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School District of the City of Saginaw
MINUTES OF THE BOARD BRIEFING SESSION
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June 10, 2026

Dr. 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 D. Ramakrishnan	Absent(Excused)
Central Administration Staff:		
	Superintendent R. Roberts	Present
	Deputy Superintendent T. Johnson	Present

2. APPROVAL OF BRIEFING SESSION AGENDA

Dr. Coleman asked Board members if there were any additions or subtractions to the agenda. The agenda was approved as presented.

3. PRESENTATIONS

Soliant Contract

Dr. Roberts shared information regarding renewing Soliant's contracted services for student support. He called on Mrs. Reid to share detailed information. She shared the recommendation to renew the Soliant contract at \$715,500 from the General Fund for 2026–27 to provide registered behavior technicians, a board-certified behavior analyst, behavior plan development, ASD data collection, and teacher support. Mrs. Reid stated the district is developing internal training, but stated the pipeline is not yet sufficient. The Soliant renewal will be placed on next week's consent agenda.

MHSAA 2026-2027 Membership Resolution

Dr. Roberts called on Dr. Foley to share information about the annual MHSAA Resolution for secondary school athletic participation and the 2025-26 Athletic Teams. Dr. Foley shared details with the Board for review of the 2025-26 MHSAA Resolution. He stated the annual MHSAA renewal (no cost) covers our high schools: Saginaw United, Saginaw Arts and Science Academy; and middle schools. Membership is required for postseason eligibility; board members requested sport listings and discussed resource allocation for single-student sports and co-oping. The renewal will be placed on the consent agenda.

General Fund Bond Resolution

Dr. Roberts shared that last week, Tamara Johnson presented the Budget Revision Presentation for the 2025-26 school year. Dr. Roberts stated that the big issue is the transfer to cover the final overages on the bond in the \$10 million transfer. He stated there is another way to cover that transfer. He said we will not get it from our fund balances, but will actually borrow it, which keeps us with a comfortable fund balance going into next year's budget. Dr. Roberts shared that this presentation will cover the process for doing that and what it will look like going forward in terms of years, interest rate, the monthly term, the monthly payment, and the requirements for that process. He called on Ms. Johnson and Bill Roach to share; he is one of the district's financial advisers. Bill shared that he has a resolution for tonight called the

reimbursement resolution. If the Board decides that they would like to borrow this money to finish the project's construction, this resolution would maximize the amount of money you can reimburse yourself at the lowest cost possible. Bill explained a reimbursement resolution that allows tax-exempt reimbursement for qualifying expenditures up to 60 days prior to approval and a possible taxable series for earlier expenditures, recommending market issuance targeting mid-to-late July preparation and early-mid August cash availability. Bill explained the projected financing: roughly, 5% interest over 15 years, with average annual debt service near \$975,000 (about \$82,000/month); shorter terms would result in unaffordable payments. Approving the resolution at the next meeting would start the 60-day look-back window. The board emphasized to taxpayers that current taxes would not increase and noted that the district had previously absorbed \$65–70 million in project increases (total project costs near \$160–170M). The reimbursement resolution will be on next week's agenda as an action item separate from consent.

2026-27 Budget Presentation

Dr. Roberts called Tamara Johnson, and she shared that what Bill just spoke about does not increase any payment from the taxpayers. Her presentation is in a Board Book for the Board Members. She presented the Final Budget for 2025-26, L4029, and the 2026-2027 Original Budget. Ms. Johnson gave an overview of the variances and explained how they balanced out with these changes. Ms. Johnson clearly explained each division of the budget and expenditures, and answered questions from the Board Members. These items will be on the Consent Agenda for approval next week.

Ms. Johnson also shared the L-4029 Form, the Property Tax Levy, which needs approval, and said a copy is attached to the Board Book. She continued to share more information and answered questions from the Board Members. These items will be on the Consent Agenda for approval next week.

Ms. Johnson shared detailed information on the 2025-2026 General Fund Budget. She provided highlights of the 2026-2027 General Fund Budget, along with detailed budget projections for all other budgets. Ms. Johnson answered questions from the Board Members.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Finance Committee

Ms. Knapp shared that the Public Hearing will be on Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at 5 pm, and the Action Meeting at 5:30 pm at the Board of Education.

Policy and Curriculum

Mrs. Seals stated that we have no new updates and no meeting scheduled.

Buildings and Grounds

Mrs. Nash stated she has no report at this time; there is an item to be presented.

Wireless Project

Dr. Roberts called on Theo Dillingham to give detailed information about the Wireless Project Access Points for all buildings and classrooms. Theo asked the board to approve a \$400,493 wireless access points replacement project funded through the E-Rate program, with the district responsible for \$59,699.10 in General funds. This item will be on the Consent Agenda for approval next week.

Human Resources

Mrs. Nash stated she has no report at this time.

Liaison Committee

Dr. Coleman shared that the Hot Times project is out, with a limited number of print copies, but available through the City website. There are plenty of things for our students to do in the city during the summer staying safe and active.

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 18, 2026, at 5:30 pm.

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Human Resources/Labor Relations Report

Dr. Roberts gave an overview of the Human Resources/Labor Relations report for June, which will be on the Consent Agenda.

6. PUBLIC/UNION COMMENTS

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

7. FINAL BOARD COMMENTS

Mrs. Seals – no comment.

Mrs. Nash – she would like to thank Ms. Inez Williams for the family engagement event that was last weekend. It was a beautiful, happy event with prizes, giveaways, and good food. She stated many of the Board Members were there and others from the community.

Ms. Harrison - said she supports what Mrs. Nash said. She was able to attend and it was nice event.

Ms. Knapp – said she attended too, it was well done. She said remember “Hot Times” and “Summer” brochures are available for fun arts enrichment.

Dr. Roberts - said Ms. Inez does a great job always. He shared the upcoming SMOB have been notified and accepted, we will train and be onboarding them in August. Dr. Roberts wanted to share the State still hasn't voted on share their Budget but hopefully before June 30. He said nothing has been approved or denied.

President Coleman – Kudos to both high schools for amazing commencement ceremonies and the completing students. Kudos to our staff for an outstanding successful school year. He shared summer school is required for certain students, please be aware. Congratulations to Ms. Inez; good job, and congratulations to the financial staff for bringing bring us a quality budget.

8. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING(S)

There will be a Special Meeting Public Budget presentation on Wednesday, June 17, at 5:00 p.m., an Action meeting on Wednesday, June 17, at 5:30 p.m., and Liaison meeting Thursday, June 18, at 5:30 pm, 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 7:55 p.m.

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