



Board Report

Board of Education

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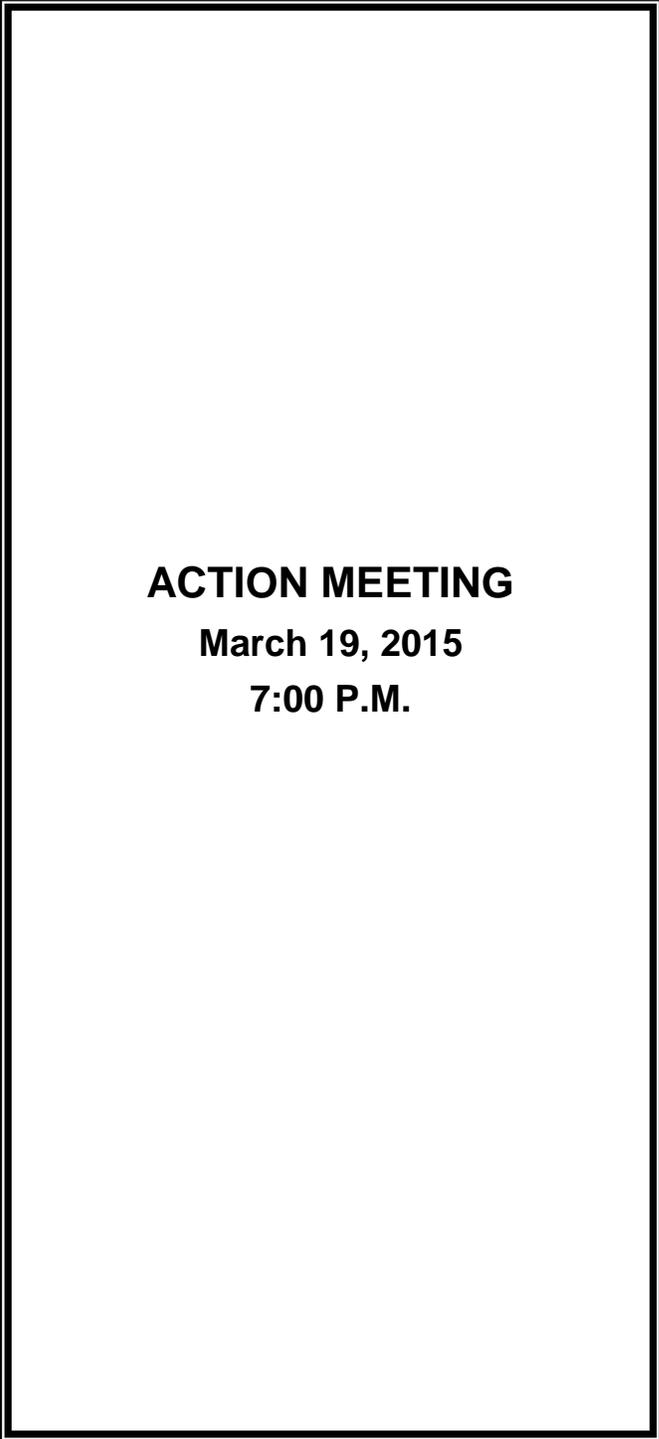
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Interim Superintendent



ACTION MEETING

March 19, 2015

7:00 P.M.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF SAGINAW
ACTION MEETING
March 19, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.**

AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the February 4, 2015 Special Meeting; the February 11, 2015 Briefing Session; the February 18, 2015 Action Meeting; the February 23, 2015 Special Meeting and Closed Session; and the February 26, 2015 Special Meeting and Closed Session.
- V. SPECIAL REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS (limited to 20 minutes)
 - A. Greg Daniel II – Regional Respect Challenge Winner
 - B. Celebrating Saginaw’s Cultures: Building Unity Through Diversity
 - Best of Middle School – Antonio Vargas, 6th Grade TMS
 - Best of Middle School SASA – Alaina Curry, 6th Grade, SASA
 - Best of High School – Delilah Mora, 12th Grade AHHS
 - Best of High School SASA – Bella Dean, 10th Grade, SASA
- VI. COMMENTS AND STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (limited to 5 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
 - Interim Superintendent report for receipt and file
 - B. Administrative Recommendations
- X. STANDING BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. Buildings and Grounds – Alexis Thomas
 - B. Community Relations – Rudy Patterson
 - C. Finance – Ruth Ann Knapp
 - D. Human Resources – Ruth Ann Knapp
 - E. Liaison – Tamara McRae
 - F. Policy and Curriculum – Mattie Thompson
- XI. OLD BUSINESS
- XII. NEW BUSINESS
- XIII. COMMUNICATIONS/RESOLUTIONS
- XIV. COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS
- XV. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION:
(April 15, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.)
- XVI. ADJOURNMENT

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

February 4, 2015

I. Call to Order

President Richardson-Vaughn called the meeting to order at 7:23 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Special Meeting of the Board of Education, School District of the City of Saginaw, held Wednesday, February 4, 2015 in the Office of the Board, Administration Building.

President Richardson-Vaughn in the Chair.

Members Present: Ms. McRae, Mrs. Spates-Allen, Ms. Thomas, Mrs. Thompson, President Richardson-Vaughn

Members Absent: Ms. Knapp, Mr. Patterson

III. Committee Recommendations

A. Buildings and Grounds

Ms. Thomas presented the following recommendation.

Acceptance Offer on Buena Vista High School

Moved by Ms. Thomas and seconded by Mrs. Spates-Allen that the Board of Education accept and approve the offer from Pansophic Learning USA, LLC in the amount of \$5,025,000.00 dollars for Buena Vista High School located at 3945 E. Holland Road in its present condition with the closing to be within ninety (90) days of acceptance of this offer and seller will not provide a survey.

Ayes: 4 Nays: 1 (Mrs. Thompson) (Absent - Mr. Patterson, Ms. Knapp)

Ms. Thomas asked Mr. Bruce Henson a representative from Pansophic Learning to give an overview of the locations of their Charter Schools and the teaching styles that are used.

Ms. McRae read a statement submitted by Trustee Rudy Patterson pertaining to the potential sale of Buena Vista High School.

B. Interim Superintendent's Recommendations

Dr. Peatross presented the following recommendations.

Rejection of Offer

It is the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent that the Board of Education reject the offer from Benson Ekong in the amount of \$500,000.00 dollars for 1925 S. Outer Drive as presented.

Moved by Mrs. Spates-Allen and seconded by Ms. McRae that the Board of Education reject the offer from Benson Ekong in the amount of \$500,000.00 dollars for 1925 S. Outer Drive as presented.

Discussion ensued regarding a previous recommendation to tear the building down and the voting process. After discussion the following motion was presented.

Motion

Moved by Ms. Thomas and seconded by Mrs. Spates-Allen that the recommendation to reject the offer from Benson Ekong be tabled until Wednesday, February 11, 2015.

Carried Unanimously (5-0)

Rejection of Offer and Counter

It is the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent that the Board of Education reject the new offer from Francis Reh in the amount of \$3,500,000.00 dollars for 1925 S. Outer Drive as presented and counter at \$4,500,000.00.

Motion

Moved by Ms. Thomas and seconded by Mrs. Thompson that the recommendation to reject the new offer from Francis Reh and counter be tabled until Wednesday, February 11, 2015.

Carried Unanimously (5-0)

C. Human Resources Committee

Ms. Thomas presented the following recommendation from the Human Resources Committee.

Interim Superintendent Evaluation Process and Timeline

Moved by Ms. Thomas and seconded by Mrs. Spates-Allen that the Board hereby approve the Board adopted process with the recommended timelines to evaluate the Interim Superintendent.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 1 (Mrs. Thompson)

IV. Good of the Order

None

V. Comments**Public**

John Pugh asked if the sale of the Buena Vista High School would have an impact on the closure of one of the high schools.

Pamela Pugh Smith asked for clarification on motions voted on by the Board tonight.

Melba Baldwin asked for information pertaining to Pansophic Learning. She also shared concerns regarding how decisions will impact the closure of a high school.

Lakia Hamilton feels the District has shared the Pros to consolidating the high schools, but not the Cons.

Stevii Dallas-Coleman asked if the high schools were going to be consolidated. She spoke about Saginaw High School's Priority Status.

Deonte Peete asked if the Buena Vista High School could have been used for a different purpose.

Joedel Lowe asked if there was an alternative plan to the high school closure. He asked if the sale of Buena Vista High School would clear up the debt.

Kate Weber asked for consideration of the offer from Francis Reh for the Phoenix Site. She stated Saginaw Public Schools can keep the rent from the 3-year lease with Delta College.

Beverly Yanca asked if the sale of the Phoenix Site included the Annex and the equipment in the buildings. She also would like to know who is in charge of the volunteers.

Angela Rodriguez asked the Board to consider the offer from Francis Reh for the Phoenix Site.

Union

Sue Rutherford, MEA UniServ Director shared concerns regarding the debt within the District and the wage concessions the employees have taken. She stated the legislators have placed school districts in the situations they are in.

Dan Renner, SEIU asked what the projected student loss would be due to the sale of Buena Vista High School.

Board Comments

Mrs. Thompson shared she feels it was right to allow the Buena Vista residents to obtain the trophies and memorabilia from the closed schools. She also read a letter she received from attorney Mr. John Humphreys suggesting she had unlawful access to the Buena Vista Schools.

Mrs. Spates-Allen shared her reason for voting to sell Buena Vista High School. She feels it is important for a community to have a school.

Ms. McRae shared she was very proud of the students who spoke at the Public Hearing. She shared a story about her sons with the audience. She also stated she believes Saginaw Public Schools is turning around and asked the audience not to give up on us.

President Richardson-Vaughn shared the Board has come with the purpose of trying to do the best they know how with the information they have for the students and employees of Saginaw Public School District. She also shared a portion of the monies from the sale of Buena Vista High School will go toward Buena Vista's debt. She stated we have multiple challenges that we must face in this District, but we have a lot of successes as well. We must tell our story. She thanked the audience for coming out and students for sharing their concerns.

VI. Adjournment

On motion, the Special Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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

February 11, 2015

I. Roll Call

Committee of the Whole Briefing Session of the Board of Education, School District of the City of Saginaw, was held Wednesday, February 11, 2015, at Thompson Middle School in the Auditorium.

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

President Richardson-Vaughn in the Chair.

Members Present: Ms. Knapp, Ms. McRae, Mr. Patterson, Mrs. Spates-Allen, Ms. Thomas, Mrs. Thompson, and President Richardson-Vaughn

Members Absent: None

II. Presentations

Interim Superintendent Dr. Peatross and the Executive Team presented a PowerPoint which covered the following information.

- Saginaw Demographic and Population Review
- Priority Status and Comparability
- Board Policy #4011 and Impact Analysis
- Enrollment Data/Migration/Trends
- Financial Implications & Utility Costs Per Pupil
- One Comprehensive High School /Special Education Programming
State and Federal Programs
- Security/Athletics Perspective
- Executive Summary/District Configuration

Questions from Board Members and the Public

- What is the information source on Population and Demographic Data presented?
- What is the cost to renovate the pool for Saginaw High School?
- How many students are currently transported by bus?
- What is the capacity of the stadiums at both schools
- How much bond money was spent on each of the high schools?
- What is duct removal (in reference to the Arthur Hill renovations)?
- What is the date of the quotes for Arthur Hill Renovations?
- Does the sale of Buena Vista put us out of debt?

- What is the amount of the Athletic Budget?
- How much have we taken in from Pay to Participate?
- Please provide a copy of the “contract” for Midland transportation students. How much has been collected?
- How much is the total cost of transportation?
- Please provide clarification of the slide with the narrative explaining the seven percent reduction.
- Please provide clarification on the calculation of students needed to achieve Priority one status.
- How would Buena Vista students be transported for after school activities?
- Have you thought about surveying parents on athletics?
- Did the District sell Buena Vista High School?
- What was the reason for the phone survey over the past weekend?
- How much weight will the survey have on the consolidation?
- How many teachers are going to be laid off?
- Are students going to ride longer because of the consolidation?
- What’s currently offered for athletics?
- How many cheerleaders will be allowed?
- What is the cost for transportation for the homeless?
- What alternative methods do we have other than consolidation of the high schools?
- How will the high school that closes be repurposed?
- How much will the district save by repurposing the building?
- How many classrooms will be needed for Special Education at the high school?
- How can the students turn around if they have permanent substitute teachers instead of qualified teachers?
- What is the difference between Focus and Priority Schools?
- What are the three options for transformation of a Priority School?

III. Public Comments

Saleem Mannan spoke regarding his support for the school district.

Karen Lawrence-Webster asked if the district closes Saginaw High or Arthur Hill High Schools what the district’s plans are. She also asked that parents be surveyed regarding athletics and school attendance.

Janice Kato shared concerns pertaining to the retention of students in the district.

Darryl Buchanan from Universal Medical Group presented information pertaining to the company’s offer for the Buena Vista Phoenix Site.

Benson Ekong from Universal Medical Group presented information pertaining to the company’s offer for the Buena Vista Phoenix Site.

Angela Rodriguez spoke in support of Francis Reh acquiring the Buena Vista Phoenix Site.

Sonia Sanchez-Garcia shared concerns regarding charter schools purchasing vacant buildings.

Kate Scheid Weber shared support for Francis Reh purchasing the Buena Vista Phoenix Site

Lakia Hamilton shared concerns pertaining to Saginaw High School being a Priority School.

Travondre Evans spoke regarding the Priority Status of Saginaw High and Arthur Hill High Schools.

Freddreika Prince apologized to Dr. Peatross for her actions at the last meeting and asked what the purpose of the survey to parents was about.

Felecia Johnson-Martin shared concerns pertaining to parents taking their children out of Saginaw Public Schools. She also wanted to know if teachers would be laid off.

Stevii Dallas-Coleman shared she just found out Saginaw High School was a Priority School. She also asked how the school would be able to turn around if the students have permanent substitute teachers instead of qualified teachers.

Calvin King-Thomas shared concerns pertaining to Saginaw High School's Priority Status.

John Pugh feels the administration is giving out misinformation. He announced a meeting which will be held on Monday, February 16, 2015.

Christian Garrett spoke pertaining to Board Member's conduct and the lack of unity.

IV. Overview of Action Meeting Recommendations

Dr. Peatross reviewed the following recommendations.

- A. School of Choice Application Window
- B. Open Enrollment Application Window
- C. School Closure

V. Union Comments

None

VI. Board Comments

Mrs. Spates-Allen shared before the board can entertain any offers for the Phoenix site a motion will need to be made at the Action meeting to rescind the action that was taken at the January 21, 2015 Action meeting. The action was to remove the Phoenix and Technology Center from the market and move forward with obtaining RFP's for demolition using funds allocated by the State of Michigan for the recently acquired Buena Vista Buildings. She stated since this was a motion she supported, she will be making a motion at the Action meeting on February 18, 2015 to rescind it.

Mrs. Thompson asked when the high schools are consolidated will the 8th grade students return to Thompson Middle School. Dr. Peatross responded, yes. Mrs. Thompson thanked everyone for coming.

Ms. Knapp spoke regarding the answers to the questions from the meeting being posted on the district's website by Friday, February 13, 2015. She shared we need to look to the future and know that the students are well taken care of and prepared. She feels to make the high school consolidation easier it would be nice to change the name, color and the mascots. She stated Arthur Hill and Saginaw High have each had 100 years, so let's start a new high school for another 100 years. She stated she has not made a decision and there is a lot of time for "food for thought."

Ms. McRae stated she believes education is an equalizer and she does not believe that it matters which side our children go to school at. As long as the children have great teachers that will be creative and challenge our children. She also stated it is up to parents, and she is a parent of a child who attends Saginaw Public Schools to educate and push our children.

Ms. Thomas had no comments.

Mr. Patterson shared history has proven closing schools and losing students does not equate to a sound financial school district. He feels having the two high schools open is not costing the district. He stated there are some other managerial issues within the district. He believes a good sound school district will bring businesses to the City.

President Richardson-Vaughn thanked everyone for coming. She told Board Members they now have the information and recommendation. She encouraged the Board to do their personal research and contact the superintendent and setup a time to ask your questions in advance so we can make an informed decision.

VII. Announcement of Next Action Meeting

The next Board of Education Action Meeting will be held on February 18, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., at the Board of Education.

VIII. Adjournment

On motion, the Briefing Meeting was adjourned at 12:32 a.m.

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

February 18, 2015

I. Call to Order

President Richardson-Vaughn called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 on Wednesday, February 18, 2015, in the Office of the Board, Administration Building.

President Richardson-Vaughn in the Chair.

Members Present: Ms. Knapp, Ms. McRae, Mr. Patterson, Mrs. Spates-Allen, Ms. Thomas, Mrs. Thompson, and President Richardson-Vaughn

Members Absent: None

Mr. Patterson asked if President Richardson-Vaughn would be addressing the concerns he shared with Board Members regarding Board Trustee Delena Spates-Allen having a "Conflict of Interest." President Richardson-Vaughn stated the concern would be addressed at a later time on the agenda under "New Business" and if Mr. Patterson would like it addressed earlier she would need a motion to do so.

Mr. Patterson asked President Richardson-Vaughn if she contacted our legal counsel to see if Mrs. Spates-Allen would be a voting member of the Board tonight. President Richardson-Vaughn stated yes legal counsel has been contacted.

Motion

Moved by Mr. Patterson and seconded by Ms. Knapp that the Board address the allegation of Mrs. Spates-Allen having a potential "Conflict of Interest" as a voting member of the Board tonight.

Carried Unanimously (7-0)

President Richardson-Vaughn deferred to Dr. Peatross to share the response from legal counsel. Dr. Peatross shared there was a legal response given by Humphreys, Campbell, Dust and Humphreys stating there was no "Conflict of

Interest.” Mrs. Thompson stated you can’t serve on two Boards at the same time. Mrs. Spates-Allen asked the question “if I serve on two Boards, name the two Boards that I serve on.” She stated “I will be voting tonight.” Mr. Patterson stated he feels the response should have come from Liz Peters from Masud Labor Law Group or Brad Banasik from MASB. Mr. Patterson shared the items he highlighted in his letter to Board Members. President Richardson-Vaughn stated Mrs. Spates-Allen has stated if she is serving on two Boards she would like them to be identified. Discussion ended.

IV. Approval of the Minutes of the January Meetings

Moved by Mrs. Spates-Allen and seconded by Ms. Thomas, 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:

- January 7, 2015 Annual Meeting

Ayes: 4 Nays: 3 (Ms. Knapp, Mr. Patterson, Mrs. Thompson)

Moved by Ms. Thomas and seconded by Mrs. Spates-Allen, 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:

- January 14, 2015 Briefing Session

Ayes: 4 Nays: 3 (Ms. Knapp, Mr. Patterson, Mrs. Thompson)

Moved by Ms. Thomas and seconded by Mrs. Spates-Allen, 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:

- January 21, 2015 Action Meeting

Ayes: 4 Nays: 3 (Ms. Knapp, Mr. Patterson, Mrs. Thompson)

Moved by Ms. Thomas and seconded by Mrs. Spates-Allen, 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:

- January 28, 2015 Action Meeting

Ayes: 6 Nays: 1 (Mr. Patterson)

Mr. Patterson asked that on page 26 under his comments the acronym “M-Step” be added in front of SAT.

Ms. Knapp asked that under her comments there be a correction to add the correct name of “Celebrating Saginaw’s Cultures: Building Unity through Diversity.”

V. Special Presentations

None

VI. Comments From the Public

Ann Burgin shared concerns regarding the lack of heat in one of the classrooms at Arthur Eddy Academy.

Calvin King-Thomas, Saginaw High student shared concerns pertaining to the consolidation of the high schools.

Jalen Parham, Saginaw High student shared concerns pertaining to the consolidation of the high schools.

Nathan Addison, Saginaw High student shared concerns pertaining to the consolidation of the high schools.

Joedel Lowe, Saginaw High student shared concerns pertaining to the consolidation of the high schools.

Trisha Baker spoke in favor of the consolidation of the high schools.

Debbi Monahan spoke in favor of the consolidation of the high schools.

Joe Loperena spoke regarding the consolidation of the high schools.

Kathy Gonzales spoke regarding teacher concessions and the consolidation of the high schools.

Amanda Friedle spoke regarding teacher concessions and the consolidation of the high schools.

Herbert Herd asked how a board elected by the people can go against the wishes of the people. He also shared concerns regarding the consolidation of the high schools.

John Pugh shared concerns regarding the consolidation of the high schools and the school district having a forensic audit.

Janice Kato spoke regarding the consolidation of the high schools.

Pamela Smith spoke regarding the consolidation of the high schools.

Joyce Seals spoke regarding the Saginaw Promise. She shared eligible students attending a community college will have their Associates degree paid for by the Saginaw Promise.

Dedrea Carter spoke regarding the consolidation of the high schools.

Sonia Garcia spoke regarding the consolidation of the high schools.

Karen Lawrence-Webster read a letter from the Community group that met on February 16, 2015 regarding the consolidation of the high schools.

Glendorah Lawrence shared concerns regarding the consolidation of the high schools.

Melba Baldwin shared concerns regarding the consolidation of the high schools.

Gary Dawkins shared concerns regarding the consolidation of the high schools.

Sandra Lowery shared concerns regarding the consolidation of the high schools.

Charles Sledge shared concerns regarding the consolidation of the high schools.

VII. Union Comments

Sam McGee, SEIU Local 517M shared concerns pertaining to the consolidation of the high schools and the loss of jobs. He feels this process is very stressful for the whole community. He hopes the board will make the right decision for the school district.

Sue Rutherford, MEA UniServ Director shared concerns regarding the sacrifices teachers have made to help the district stay afloat. She stated if the Board does not vote in favor of the consolidation of the high schools please do not ask the SEA for more concessions because it will not happen. The SEA is tired of subsidizing the district if the Board is not going to stand-up and do their jobs.

Ed Sprague, SEA President shared the changes and losses in the community and also the need for the consolidation of the high schools.

VIII. Treasurer's Report

A. Financial Reports

Moved by Ms. Knapp and seconded by Mrs. Spates-Allen, that the December 2014 Report of the Treasurer be received and filed.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 1 (Mr. Patterson)

Moved by Ms. Knapp and seconded by Mrs. Thompson, that the January 2015 Report of the Treasurer be received and filed.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 1 (Mr. Patterson)

B. Report on Claims

Moved by Ms. Knapp, and seconded by Mrs. Thompson, that the December 2014 Report on Claims be received and filed.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 1 (Mr. Patterson)

Ms. Knapp shared potential dates for Budget presentations.

- May 12, 2015 - 2015-16 Budget Presentation
- June 3 or 9, 2015 – Budget Hearing
- June 17, 2015 – Adoption of Budget
- June 30, 2015 – Budget due to the State of Michigan

IX. Reports From the Interim Superintendent

President Richardson-Vaughn stated there will not be a Human Resources/Labor Relations report from Interim Superintendent Dr. Peatross.

A. Human Resources / Labor Relations Report

- *Elementary Teachers*
Hutter, Catherine effective January 12, 2015
Loomis School, Grade 4
- *Secondary Teachers*
Gutierrez, Tina effective January 5, 2015
Saginaw Arts & Sciences Academy, Centric Math Coach

Holzhei, Steven effective January 5, 2015
Saginaw High School, Strategic Math
- *Administrators*
Reid, Rachel effective November 24, 2014
Thompson Middle School, Assistant Principal
- *Educational Support Group (ESG)*
Browder, Sallivia effective January 5, 2015
Arthur Hill High School, Title I Behavior Interventionist

Wyatt, Derrick effective January 5, 2015
Saginaw High School, Title I Behavior Interventionist

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

- *Teacher Resignations*
Reid, Rachel effective November 21, 2014
District, ELA Core Curriculum Coach

B. Community Relations

Mr. Patterson stated the committee did not have an actual meeting, but they had an invitation from Mr. John Pugh for the Community Relations to participate in a Community Forum setup by the Community. He spoke regarding the confusion surrounding the location of the meeting. There is no meeting date scheduled at this time.

C. Finance

Mrs. Spates-Allen stated that the next Finance meeting will be held on March 18, 2015 at 5:15 p.m. Ms. Knapp will chair the meeting since Mrs. Spates-Allen will be out of town.

D. Human Resources

Ms. Knapp stated there was a training sponsored by the Saginaw Intermediate School District on evaluating the Interim Superintendent using the School ADvance Model. She stated the Board will be using a portion of the tool to evaluate the superintendent. The evaluation has to be done by March 1, 2015. The Board will be meeting on February 23, 2015 immediately following the Buildings and Grounds meeting to perform the evaluation.

E. Liaison

Ms. McRae stated that the committee will meet on Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at the Board of Education.

F. Policy and Curriculum

Mrs. Thompson stated that the committee will meet to discuss Policy 4011 School Closure Policy. The meeting date has not been determined.

XI. Old Business

None

XII. New Business

Rescission of the Phoenix Site from the Market

Moved by Mrs. Spates-Allen and seconded by Mrs. Thompson to rescind the action taken by the Board to remove the Phoenix Science and Technology Center from the market and move forward with obtaining RFP's for the demolition using funds allocated by the State of Michigan for the recently acquired Buena Vista buildings.

Carried Unanimously (7-0)

Discussion ensued regarding the use of the words "rescind" and "reconsider." Mr. Patterson asked if there could be possible legal ramifications surrounding the motion.

XIII. Communications/Resolutions

None

XIV. Board Comments

Mrs. Thompson thanked everyone for coming out. She stated we must make everything transparent. She shared concerns about the district not allowing the community to use Saginaw High School for a Community Forum. She stated there was information on Saginaw High's marquee that was not correct regarding the location of the meeting. She stated the Board needs to tell the Superintendent how we want this District to look.

Ms. Thomas shared she has been on the Board for five years. She ran for the Board because she felt she could be a voice and make a change, but she stated it is very different when you get on this side of the table. You get different information, you understand things differently, and you are no longer operating in ignorance to the things that are happening. She stated she supports Saginaw Public Schools and is not opposed to a consolidation. She feels a river has torn this community apart. She believes schools are the foundation of the community, therefore if there is no school in a community, the community dies. She stated we need to stop perpetuating there is a difference between the east side and the west side of Saginaw. She stated I have listened to everyone bicker and fight and I have asked myself, am I adding value, can I stay here and be part of this dysfunction. She shared with the audience, this is not a win, this is a lesson for all of us that we have a lot of work to do. She stated we all want the same thing, a thriving Saginaw.

Ms. Knapp stated when she came to Saginaw there were 36 schools. She feels the biggest mistake was when the Board voted to reopen Arthur Eddy and to do the renovations with general fund money. She shared there is a group that meets monthly called the Neighborhood Association Advocacy Group (NAAG) and she and Dr. Peatross have been attending the meetings. She stated the schools are building a bridge with the neighborhoods. NAAG suggested that the schools always be on the agenda, that's a plus. The neighborhoods rise or fall on the schools that are there. She shared Dwight Chisholm a former educator in the district passed away. She shared comments pertaining to core subjects and elective offerings. She commended Saginaw High's band on their behavior and performance while in Florida and thanked them for representing Saginaw well. She stated Saginaw High School does not have an Art program, so they were not represented in the Art Show that was recently hosted at the Andersen Enrichment Center. She invited the audience to go look at the artwork that is still on display at the Andersen Enrichment Center. She stated she is happy to be in Saginaw and hopes that we can offer the best for all of our students and all of our schools wherever they are.

Ms. McRae shared a great man once stated that “Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world” and that great man was Nelson Mandela. She stated, so education is an equalizer.

Mrs. Spates-Allen shared she is a woman of character and one who prides herself on integrity and stands on principles. She stated when she looks at the fact people are asking her to recuse herself from voting due to a potential conflict of interest, she said if she felt she had a conflict of interest she would recuse herself, she doesn't need anyone to ask her to not vote. The people elected her to sit at the board table and make a decision and that is what she expected to do today was to make a decision. She stated she was taken back when people started bringing her family and her church into play to prevent her from voting. She stated “is there a conflict of interest because of a plan people have seen on the church website?” No, there is not a conflict of interest. Am I on another school board? If I am, I don't know anything about it. She said she sits at the board table to do what is in the best interest of the children of the Saginaw Public School District. She stated when she sits at the table she makes decisions based on the ruler on the wall which reads “How do we help teachers teach and children learn.” She shared she is here to support the teachers, staff and the students, so therefore she will vote and she does not have a potential conflict of interest. She stated neither her church nor her family have a charter school. She said she will sit here and make decisions that are in the best interest of the entire school district and not individuals.

Mr. Patterson thanked the audience and the media for their attendance and coverage. He stated this is a community effort and it does take a community to raise a child. He shared with the audience they cannot go away and they must continue to attend the meetings. He stated education and academics is at stake. He asked the audience not to go away and that the district is coded red for academics and we are in priority status. He told the audience this does not go away because there was not a vote. He stated he knows it is exhausting work to be a teacher and the students must be taught that they must enter the classroom ready for education to be poured into them. He shared concerns about the consolidation of the middle schools and the administration in the schools. He also spoke regarding the behavior of the students at a recent basketball game. He stated it is time for the community to be as serious tomorrow as they are tonight.

President Richardson-Vaughn thanked the audience for attending the meeting. She thanked the administrative staff and stated it hurts her heart to see the expressions on their faces. She shared she appreciates the work the administration does every day and is very proud of things they bring to the school district. She said she was not sure of where the district goes from here, and she is not one to have criticism of what is going on. She said she tries to put something on the table and say if this doesn't work then what do we do. She stated it is very easy to look at the work of others and you take the position of being the evaluator, but you don't add anything to the table. It is very easy to criticize the schools and

your children do not attend the schools. Everyone on this board cares about the children and the people in this community. She shared the board does not paid to attend the meetings. She stated she cannot continue to do this because she does not see where she is making a difference and that is the reason she got on the Board. She felt there was something she could add or something in her experience that she could bring to this Board that would be a positive thing that would make a difference. She said right now she does not see this and she is not sure what her presence brings to this Board. She stated she is not one to just put in her time to say I'm on the Board. She said she is here because she thought she could really make a difference. She said I am willing to put in the time and do whatever I can to help the children in this District.

XV. Next Meeting

The next Board of Education Action Meeting will be held March 18, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., at the Board of Education.

XVI. Adjournment

On motion, the Action Meeting was adjourned at 10:53 p.m.

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

February 23, 2015

I. Roll Call

Special Meeting of the Board of Education, School District of the City of Saginaw, held Monday, February 23, 2015 in the Office of the Board, Administration Building.

Meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m.

President Richardson-Vaughn in the Chair.

Members Present: Ms. Knapp, Ms. McRae, Mr. Patterson, Mrs. Spates-Allen, Ms. Thomas, Mrs. Thompson, President Richardson-Vaughn

Members Absent: None

II. Closed Session

Moved by Ms. Thomas, and seconded by Mrs. Spates-Allen, that the Board go into Closed Session to discuss the Interim Superintendent's Evaluation. The motion was carried by a vote of 7-0 on a roll call vote. The Board moved into Closed Session at 7:45 p.m.

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 9:25 p.m. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote (7-0).

No action was taken.

III. Adjournment

On motion, the Special Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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

February 26, 2015

I. Roll Call

Special Meeting of the Board of Education, School District of the City of Saginaw, held Thursday, February 26, 2015 in the Office of the Board, Administration Building.

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Vice-President Thomas in the Chair.

Members Present: Ms. Knapp, Ms. McRae, Mrs. Thompson, Vice-President Thomas

Members Absent: Mr. Patterson

II. Comments

Public

Darlean Carpenter, 344 S. 21st, asked what will happen to the monies from the sale of the Phoenix Site? She also shared concerns regarding the Bridge Magazine.

Joe Loperena, 1118 Cass St, spoke regarding the Board vacancies and shared his interest in filling one of the vacant seats.

Unions

None

III. New Business

Discussion of Board Vacancies

Vice-President Thomas reviewed the information in the Board's packet regarding the history of past Board Member appointments and the Board's Bylaws. She asked Board Members for a motion and a support to start the discussion of the process.

Motion

Moved by Mrs. Thompson and seconded by Ms. McRae to the start the discussion of the process to fill the Board Vacancies.

Carried Unanimously (4-0)

Discussion ensued regarding the sample applications, affidavit, the submission timeline, criteria for applicants and the meeting dates. Mr. John Humphreys shared with Board members things he felt should be included on the applications.

Motion

Moved by Ms. Knapp and seconded by Ms. McRae to remove the Social Security number from the application.

Carried Unanimously (4-0)

The following process was agreed upon by Board Members in attendance.

PROCESS FOR FILLING
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF SAGINAW
BOARD OF EDUCATION VACANT SEAT(S)

Dear Potential Board Member Candidate,

Listed below is an outline of the application process to be considered for the current School District of the City of Saginaw Board of Education seat(s):

- Submit a current Cover Letter
- Submit a current Resume
- Complete and submit an Affidavit of Eligibility (Board Bylaws Requirement)
- Complete and submit an Application for Appointment

Please submit all written correspondence to:

Ms. Tamara McRae, Secretary of the Board
School District of the City of Saginaw
C/O Ms. Cynthia Brackett, Executive Assistant
550 Millard Street
Saginaw, Michigan 48607

Please submit all e-mail correspondence to:

To: tmcrae@spsd.net
Cc: cbrackett@spsd.net

Deadline for all correspondence to be considered and received (regular mail or e-mail) is Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at 12:00 noon

All candidate materials will be copied and available for Board members to pick-up at 4pm on Wednesday, March 4th (A listing of candidates will also be provided to the media and posted on District website under Board tab)

The Board shall review and screen materials to determine which candidate(s) should be further considered for appointment. Screening by the Board shall be done in open session at a Special Meeting and is scheduled for Thursday, March 5, 2015 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at 550 Millard Street, Saginaw, Michigan 48607

Those candidates screened for further consideration shall be interviewed by the Board in open session with tentative interview dates of March 10 or 12, 2015 beginning at 6:15 p.m. at 550 Millard Street, Saginaw, Michigan 48607

The interview process will include:

- One question per board member
- Fifteen minutes per interview per candidate
- Five minutes in between

After completion of the interviews, each Board member will be given the opportunity to comment on the qualities of each candidate.

After the interviews, each individual Board member will select his/her top two candidates. Each Board member will then submit his/her selection(s) to the Board President. The Board President will compile the selection(s) of individual Board members. A Board Member may choose not to elect any candidate during the process.

The President will announce the names of those candidates receiving two (2) or more votes and a second round of voting will take place with those candidates remaining. In the second round, each Board Member will select only one candidate from those candidates remaining. If one candidate receives the majority number of votes (at least three), the Board President will solicit a motion to appoint that individual to the vacancy of the Board of Education.

The Board, by roll-call vote of a majority of those elected, appointed, and serving, shall determine which candidate shall be appointed to fill the vacancy. The date for the Special meeting to announce the selection of the Board member(s) that will fill the vacant seat(s) is currently scheduled for Monday, March 16, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at 550 Millard Street, Saginaw, Michigan 48607

If you have questions regarding any information provided, please contact Ms. Cynthia Brackett, Executive Assistant at 989-399-6502 or at cbrackett@spsd.net.

IV. Announcement of Meeting Dates

Ms. Knapp shared the Student Artwork at the Andersen Enrichment Center will be coming down on March 6, 2015 at 12:00 noon.

V. Closed Session

Moved by Ms. Knapp, and seconded by Ms. McRae, that the Board go into Closed Session to discuss a Legal Opinion pertaining to the Sale of Property. The motion was carried by a vote of 4-0 on a roll call vote. The Board moved into Closed Session at 6:32 p.m.

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 7:10 p.m. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote (4-0).

No action was taken.

VI. Adjournment

On motion, the Special Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

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

- 1. **Elementary Division**

Jessie Loomis

A World In Motion (AWIM) – This is a science/engineering instruction that our kindergarten through 2nd grade teachers are implementing. They were trained by Claudia Lee and all materials were provided through Dow Chemical Corporation in Midland. Dow will also provide the volunteers to help teachers implement within the classroom.

Careers in STEM – We are also partnering with Dow Chemical in this program to bring activities to each of our classrooms focusing on possible careers in STEM. Dow will provide the volunteers for this program.

Kempton

With the help of Rhonda Butler from the Saginaw Public Libraries, Kempton students from prekindergarten to grade 5 enjoyed learning about African American authors and illustrators like the poet Langston Hughes, authors John Steptoe and Virginia Hamilton as well as several others. This was part of Kempton’s celebration for Black History Month.

Merrill Park

Filling Our Buckets With 100 Acts of Kindness - In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., St. Valentine’s Day and the 100th Day of School, Merrill Park awarded children with hearts of kindness. For each child that was caught being kind, a Merrill Park staff member or parent volunteer will award that child with a heart with the act of kindness written on it. The hearts were displayed in the shape of a giant heart on a bulletin board in the hallway.

Stone

Great things are happening at Stone Elementary. 2015 has brought the kick off of the new READ Mentor program. They now have 13 community volunteers that come in weekly to read with 26 of the first grade students. They are looking forward to the positive results that these mentors will encourage in the children. A big “THANK YOU” goes out to Carol Lechel of the Saginaw Read Association for her dedication in organizing this wonderful opportunity for the students.

2. **Secondary Division**

Saginaw Arts and Sciences Academy

On February 10, 2015 Bridge Magazine announced Saginaw Public School District's Saginaw Arts and Sciences Academy as an Academic State Champion. Only 111 schools in the State received this recognition. To determine the winners, Bridge partnered with Public Sector Consultants, Inc. (the State's leading public policy research firm) to develop a value-added ranking system which measures a school's test scores adjusted for student family income, which is often a predictor of academic achievement.

Saginaw Career Complex

In the month of February SCC hosted their Annual Professional Business Day at Davenport University. All SCC students participated in this event in which they completed 2-3 mock interviews with professionals where they presented their resume, portfolio, and practiced their interviewing skills. There were over 150 volunteers from throughout the Great Lakes Bay region who helped with this event. February was also very busy with competitions. There were 15 students who competed in the Business Professionals of American (BPA) and 3 qualified to advance on to the State level conference. There were 76 students who competed in the Skills USA regional conference.



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.