICY 3120.09 Vol. 40, No. 2 - February 2026 Renumber/Rescind VOLUNTEERS

POLICY 4120.09 Vol. 40, No. 2 - February 2026 Rescind VOLUNTEERS

POLICY 4210 Vol. 40, No. 2 - February 2026 New STAFF ETHICS

POLICY 5136 Vol. 40, No. 2 - February 2026 Replacement WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS DEVICES (WCDs)

POLICY 5336 Vol. 40, No. 2 - February 2026 New CARE OF STUDENTS WITH DIABETES

POLICY 6320 Vol. 40, No. 2 - Revised PURCHASING

POLICY 6325 Vol. 40, No. 2 - Revised PROCUREMENT - FEDERAL GRANTS/FUNDS

POLICY 7540.09 Vol. 40, No. 2 - February 2026 Replacement ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI)

POLICY 8120.09 Vol. 40, No. 2 - Vol. 40, No. 2 - February 2026 Renumbered/Revised VOLUNTEERS

POLICY 8402 Vol. 40, No. 2 - February 2026 Revised EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

POLICY 8655 Vol. 40, No. 2 - February 2026 New SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION FOR STUDENTS WITH IEPs

Motion

Moved to adopt the policy revisions and new policies by Mrs. Seals and supported by Ms. Knapp, that the Saginaw Board of Education accepts the Policies presented on April 7, 2026, and April 15, 2026 (2nd Readings).

A voice vote was taken with the following results.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 – Motion Carried

Student Member of the Board 2026-27.

Dr. Coleman called on Dr. Roberts to share the process to advertise to our schools, and to have students apply. The Board will interview students and select two sitting student Board Members and two Alternates. It was suggested by Mrs. Knapp to interview an upcoming junior and a senior, so the candidates have one or two years. Mrs. Nash recommended we have the

principals assist with recruitment, and Dr. Roberts has his team select the individuals for interviews, the same process as last year.

Motion

~~Moved by Mrs. Nash to have the principals make their selections and at least give us a primary and a secondary from each school to interview. Ms. Knapp supported the Saginaw Board of Education in accepting the policy. Amend motion (*see below)~~

Motion

Moved by Mrs. Nash to have the principals and Dr. Foley and Dr. Roberts proceed as they did last year and identify four candidates for two from each high school to be selected by the Board as primary and alternate student members of the Board.

A voice vote was taken with the following results.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 – Motion Carried

Middle School Ambassadors Report

Dr. Roberts stated he had a request from a Board Member to discuss something similar to high school ambassadors. We will begin to have Middle School Ambassadors give reports. He shared that in the next May Policy and Curriculum or in the May Briefing, we can discuss the process after talking to the middle school principals, and possible implementation in the Fall 2026-27 School Year.

Buildings and Grounds

Mrs. Nash said there will be a meeting on Monday, April 11, 2026, to discuss moving forward with the lighting project. She called on Mr. Furtaw to share more details. The other topic was the redesign of the Nature Preserve across from Saginaw United High School.

Mr. Furtaw summarized the presentation from the Buildings and Grounds/Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting on Monday, April 11, 2026. He shared details from the poll feedback, which was distributed to SUHS staff and students. The poll shared that they were looking for a nice, clean, usable space to go out for various student activities, as well as a safe, clean, and maintainable space. Mr. Furtaw stated that all details of the park plan are in the Board Book and that hard copies were also provided. He shared details of the upcoming changes for the Nature Preserve and answered any questions. Dr. Roberts stated that this item was removed from the consent and needs to be approved, or he can make a recommendation. He shared the cost on the consent agenda, stating that it was not to exceed \$250,000. General Funds will be used. The Board Members suggested obtaining an exact cost and bringing it back to the Board for approval.

Human Resources

Mrs. Nash said the Board completed the Superintendent Self-Evaluation last week. She shared that the Superintendent Board Evaluation will be on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at 5:30 pm.

City/School/County Liaison

Dr. Coleman shared that the next meeting has been canceled due to other partners' unavailability. He said the next meeting will be scheduled for a later date. It was suggested that we not meet in July 2026. Hot Times summer catalog for kids will be shared via email.

9. FINAL BOARD COMMENTS

Mrs. Seals - congratulated Mrs. Arshen Baldwin, Assistant Principal of SUHS, for her outstanding service and for being a great mother.

Mrs. Nash - thanks for the Student Ambassadors and for providing copies of their report. She shared that she is looking forward to attending the Robotic Conference on Friday or Saturday. Mrs. Nash stated she enjoyed the Literacy presentation tonight.

Ms. Harrison - said she attended the NSBA Conference last week, and a session about AI. She said she had some information to share with other Board Members.

Ms. Patel - no comment

Ms. Knapp - said the 37th Art Show opens April 20th, Awards April 20th, and it closes May 3rd. The chairs for the Art Show will be SUHS Teachers. Ms. Knapp stated she attended the NSBA Conference in San Antonio. She also shared that Mrs. Seals will be the Grand Marshal at the Juneteenth Event in June.

Dr. Roberts - shared he attended ASU+GSV for the past 2 days, a world-renowned Ed Tech Conference that brings together higher ed, K-12, and the tech sector in one place to discuss education technology (AI). He said we will be working with those companies for the next six months to bring staff up to speed on AI for teachers, education, and students. Dr. Roberts said he would like to take a team to next year's conference, including IT, the Instructional Division, Teachers, and Coaches.

Dr. Coleman – shared, “just wow”, since time was running out for comment.

10. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING(S)

There will be a Briefing Session and Committee of the Whole meeting on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., and an Action Meeting on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, with the Superintendent’s Board Evaluation. The meetings will be held in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 550 Millard Street.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business, the Action Meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Recorded by: Kim Henderson