



# **Board Report**

## **Board of Education**

**Ruth Ann Knapp, Treasurer  
Tamara D. McRae, Secretary  
Herbert J. Herd, Trustee  
Barbara S. Kopka, Trustee  
Rudy Patterson, Trustee  
Alexis S. Thomas, Trustee  
Mattie L. Thompson, Trustee**

**Kelley A. Peatross, Ph. D.  
Interim Superintendent**

### **BRIEFING SESSION**

**June 10, 2015**

**7:00 P.M.**

### **ACTION MEETING**

**June 17, 2015**

**7:00 P.M.**

*School District of the City of Saginaw*  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BRIEFING SESSION**  
**June 10, 2015**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
**Saginaw Arts and Sciences Academy - Gymnasium**

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**AGENDA**

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS
- IV. OVERVIEW OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION MEETING
- V. ITEM(S) FOR DISCUSSION ONLY
- VI. STANDING BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS (Optional)
  - A. Buildings and Grounds – Alexis Thomas
  - B. Community Relations – Rudy Patterson
  - C. Finance – Ruth Ann Knapp
  - D. Human Resources – Herbert Herd
  - E. Liaison – Tamara McRae
  - F. Policy and Curriculum – Mattie Thompson
- VII. COMMENTS AND STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (limited to 3 minutes)
- VIII. COMMENTS FROM THE UNION(S)
- IX. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS
- X. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT ACTION MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION:  
*(June 17, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.)*
- XI. ADJOURNMENT

*School District of the City of Saginaw*  
**ACTION MEETING**  
**June 17, 2015**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
**Board Room – Administration Building**

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**AGENDA**

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. SPECIAL REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS (limited to 20 minutes)
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the May 13, 2015 Briefing Session; and the May 20, 2015 Action Meeting
- VI. COMMENTS AND STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (limited to 3 minutes)
- VII. COMMENTS FROM THE UNION(S)
- VIII. TREASURER'S REPORT
  - A. Financial Reports
  - B. Report of Claims
- IX. REPORTS FROM THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT
  - A. Information Items
    - School Recognitions
  - B. Administrative Recommendations
    - Interim Superintendent Report
- X. STANDING BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - A. Buildings and Grounds – Alexis Thomas
  - B. Community Relations – Rudy Patterson
  - C. Finance – Ruth Ann Knapp
  - D. Human Resources – Herbert Herd
  - E. Liaison – Tamara McRae
  - F. Policy and Curriculum – Mattie Thompson
- XI. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. Approval of Minutes of the April 8, 2015 Briefing Session; the April 15, 2015 Action Meeting; and the April 22, 2015 Special Meeting
  - B. Legal Opinion/Presidency
- XII. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. Authorization to spend \$828.00 for Security at Pre-prom from the Board account/line item
- XIII. COMMUNICATIONS/RESOLUTIONS
- XIV. COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS
- XV. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING(S) OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION:  
 (*Action Meeting – July 15, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.*)
- XVI. ADJOURNMENT

**BRIEFING SESSION  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF SAGINAW**

**May 13, 2015**

**I. Call to Order**

Acting President Knapp called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**II. Roll Call**

Committee of the Whole Briefing Session of the Board of Education, School District of the City of Saginaw, was held Wednesday, May 13, 2015, in the Office of the Board, Administration Building.

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Acting President Knapp in the Chair.

Members Present: Mr. Herd, Mrs. Kopka, Ms. McRae, Mr. Patterson, Ms. Thomas, Mrs. Thompson, and Ms. Knapp

Members Absent: None

**III. Special Presentations**

The Board of Education and Dr. Peatross presented Accent on Achievement awards to the following individuals. Dr. Peatross asked Dr. Roberts, Mr. McClain and Mrs. Roby to assist with the awards.

Saginaw Valley League Scholar Athletes  
Essence Jeffries – Arthur Hill High School  
De’Qavion Johnson – Arthur Hill High School  
Arizsia Staton – Saginaw High School  
Jalen Parham – Saginaw High School

Saginaw Valley League Teachers of the Year  
Mark Hellebuyck – Arthur Hill High School  
Crystal Luckyado – Saginaw High School

Saginaw Valley League Coach of Year  
Greg McMath – Arthur Hill High School

Saginaw News Dream Team (Boys)  
Eric Davis – Arthur Hill High School  
Brian Bowen – Arthur Hill High School  
Ronquavious Southward – Saginaw High School

Saginaw News Dream Team – Second Team (Girls)  
Robyn Pruitt – Saginaw Arts and Science Academy

Saginaw News Dream Team (Honorable Mention)  
Billy Burton – Arthur Hill High School  
De’Qavion Johnson – Arthur Hill High School  
Johnson – Arthur Hill High School  
Amanda Ward – Arthur Hill High School  
Javon Pratt – Saginaw High School  
Tyasia Robinson – Saginaw High School

Saginaw Valley League District Champions  
Arthur Hill High School Boys Basketball Team

Roean Baker  
Vincent Johnson  
Nate Moore  
Cruz Garcia  
Eric Davis  
De’Qavion Johnson  
Billy Burton  
Brian Bowen  
Do’Mariye Lloyd  
Willie Rodgers  
Jaylen Browder  
Jimmy Bell  
Greg McMath, Head Coach  
Greg Lawson, Assistant Coach  
Tim Prince, Assistant Coach  
Marshall Gray, Assistant Coach  
Tony Davis, Assistant Coach  
Karen Harrington, Team Trainer  
Fred Townsend, Athletic Director  
Bobbie Wheatley, Assistant Athletic Director

**IV. Overview of Action Meeting Recommendations**

Dr. Peatross reviewed the monthly Human Resources/Labor Relations Report, which will be presented to the Board at the May 20, 2015, Action Meeting.

**V. Items(s) for Discussion Only**

SISD Board Election Candidate

Ms. Knapp shared information regarding the SISD Board Election and stated Mr. Richard Burmeister, Jr. is the only candidate running for the vacant seat.

Mr. Patterson suggested inviting Mr. Burmeister and Ms. Pamela Clark the Public Libraries Board Appointee to the Action meeting so that the Public and Board Members will have an opportunity to meet the candidates. Ms. Knapp stated she would extend an invitation to both of them to attend the Action meeting.

#### Public Libraries Board Appointment

Ms. Knapp shared information regarding the re-appointment of Ms. Pamela Clark to the Public Libraries Board.

Ms. Knapp restated she will have the candidates for the SISD Board and the Public Libraries Board to attend the Action meeting and introduce themselves to the Board and Public at the beginning of the meeting.

### **VI. Standing Board Committee Reports**

#### **A. Buildings and Grounds**

Ms. Thomas stated that the Buildings and Grounds committee met last week. There are a number of items that need to come back before the committee and the next meeting date has not been determined.

#### **B. Community Relations**

Mr. Patterson stated that there have been several Community Relations meetings around town. The superintendent has had some and the PTA's at the schools. He stated the Community Relations Committee has not had a meeting as of yet.

#### **C. Finance**

Ms. Knapp stated that the Finance committee will have a meeting on June 19 at 5:30 p.m. The Budget Presentation and the Public Hearing were rescheduled due to the potential sale of property. We were waiting to see how the potential sale of buildings would impact a revision of the budget. Since we do not have closings scheduled, contracts or checks in hand we will proceed with what we can do realizing if the sale of the properties is finalized we will do a revision of the budget. She stated the financial reports for March and April will be presented at the Action meeting.

Mr. Patterson asked when is the closing for Francis Reh. Ms. Knapp stated the last she heard the deed could not be located. Mr. Patterson asked when was the last date administration received. Dr. Peatross stated the ISD is still trying to locate the deed. It was stated the closing would be tentatively scheduled for June but no specific date was given. Mr. Patterson stated there was a 30-day window on the agreement and asked if papers needed to be resigned or does it need to come back before the Board. Dr. Peatross will check with our Realtor regarding an extension of the agreement. Mr. Patterson asked if the original deed cannot be located what is the process for ordering a new one. Dr. Peatross will check with the Realtor. Mr. Patterson asked that the Realtor be present at Board meetings.

Discussion ensued as to when the Realtor should be present at Board meetings.

D. Human Resources

Mr. Herd stated there was no report.

E. Liaison

Ms. McRae stated that the committee met in April and they discussed the pre-prom activities.

F. Policy and Curriculum

Mrs. Thompson stated the committee did not have a meeting this month. There will be some items coming back to the Board at the Action meeting. She also stated an expulsion will be coming back as well.

**VII. Comments**

A. Public

John Pugh suggested having another Community meeting. He also shared concerns pertaining to minority teacher hiring and diversity in the teaching staff. He stated the Board needs to be more involved in the Priority School Status.

Joe Loperena shared concerns regarding the Board recognizing Arthur Hill's Boys Basketball team after the Saginaw City Council recognized them. He also shared concerns regarding not providing a bus for students to attend the Boys Basketball Finals. He asked which Board Members attended the meeting in Lansing and what was the outcome and stated the Board needs to elect officers.

Charles Sledge shared concerns about Thompson Middle School. He stated there needs to be strong leaders at Thompson. He shared there has been some good and bad days at the school, but no disrespect to Mrs. George or Ms. Reid but there needs to be more adult men and women of color in the building to assist with the discipline issues.

Kim Hamilton shared concerns about the Public being allowed three minutes to speak and the Board speaking for hours. He asked if a Reform Plan was submitted for Saginaw High School and asked to see the Reform Plan. He stated the Board and the Community need to work together. He also shared concerns regarding the Board not having a president.

B. Unions

Christine Nerbonne, SEA Executive Board shared support for Dr. Peatross and how she has worked with the teaching staff and has been visible in the schools.

C. Board

Ms. McRae had no comments

Mr. Patterson had no comments

Mrs. Thompson thanked students and staff of Arthur Hill, Saginaw High and Saginaw Arts and Sciences for all of their hard work, she really appreciates them. She shared concerns regarding the Board not having a president or vice-president. She stated we need to get a legal opinion on things the Board should and shouldn't do. She also shared concerns pertaining to playground equipment and safety issues within the schools. She suggested getting a committee to assist with the discipline issues at Thompson Middle School that consist of Administration, Board Members and Community Leaders.

Mrs. Kopka shared a compliment she received pertaining to the excellent behavior of the Arthur Hill High Schools Boy's Basketball Team while they were competing in the Boys Basketball Finals. She thanked them for representing the Saginaw Public Schools well. She shared with the audience the individuals who attended the meeting in Lansing were herself, Mr. Patterson, Mrs. Thompson, Ms. Knapp and Ms. Thomas, Dr. Peatross and her executive staff were a part of the meeting via conference call. She stated a Reform Plan is submitted to the State and the State will provide a quarterly report and she has not heard from them. She thanked the audience for coming to the meeting.

Mr. Herd shared he appreciates the input from the public and Mr. Sledge keeping the Board abreast of the situations at Thompson Middle School. He enjoyed the May 6th Building and Grounds meeting where it was stated that we are finally turning the corner in beginning to respect each other and have a productive meeting. He stated as a Board we need to invite the Community to become more involved. He commended Dr. Ramont Roberts and the his staff and also Dr. Peatross on the progress Saginaw High School has made to get out of the Priority School Status. He stated no school district is successful without a strong Superintendent and a strong Board. He stated there is a meeting at Saginaw High School on tomorrow from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and has invited Board Members to this meeting if possible.

Ms. Thomas congratulated the Arthur Hill High School's Boys Basketball Team and the students recognized tonight and all those involved in helping the students in their pursuit of excellence.

Ms. Knapp thanked the parents and teachers who assisted our scholar athletes, our Teachers of the Year, Coach of the Year and the Dream Teams recognized by the Saginaw Valley League. She congratulated the Arthur Hill High School's Boys Basketball and stated she is proud of how they represent us. She congratulated Mr. Charles Sledge on receiving his degree and thanked the audience for coming to the meeting.

**VIII. Announcement of Next Action Meeting**

The next Board of Education Action Meeting will be held on May 20, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., at the Board of Education.

**IX. Adjournment**

On motion, the Briefing Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

**ACTION MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF SAGINAW**

**May 20, 2015**

**I. Call to Order**

Acting President Knapp called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Roll Call**

Action Meeting of the Board of Education, School District of the City of Saginaw, was held Wednesday, May 20, 2015, in the Office of the Board, Administration Building.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Acting President Knapp in the Chair.

Members Present: Ms. McRae, Mr. Patterson, Mrs. Thompson, and Ms. Knapp  
(**Note:** Mrs. Kopka was not present for Roll Call, but did arrive at 8:00 p.m.)

Members Absent: Mr. Herd, Ms. Thomas

Ms. Knapp invited Ms. Pamela Clark the Public Libraries Board Re-Appointee to the podium to introduce herself to the Board and the audience. Ms. Clark shared her involvement in the community and the libraries.

Mr. Patterson questioned Ms. Knapp as to why she changed the agenda without getting permission from the Board. He stated no disrespect to the guest speaker but Ms. Knapp was not following the agenda by allowing Ms. Clark to speak. He stated is takes a Board vote to change the agenda.

**IV. Approval of the Minutes of the April Meetings**

Moved by Ms. McRae and seconded by Mrs. Thompson, that the Board approve the minutes of the following meeting, and that the Secretary is instructed to sign same officially and affix thereto the seal of the Board:

- April 8, 2015 Briefing Session

Ayes: 3                      Nays: 1 (Mr. Patterson)  
Vote failed due to not having 4 votes

Mr. Patterson stated on page 12, third paragraph. He stated there was a 5:2 vote on this issue. It should read *“Mr. Patterson made note that he voted against the decision to move the 8<sup>th</sup> grade to the high school.”*

Mr. Patterson stated on page 14 under the section which states *“A roll call vote was taken”* it should read *Ms. Knapp voted “no” for both not “nay.”* Also the line below this section should read *“Vote taken was 3:3 with Ms. Knapp voting “no” not “nay” to both nominations.*

The April 8, 2015 Briefing Session minutes will be brought back for approval at the June Action meeting.

Moved by Mrs. Thompson and seconded by Ms. McRae, that the Board approve the minutes of the following meeting, and that the Secretary is instructed to sign same officially and affix thereto the seal of the Board:

- April 15, 2015 Action Meeting

Ayes: 3                      Nays: 1 (Mr. Patterson)  
Vote failed due to not having 4 votes.

Mr. Patterson questioned the use of the word “chairperson” on page 21 under Ms. Thomas comments. Mr. Patterson and Mrs. Thompson asked for clarification of the use of the word.

The April 15, 2015 Action meeting minutes will be brought back for approval at the June Action meeting.

Moved by Ms. McRae and seconded by Mrs. Thompson, that the Board approve the minutes of the following meeting, and that the Secretary is instructed to sign same officially and affix thereto the seal of the Board:

- April 22, 2015 Special Meeting

Ayes: 2                      Nays: 2 (Mr. Patterson, Mrs. Thompson)  
Vote failed due to not having 4 votes.

Mr. Patterson stated on page 36 under his comments his point for making the statement was not clear. He stated a line was missing from this paragraph. He would like a line inserted to state *“if an 8<sup>th</sup> grade child fails he or she would physically have to move to Thompson Middle School.”*

Mr. Patterson stated on page 38 under his comments his point for making the statement was not clear. He would like a line inserted to state *“We don’t have a full-time principal at Thompson Middle School.”*

The April 22, 2015 Special meeting minutes will be brought back for approval at the June Action meeting.

**V. Special Presentations**

The Board of Education and Dr. Peatross presented Accent on Achievement awards to the following individuals. Ms. Knapp presented the Saginaw County Art Exhibit Winners and Ms. Mel Johnson presented the National Merit Scholarship and Scholastic Art and Writing Competition awards.

Saginaw County Art Exhibit Winners

Nell Witters Purchase Award

Allissa Conley – Saginaw Arts and Science Academy

Cruz Garcia – Saginaw Arts and Science Academy

Delilah Mora – Arthur Hill High School

Bryce Bonner – Arthur Hill High School

Best of Middle School

Lindsay Nichol – Saginaw Arts and Science Academy

National Merit Scholarship Program Recognition

Travis Dantzer – Saginaw Arts and Science Academy

Daniel Drew – Saginaw Arts and Science Academy

Grant Nicol – Saginaw Arts and Science Academy

John Smith – Saginaw Arts and Science Academy

Scholastic Art and Writing Competition

Monique Taylor – Gold Medal (Writing Portfolio), Silver Medal (Poetry)

Katie Fournier – Gold Medal (Poetry)

Kellie Rankey – Gold Medal (Flash Fiction)

Samantha Rossell – Gold Medal (Poetry)

SoniCare Care

Brendan Young – Saginaw Career Complex

Brenden Greiffendorf – Saginaw Career Complex

Washing Machine Project

Yancy Wingard – Saginaw Career Complex

Childress Cannon – Saginaw Career Complex

Matthew Winterstein – Saginaw Career Complex

Joshua Bennett – Saginaw Career Complex

**VI. Comments From the Public**

John Pugh shared concerns pertaining to a comment made by a Board Member. He also spoke about Priority Schools and the District's finances.

Kim Hamilton spoke about the meeting not being cancelled due to the Saginaw Career Complex graduation. He also stated there was no one from Administration or Board Members at Saginaw High School National Honor Society Induction Ceremonies. He said it was nice to see the Art students receive awards tonight. He also shared concerns regarding not being able to review Saginaw High School's Reform Plan.

Darlean Carpenter spoke regarding the lack of diversity in the student award recipients presented tonight. She stated the Board and the Community need to have a meeting because this is not about children now, this is about personal things and we need to do a better job. She stated when her children were in school you could come to the Board with your issue and the next day someone would call you and address the issue. She thanked the Board Members that attended the Health Fair at Saginaw High School. She shared on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Saginaw High School there will be a PTA meeting and invited Board Members to attend.

## **VII. Union Comments**

Christine Nerbonne, SEA Executive Board congratulated the students who received awards tonight. She stated last week she made a comment in support of Dr. Peatross and there were people who did not appreciate her comments and felt this was not the proper place for her to say that. She reiterated the Herig staff and the SEA still appreciate Dr. Peatross and her being available to the staff and students of this district.

## **VIII. Treasurer's Report**

Ms. Knapp began to give the Treasurer's Report and Mr. Patterson stated Ms. Knapp cannot hold the office of the Treasurer and Acting President. He said this is in clear violation of the Board Policy. Policy states you would move to the seat of the President and Ms. McRae would serve in a dual role of Secretary and Treasurer. He stated this would occur until the real President takes the chair.

### **A. April 2015 Financial Reports**

Moved by Ms. McRae and seconded by Mrs. Thompson, that the Report of the Treasurer be received and filed.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 1 (Mr. Patterson)

### **May 2015 Financial Reports**

Moved by Ms. McRae and seconded by Mrs. Thompson, that the Report of the Treasurer be received and filed.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 1 (Mr. Patterson)

- B. April 2015 Report on Claims  
 Moved by Ms. McRae and seconded by Mrs. Thompson, that the Report on Claims be received and filed.

Ayes: 4                      Nays: 1 (Mr. Patterson)

- May 2015 Report on Claims  
 Moved by Ms. McRae and seconded by Mrs. Thompson, that the Report on Claims be received and filed.

Ayes: 4                      Nays: 1 (Mr. Patterson)

**IX. Reports From the Interim Superintendent**

Interim Superintendent Dr. Peatross reviewed the monthly Board Report and the Human Resources/Labor Relations Report.

- A. Human Resources / Labor Relations Report  
 Moved by Ms. McRae and seconded by Ms. Knapp, that the Board approve the Human Resources/Labor Relations report.

**Appointments**

- **Elementary Teachers** – None
- **Secondary Teachers** – None
- **Administrators** – None
- **Educational Support Group (ESG)**
  - Lobby, Kelly A.                                      effective March 16, 2015
  - Thompson Middle School/Truancy Officer
  
  - Merrill, Cheryl                                      effective March 16, 2015
  - Elementary Schools/Truancy Officer

We are further sharing the following items with members of the Board of Education:

- **Teacher Resignations** – None
- **Teacher Retirements**
  - Drain, Shirley                                      effective April 30, 2015
  - Leave of Absence
- **Administrative Resignations** – None
- **Administrative Retirements** – None
- **Educational Support Group (ESG) Resignations** – None
- **Educational Support Group (ESG) Retirements** – None

Ayes: 4                      Nays: 1 (Mr. Patterson)

**X. Standing Board Committee Recommendations**

**A. Buildings and Grounds**

Mrs. Kopka presented the following recommendations in Ms. Thomas' absence.

City Trail

Moved by Mrs. Kopka and seconded by Mrs. Thompson that the Board supports and approves the License Agreement between the Saginaw City School District and the City of Saginaw, as well as the Easement needed for the development of the City Trail at 1920 N. Niagara Street, Saginaw, Michigan 48602.

Carried unanimously (5-0)

Mr. Patterson asked for the agreement from the two attorneys stating the Board can get this property back. Mr. Tom Miller provided the Board with a copy of the agreement from the attorneys. Mr. Patterson stated it may be the same agreement, but he would like to see the email and agreement from Mr. Humphreys.

There was a 10-minute recess to provide the Board with the requested information.

The Board reconvened at 9:02 p.m.

Mr. Patterson asked if there have been any changes to the lease. Discussion ensued regarding the 5-year project. Mr. Tom Miller answered questions from Board Members. Mr. Patterson asked Ms. Johnson the principal of SASA if placing the trail in this parking lot would be an issue for SASA. Ms. Johnson shared the parking lot is not used often and it would not be an issue.

Playground Equipment

Moved by Mrs. Kopka and seconded by Mrs. Thompson that the Board supports and approves to provide Saginaw Public School District playground equipment from Webber Elementary and Longstreet Elementary Schools to the City of Saginaw for use at Veterans Memorial Park and Unity Park respectively. This recommendation will be attached to the lease agreement as Exhibit A.

Carried unanimously (5-0)

Mrs. Kopka asked if the recommendation gives the specific locations of the playground equipment and the lease agreement does not which one will hold up in court.

B. Community Relations

Mr. Patterson had no report.

C. Finance

Ms. McRae presented the following recommendations.

Best Practices Incentive Resolution

Moved by Ms. McRae and seconded by Mrs. Thompson that the Board approve the Best Practices Incentive Resolution and further that the approved Resolution be forwarded to the State of Michigan.

Carried unanimously (5-0)

2015 Chromebook/Technology Adoption

Moved by Ms. McRae and seconded by Mrs. Thompson that the Board support and approve the 2015 Chromebook/Technology Adoption for students and teachers in grades PK-12 as presented at both committees: Policy and Curriculum and Finance. The cost for this adoption is \$2,629,068. Title I Carryover funds will be used to cover this expense.

Carried unanimously (5-0)

Saginaw ISD 2015-16 Budget

Moved by Ms. McRae and seconded by Mrs. Thompson that the Board approve the Saginaw ISD Budget Resolution for 2015-16.

Carried unanimously (5-0)

SodexoMagic Facilities Addendum

Moved by Ms. McRae and seconded by Ms. Knapp that the Board approve the contract Addendum retroactive from SodexoMagic for custodial/maintenance/facilities services for 2014-15 ending August 31, 2015 and go out for RFP for 2015-16 by May 31, 2015.

Ayes: 3                      Nays: 2 (Mr. Patterson, Mrs. Thompson) Motion failed

Mrs. Thompson stated that the agreement is for 3-years. She stated that statement needs to come out. Dr. Peatross stated the current 3-year contract would be null and void. Mrs. Thompson stated she is very disappointed in SodexoMagic Facilities.

Mr. Patterson asked if we are under contract with them currently. Dr. Peatross stated yes. He stated is this retroactive contract good for us or them. Dr. Peatross stated it is good for us because if we don't approve the contract the monies we would yield for savings we will not realize. He stated SodexoMagic has been a world of trouble physically and in our school

system. He stated he feels very suspicious of this. He asked how many times we have sent out for maintenance and custodial RFPs since the day we outsourced these jobs. Dr. Peatross stated none. He stated this should have gone out for RFP a long time ago. He stated the August 31 date to send out for RFPs is too late and by the time the RFPs are received and opened we will be well into the school year. He said we need to vote to send this out for RFPs tonight. Dr. Peatross stated in Finance it was discussed that the RFPs would go out as soon as possible. Mr. Patterson asked questions about an increase in the contract. Discussion ensued about the increase stated in the addendum.

Mrs. Thompson stated Sodexo did not take a pay-cut and you are cleaning three less buildings. She stated you said you have an electrician on staff and you do not have one. She stated she is very disappointed.

Ms. McRae stated the Finance Committee did vote on the date of May 31, 2015 to go out for RFPs and that we were unhappy with Sodexo and it might be in our best interest to look elsewhere. We informed Sodexo that we are unhappy with their services and were going to look elsewhere. We also told them they could bid if they liked.

Ms. Knapp stated the reason the date was set for August 31, 2015 was so the schools will be cleaned from this school year and be ready for the opening of the next school year.

It was decided to add go out for RFP for 2015-16 by May 31, 2105.

Mr. Patterson stated the addendum talks about deleted sections. He would like to see the old language so that he can compare the new and old language.

Mr. Alexander from Sodexo shared they went back in the contract and checked the staffing levels to see what was owed the District. Mr. Patterson asked what amount is owed the district. Mr. Alexander stated it is appropriately \$160,000.

Mrs. Thompson asked how many full and part-time employees does Sodexo currently employ. She stated Sodexo is out of compliance without having an electrician. Mrs. Thompson said in the contract it states they have two electricians. Dr. Peatross stated when this contract was written there were two electricians on staff.

Ms. Knapp stated I believe this contract states positions not people in the positions.

Mr. Patterson said he did ask if Sodexo had a license electrician on staff or a license journeyman electrician. The answer was no to a non-Michigan license

journeyman electrician and yes to a journeyman electrician. He stated he asked this question due to Sodexo stating they were going to change blast this summer and he knew this would be a two man job because of his experience working as an electrician. He stated if SodexoMagic owes us \$160,000 we do not need a motion to receive this money. If they did not abide by the contract they owe us the money. This should be a stand along item. He stated Item 6 section 7.6 and 7.7 has a list of details labeled a-t and asked whose obligation is this, the District or Sodexo. He asked is this included in the \$3.6 million. Mr. Alexander stated yes. Mr. Patterson went through the list and shared all the items the District provides to Sodexo to work for the District. He shared we are paying much more than \$3.6 million.

Mrs. Thompson asked if we were paying for licenses for Sodexo and it was determined the District does not pay for licenses for Sodexo. She also shared questions pertaining to gas Sodexo used without paying for it.

Mr. Patterson said in the contract it says SodexoMagic gives \$25,000 back to the School District to be used at the Superintendent's discretion. He asked what the money was used for. Dr. Peatross stated we have not received the money yet this school year and she does not know what it was used for last year but could have Ms. Johnson to provide the information. Mr. Patterson stated he and the Public would like to know what it was used for.

Mrs. Kopka shared in 2011 Saginaw Public Schools signed a contract with Sodexo and she shared the dollar amount difference between the original contract and the addendum.

Mr. Patterson stated the original amount of the contract and stated the contract amount had to decrease due to the close of buildings. We are charged per square footage. He said Sodexo has done well at Saginaw Public Schools. He stated we need to send this out for RFP as soon as possible.

Dr. Peatross pointed out on Page 1 of the addendum in the last paragraph it reference Exhibit 1 and it speaks to the current month invoice and the amended amount. She stated the difference between the two.

Mr. Patterson questioned why the CFO is not at Action meetings and there are financial questions which need to be answered. He said she has not been at a meeting in a very long time. He stated other staff members came in at 9 or 9:30 and are still here. He feels the Finance Department should be at the Action meetings.

#### 2014-15 Budget Recommendations – All Funds

Moved by Ms. McRae and seconded by Mrs. Thompson that the Board approve the revision to the 2014-15 general fund and grant budgets along with the corresponding changes to the Deficit Elimination Plan as presented. In

addition, the Finance Committee recommends that the Board approve the budgets presented for the Food Service, Debt Service, and Capital Project funds.

Ayes: 4                      Nays: 1 (Mr. Patterson)

Discussion ensued regarding the deadline to submit this revision to the State. Mr. Patterson asked if we were still waiting on the deed for the Phoenix property. Dr. Peatross stated yes and said the deeds should have gone to the ISD but went to Lansing. Mr. Patterson asked if we could order a new deed. He stated we should get all the deeds for all of our properties. Dr. Peatross stated our property deeds are in the safe and we will secure the other deeds.

Mrs. Thompson asked if we can have Senator Horn to get the deed. Dr. Peatross will reach out to Senator Horn and Representative Guerra to assist with obtaining the deed.

Ms. Knapp stated we do need to secure all the deeds. She shared the good news is we are on target for this year for having a fund balance. She said if we can get this budget adopted and to Lansing we might more quickly be out from under State control.

D. Human Resources

Mr. Herd was absent.

E. Liaison

Ms. McRae stated that the committee met and they discussed the pre-prom activities for Saginaw High and Arthur Hill High School. She stated everything will be the same as last year.

Ms. Knapp would like a resolution at the Action meeting in June complimenting the law enforcement for assisting with the pre-prom activities. Mr. Patterson said the City recognized the law enforcement officers last and so he believe it should be our turn. He suggested placing this item on the next Liaison Committee agenda.

F. Policy and Curriculum

Mrs. Thompson presented the following recommendation.

Board Policy Revision

Moved by Mrs. Thompson, and seconded by Mrs. Kopka, that the Board adopt the revised policies as attached, by reference, to the official agenda of the Board meeting of May 20, 2015.

It is further moved that all prior language regarding Policy 3900 in place prior to May 20, 2015 and Policy statements that may appear in the minutes of the

Board prior to May 20, 2015 and any practices or traditions of the Board giving them the force of Policy be declared as null and void and of no effect as of May 20, 2015.

It is further moved that the full text of the newly adopted Board Policy be attached to, and incorporated in, the minutes of the Board, by reference, of the May 20, 2015 Board meeting.

In addition, it is moved that the newly revised policy be filed in the office of the Board Secretary in a permanent file to be established by the Board Secretary or Superintendent.

The newly adopted policy after the date of this meeting shall be marked with the effective date in the appropriate place on the Policy page.

Policy 3900 – Surplus Books, Equipment and Supplies

Moved by Mrs. Thompson, and seconded by Mrs. Kopka, that the Board accept Policy 3900 – Surplus Books, Equipment and Supplies.

Discussion ensued regarding the wording in the recommendation.

Amended Policy

Policy 3900 – Surplus Books, Equipment and Supplies

No items that belong to Saginaw Public School District be leased, auctioned, sold or disposed of in any form without Board approval effective immediately.

Ayes: 3

Nay: 2 (Ms. Knapp, Ms. McRae)

Vote failed due to not having 4 votes – Mrs. Thompson will take back to Buildings and Grounds committee

Discussion ensued regarding books given to students.

**XI. Old Business**

A. Legal Opinion/Presidency

Ms. Knapp stated she was not comfortable hiring legal counsel. Discussion ensued about the selection of an attorney. Mrs. Thompson stated an attorney must be selected in public. Ms. Knapp stated we can select an attorney or we could open the floor for nominations for the President.

Ms. Knapp reviewed the list of legal counsel the District currently uses.

Ms. Kopka shared during the CBA 101 class she attended the subject of the presidency came up. She said we are to follow our policy and the policy states you are to follow the Chain of Command. If the President

resigns the Vice-President steps in and if the Vice-President resigns the Treasurer steps in. She said she was told the Treasurer steps in as Acting President and fills the other positions until the next election. She said based on policy this is what we are supposed to do and if we want everyone else to follow policy then it needs to start at the top.

Mr. Patterson states this is local control and MASB does not have anything to do with this. The Board voted and made a decision.

Ms. Knapp read the revised School Code in compliance with the Open Meetings Act which states *“an act of the Board shall not be valid unless voted at a meeting by a majority vote of the members elected to and serving on the Board and a proper record made of the vote.”* She stated a majority is four (4) votes. She said it goes on to say *“this statutory provision requires majority vote of four Board Members of a seven member Board for any action to be taken thus any action is not valid unless supported by the votes of four Board Members present at the meeting. The Board of Education may not take action by a mere majority vote of a quorum of Board Members present at a meeting. Therefore a 3:2 vote or 3:1 vote by a seven member Board is not valid act of the Board according to statutory authority this requirement applies to all Board actions including the election of officers.”*

Mr. Patterson said the Board has voted 6:0 to get an attorney. He said that is where we are at and that is what we have to do.

Ms. Knapp said we will research attorneys and at the June Action meeting we will choose an attorney. If he or she is ready to present in July we will proceed with that process.

B. SISD Board Election

Ms. Knapp read a statement from Mr. Richard Burmeister since he was unable to attend the Action meeting.

Recommendation to Adopt and Approve the Resolution

Moved by Ms. McRae and seconded by Mrs. Thompson that the members of the Board designates **Ruth Ann Knapp** as its representative to serve on the 2015 electoral body responsible for electing members to the Saginaw Intermediate School District Board of Education and **Mattie Thompson** as alternate representative in the event the designated representative is unable to attend.

The members of the Board supports candidate **Richard Burmeister** for a position on the Saginaw Intermediate School District Board of Education for a term of **six years**.

The Board directs its representative **Ruth Ann Knapp** to vote for candidate **Richard Burmeister** at least on the first ballot taken at the June 1, 2015 election.

Carried unanimously (5-0)

C. **Saginaw Library Board Member Re-appointment**

Moved by Mrs. Thompson and seconded by Ms.. McRae that the Saginaw Board of Education approve the re-appointment of Ms. Pamela Clark to the Saginaw Library Board for an additional four-year term which will expire on June 30, 2019.

Carried unanimously (5-0)

**XII. New Business**

A. **Authorization for Board Participation in Workshop / Conference**

Moved by Mrs. Thompson, and seconded by Ms. McRae, in accord with Section 165.B. of the State School Aid Act, which requires prior Board authorization for reimbursement of Board Members incurring expenses while on official duty business of the Board of Education, the following is recommended for approval:

For up to 3 Board Members to attend:

- The MASB CBA 104 and/or CBA 214 Saturday, June 6, 2015, in Lansing, MI -- estimated costs: class registration \$90.00 each; and mileage \$80.50 for an estimated total expenditure per board member of \$260.50.

Ayes: 2                      Nay: 3 (Mrs. Kopka, Ms. McRae, Ms.Knapp)  
Motion failed.

B. **RFP for Custodial Maintenance Services**

Moved by Mr. Patterson and seconded by Mrs. Kopka that the Board send out the RFP bid for Custodial Maintenance services by May 31, 2015.

Ayes: 4                      Nays: 1 (Ms. Knapp)

**XIII. Communications/Resolutions**

None

#### **XIV. Board Comments**

Ms. McRae said we always talk about transparency and stated the Board does not communicate with each other. The Board is not respectful to each other or the people in the audience. She said when the children come to the meetings they see dysfunction yet we want to tell them how to act when they go to school. She said the Board needs to work on this. If we expect our children to do certain things then we need to do certain things. We need to model the behavior we want our children to perform at school and at home.

Mrs. Thompson thanked the students and the parents for coming out. She said she has asked for things that she has not received such as the suspension data from Thompson Middle School. She shared she will be the best Board member she can be.

Mrs. Kopka had no comments.

Mr. Patterson asked that he not receive hand delivered items to his house. He would like the items sent in a timely manner and he will get them. He thanked the students for all of their efforts and stated we do have successes in Saginaw Public Schools. He understands what teachers are going through on a daily basis. He feels it is appalling that teachers do not have a prep-hour and applauded the teachers for working without a prep-hour. He congratulated the seniors who are graduating this year. He thanked parents for staying with Saginaw Public Schools. He congratulated the students, who are involved in arts, technology within our District. He stated yes Board Members are disrespectful and shared a situation when he was speaking that a Board Member was rattling a potato chip bag. He stated staying until midnight does not faze him and he can stay until 6:00 a.m. and will not need a drink of water. This is what he does for a living, 31 years of it. He said 10 o'clock tomorrow night he would still be sitting here, no food no water. Let do it, let's get the business done. He feels to continue with the four vote strategy is a detriment to each and every child.

Ms. Knapp stated it is a travesty that our teachers do not have a prep-hour. If you cannot come to enjoy the pre-prom event look at the pictures in the Saginaw News. She feels communication is much better on the Board now than in the past and she realizes there has been a communication problem but it is a lot better. She recognized Tom Thebolt a retired teacher who passed away.

Ms. Knapp shared the Board Retreat will take place on June 6<sup>th</sup> and they will discuss Communication and Board Operating Procedures.

#### **XV. Next Meeting**

The next Board of Education Briefing Session will be held on June 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., at the Saginaw Arts and Science Academy and the Action Meeting will be held June 17, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., at the Board of Education.

**XVI. Adjournment**

On motion, the Action Meeting was adjourned at 11:58 p.m.

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

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- A. **Information Regarding Administrative Recommendations**
- B. **Grant Awards**
- C. **Other Information and Recognition**

None.





# **Strategic Plan for School Improvement 2014-2015**

**Priority Goal #1:** The District will deliver rigorous, relevant and flexible academic programs that are globally competitive and cultivate a culture of college bound or post-secondary learners.

**Priority Goal #2:** The District will operate in a fiscally responsible and transparent manner.

**Priority Goal #3:** The District along with its Partners In Education (PIE), will provide quality customer service, safety, and student success.