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School District of the City of Saginaw

MINUTES OF THE BOARD BRIEFING SESSION

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May 13, 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	Present
	SMOB R. Patel	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, which was approved as presented.

3. PRESENTATIONS

Saginaw ISD Preliminary General Fund Budget & Board Resolution

Dr. Roberts called on Felipe Monasi and Tammy Cavendish from SISD to share information on the FY 2025-26 School Year Budget. David Smith, Saginaw ISD's Executive Director of Finance, presented the preliminary ISD 2025-26 budget. He stated that, according to Public Act 234 of 2004, the ISD must provide the general fund budget for the subsequent year to constituent districts for approval. Felipe Monasi and Tammy Cavendish continued summarizing the information and answering Board Members' questions. The SISD preliminary general fund budget for FY 2025-2026 will be presented to the full Board and placed on the Consent Agenda for approval due by June 1, 2026.

Jessie Loomis Student Presentation

Dr. Roberts called on Julie Miller, the principal at Jessie Loomis; Shawn Burdanowicz McFarland, Title I teacher; and Sheila Dupuis, Kindergarten classroom teacher, all of whom shared information about the student being recognized. A student, Messiah Thomas, achieved the highest score, placing 1st among kindergartners in the United States in the Mathletics World Math Day, and was recognized. Ms. Dupuis gave a brief overview of all his tested achievements. She stated that he was one of 10 million participants out of 160 countries. Ms. Dupuis shared that Messiah did over 2000 math fluency questions and got them all correct. She shared that he is very smart.

Consolidated App Revisions

Dr. Roberts called on Jennifer Nichols to share information on the Consolidated App Revisions, which were shared in Board Book. Mrs. Nichols gave a brief overview of the Data. She stated that after submitting the consolidated app for carryover this year, we have some revisions to redistribute funding and resources. Mrs. Nichols answered questions from board members. This will be placed on next week's Consent Agenda for approval.

Section 41A

Dr. Roberts called on Jennifer Nichols to share information on the Section 41A Presentation, which was shared in Board Book. Mrs. Nichols gave an overview of the data for the Section 41 Bilingual budget and EL program details. She provided information on the carryover balance and explained it in her presentation. Mrs. Nichols answered questions from board members. This will be placed on next week's Consent Agenda for approval.

Student Member of the Board Process

Dr. Roberts called on Dr. Foley to share an overview of the Student Member Board process, which will involve students on the Board for the 2026-27 School year. Dr. Foley shared detailed information and key aspects of the Student Member of the Board handbook for students interested in becoming a member of the Board. Dr. Foley and Dr. Roberts continued to share and answer questions from Board Members. Dr. Roberts shared that he will follow through with the Board Members' suggestions.

Motion

Dr. Coleman motioned that the Student Member of the Board will have interviews on Wednesday, June 3, 2026, at 3 pm, starting with SUHS, then SASA. Administration will finalize all the details.

A voice vote was taken with the following results.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 – Motion Carried

4. NEW BUSINESS

SMOB

Riya Patel shared that this is the last full week for seniors and that she was excited about it. She stated the AP exams will be finishing up. Ms. Patel shared that three high schoolers will be at the International Science and Engineering Fair. She said Diya Ramakrishnan, Matlin Miller, and Michael Dowd will participate, and she wished them well. They will be competing in Atlanta.

Tierra Pringle shared that she was sorry for her absence. Being a senior is just so busy; she thought junior year was hard! She said, nevertheless, it's not "truly hard"; it's just a lot you have to do and prepare for. She shared that seniors are counting down the days, getting ready for graduation, and receiving letters back from scholarships and the Saginaw Promise.

Ms. Pringle shared that Decision Day for the seniors was really fun; it took place in the gym with various activities. They had, like, sumo wrestling in these suits, like a blow-up obstacle course. Ms. Pringle said there were also refreshments and colleges present, and pictures were taken with the schools graduates would be attending in the fall. She said Saginaw Promise was there, and they talked about scholarships, cords, and then grads received their scholarships, so that was nice. She also shared that the SUHS Band will perform in the Mackinaw City Memorial Day Parade on Saturday, May 23, 2026, and that Senior Awards will be tomorrow, May 14, 2026, at 9 am in the SUHS Auditorium.

Finance Committee

Ms. Knapp called on Ms. Johnson and shared the Financial Reports of the April 2026 EFT Report and the Report of Claims. Ms. Johnson asked that Board Members email her if there are any questions regarding the finances. These items will be placed on next week's Consent Agenda for approval.

Ms. Knapp requested the dates of the Budget Presentation, Public Hearing, and Budget Adoption for June. Dr. Roberts will give recommendations for dates next week at the Action Meeting.

Policy and Curriculum

Dr. Coleman shared that he spoke with Dr. Bady, who will serve on our Policy and Curriculum Committee.

Summer School Mandate

Dr. Coleman called on Trustee Seals. Mrs. Seals asked Dr. Roberts, as superintendent, to share details of the important item on our agenda under policy and curriculum. Dr. Roberts shared that Dr. Tran will first present for elementary, then Dr. Foley, for secondary.

Dr. Tran reminded Board members that she previously shared in general about the 2026 Summer School programming. Dr. Tran shared that she and Dr. Foley gave presentations on summer school programming and indicated that they would share information tonight about the specific points regarding making it mandatory. Dr. Tran spoke in detail about the criteria for selecting students, and that attendance at our summer programming will be mandatory. Dr. Roberts shared the additional information that support and course changes would take place in the fall with those students who choose not to attend. He shared, the number of students that we have selected based on third-quarter data, what those data points were, and then, in the fall, what supports would be put in place for students who choose not to attend. Dr. Roberts shared additional information for the secondary programs and answered Board Members' questions.

Mrs. Seals stated that there are three Policies on hold, and we will need to follow up to ensure they remain on hold. Dr. Roberts will confirm with Ms. Cox and Mr. Phil regarding our current policies and his recommendations.

Commencement Speaker 2026

Dr. Coleman allowed Mrs. Seals to share her suggestion. She recommends that Dr. Coleman, President, speak at SUHS and Mrs. Nash, Vice President, speak at SASA Commencement.

Motion

Moved by Mrs. Seals and supported by Ms. Harrison, that Dr. Coleman speak at SUHS and Mrs. Nash speak at SASA Commencement.

A voice vote was taken with the following results.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 – Motion Carried

Buildings and Grounds

Mrs. Nash called on Tim Furtaw to share.

Jan Nash Preserve

Mr. Furtaw shared information on the renovations and the not-to-exceed price, estimated cost is \$244,000. He shared that this is an estimate to move forward with the finalization. Mr. Furtaw is ready to start Bids if Board Members are ready. These items will be placed on next week's Consent Agenda for approval.

Capital Projects

Tim Furtaw shared a Capital Project for a repaired manhole in the parking lot at SCC from Willy's Contracting. For \$12,133.00. He shared that this is informational only.

Human Resources

Mrs. Nash shared that there will be a Superintendent's Board Evaluation next week on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, during the Action Meeting in Closed Session.

City/County/School Liaison Committee

Dr. Coleman shared that there was no meeting; others agencies were not able to attend. The "Hot Times" booklet is in the process of being published. He stated that hard copies will be available and on the City's website, and they will soon be added to the County and Board websites, featuring a QR Code. Dr. Coleman shared that information will be emailed to all Board Members to review before being published.

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Human Resources/Labor Relations Report

Dr. Roberts gave a summary of the Human Resources/Labor Relations report. This item will be on the Consent Agenda for approval. The vacancy report is attached.

6. PUBLIC/UNION COMMENTS

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

7. FINAL BOARD COMMENTS

Ms. Knapp shared no comment.

Ms. Patel - shared that she will not be able to attend the next meeting. She shared that she had a great time on the Board, found it really insightful, learned a lot, and was happy about the opportunity. Ms. Patel said thank you to everyone.

Dr. Bady - shared that she really enjoys the commencement and end-of-year activities, which are her favorite time to support students.

Ms. Harrison – wished Ms. Patel the best and appreciated her being on the board this year.

Mrs. Nash - said she would also like to share in that remark, along with Diya, who will be back next year. She said it was a joy to have Tierra get to know her over the past year on the Board work, along with Iesha. Mrs. Nash stated that the Board made some great moves in bringing students onto our Board. She also shared that she attended SVSU for the Michigan History Day, a Statewide Exhibition of what students have learned in history. Mrs. Nash stated Ms. Ransford and Mrs. Gaede-Rodgers from SASA who both had their students present. She shared that Ms. Ransford was named the Michigan History Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Nash congratulated our first robotics students, Pantheon 5193, for being at the Nationals.

Ms. Pringle - shared that she will not be attending next week's meeting either. She said, thank you to all the Board Members. She enjoyed being on the Board, and it is great exposure. Ms. Pringle said this was a great opportunity and thanked and appreciated everyone. She also wanted to share how nice it was for the 7-year-old Kindergartener, who is doing seventh-grade-level math, and to congratulate him and thank the Board Members.

Mrs. Seals - said that today at the Saginaw Promise meeting, she shared 230 applicants from the District, with 212 who completed their application process. Mrs. Seals will have graduation cords to wear at graduation, and all scholarship recipients and Board Members will have one. She also shared how she attended the "Decision Day", which helped her complete 90 forms.

Dr. Roberts – shared that the Board will give a parting gift to the SMOB for graduation. He shared that the Saginaw Public School Cultural Art Show is on display at SVRC, second floor, in the ballroom. He shared that the award ceremony is tomorrow at 5:30 p.m., and there are some fantastic pieces on display. Dr. Roberts congratulated the three young men on the SUHS Basketball team who had a "Signing day"; the information is posted with their colleges (Lansing Community College and Trine University.) Dr. Roberts shared that the robotics team competed at Worlds in Houston, Texas, and placed 46th, which is great. He did share that the SUHS Robotics team is doing well as well.

President Coleman – said wow! Dr. Coleman stated that school started with an amazing presentation by a Kindergarten student recognized worldwide for mathematics. He said this shows we have talent in our community, but kudos also to the parents and family. Dr. Coleman said Kudos to Mrs. Seals for all the work she does for the Saginaw Promise as Chairperson. He mentioned that the Board missed several "Appreciation" weeks (teachers, administrators, Admin. Assists., principals, etc.). He shared that he wants all staff to know that without you, none of this could happen. Dr. Coleman said thank you to Dr. Roberts and his staff for all the work you do, we appreciate you. Thank you.

8. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING(S)

President Coleman announced there will be an Action Meeting on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting 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 7:35 p.m.

Recorded by: K. Hender