



# **Board Report**

## **Board of Education**

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**Barbara S. Kopka, Trustee**  
**Rudy Patterson, Trustee**  
**Mattie L. Thompson, Trustee**

**Nathaniel B. McClain**  
**Superintendent**

### **ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

**January 13, 2016**

**5:30 P.M.**

### **BOARD WORKSHOP**

**January 13, 2016**

**6:15 P.M.**

### **ACTION MEETING**

**January 20, 2016**

**7:00 P.M.**

## **ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

**School District of the City of Saginaw**

**January 13, 2016 \*\*\* 5:30 P.M.**

**Administration Building \*\* 550 Millard Street, Saginaw, Michigan 48607 \*\* 399-6500**

### **~ A G E N D A ~**

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1. Election of Acting Chairperson
2. Appointment of Temporary Secretary
3. Election of President
4. Election of Vice President
5. Election of a Secretary
6. Appointment of a Treasurer

***School District of the City of Saginaw***  
**Board Workshop**  
**January 13, 2016 \*\*\* 6:15 P.M.**  
**Board Room – Administration Building**  
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**AGENDA**

- Public Comment
- MASB Board Facilitated Workshop
- Other

**School District of the City of Saginaw**  
**ACTION MEETING**  
**January 20, 2016 \*\*\* 7:00 P.M.**  
**Board Room – Administration Building, 550 Millard Street, Saginaw, MI 48607**

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**AGENDA**

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. SPECIAL REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS (limited to 20 minutes)
  - A. National Futures Without Violence Respect Campaign Award Winner
    - Ms. Ciera Barnes, Arthur Hill High School,
  - B. Student Ambassador Reports
    - AHHS: Michael Breedlove, Christian Garrett
    - SHS: Lakia Hamilton, Joedel Lowe
    - SASA: Lauren Kaylor, Theodore (TJ) Peoples
    - SCC: Te'arijia Thomas
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the December 9, 2015 Board Workshop and the December 16, 2015 Action Meeting
- 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 SUPERINTENDENT
  - A. Administrative Recommendations
    - Superintendent Report
- X. STANDING BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - A. Buildings and Grounds – Herbert Herd
  - B. Community Relations – Rudy Patterson
  - C. Finance – Alexis Thomas
  - D. Human Resources – Barbara Kopka
  - 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 MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION:  
**(Board Workshop – February 10, 2016 at 6:00 P.M.)**  
**(Action Meeting – February 17, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.)**
- XVI. OTHER
- XVII. ADJOURNMENT

**BOARD WORKSHOP**  
**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF SAGINAW**  
**Board Room**  
**Saginaw Board of Education \*\*\* 550 Millard Street, Saginaw, Michigan 48607**

**December 9, 2015 \*\*\* 6:00 P.M.**

- **Attendance**

The following people were in attendance at this workshop: Mr. Herd, Mrs. Kopka, Ms. McRae, Mr. Patterson, Mrs. Thompson, Ms. Knapp, Superintendent McClain, Mary Kerwin, Facilitator, MASB, and Mrs. Turner, Recorder.

Ms. Thomas was absent.

- **Public Comment**

The President called for Public Comment and there was none.

- **MASB Facilitated Workshop – Preparing for the Organizational Meeting**

Mrs. Mary Kerwin, MASB, provided training to prepare Board members for the January 13, 2016 Organizational Meeting.

Mr. Patterson exited the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

- **Other**

The workshop adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

**ACTION MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF SAGINAW  
550 Millard Street, Saginaw, MI 48607**

**December 16, 2015**

**I. Call to Order**

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 on Wednesday, December 16, 2015, in the Office of the Board, 550 Millard Street, Saginaw, Michigan 48607.

President Knapp in the Chair.

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

Members Absent: Mrs. Thompson

**IV. Special Presentations**

A. Michael Breedlove and Christian Garrett, Arthur Hill Student Ambassadors

The following information:

- ✓ Nine (9) AHHS students were selected to participate in the A.H. Nickless Innovation Competition. They were divided into two groups. Each group received a \$1,000 grant to develop an innovative solution to real world problems. These two groups could win up to \$45,000 in scholarship grants.
- ✓ Student Nate Moore received a full ride football scholarship to SVSU.
- ✓ AHHS Holiday Music Concert will occur on December 17 at 6:00 p.m. Admission is free.
- ✓ AHHS's Choir will be caroling on December 21-22 at Macy's, Nursing Homes and at the Family First Credit Union.
- ✓ Ceria Barnes won a \$5,000 scholarship for an anti-bullying campaign.
- ✓ Request was made to provide adequate lighting in the hallways.
- ✓ Request to fix the parking lot at the school

- ✓ Mr. Breedlove suggested that the Student Ambassadors from all four schools work collaboratively to develop a newsletter.

B. Lakia Hamilton and Joedel Lowe, Saginaw High Student Ambassadors

Ms. Hamilton and Mr. Lowe presented the following information:

- ✓ SHS's Winter Celebration! Will occurred on December 22.
- ✓ Through TAC and Student Council, students held a canned food and toiletries drive for area families – December 14-18, 2015.
- ✓ Congratulated Jeannine Coughlin on her new position as Athletic Director at Saginaw High School.
- ✓ Donations for the McCray family.
- ✓ The SHS Drum Line was invited to perform at the Dow Event Center during this year's Christmas Show.
- ✓ Restorative Justice is working positively at Saginaw High.
- ✓ Three Saginaw High Band members recently performed at the Board Christmas Luncheon.

C. Lauren Kaylor and Theodore (TJ) Peoples, SASA Student Ambassadors

Ms. Kaylor and Mr. Peoples presented the following information:

- ✓ The National Honor Society collected winter items for their Coat, Hat & Mitten Drive. They also collected donations for Toys for Tots.
- ✓ The Student Council adopted three families for the holiday season. Each concentration at SASA has adopted a family this year.
- ✓ The National Honors Society held a Middle School Winter Formal Dance on Friday, December 18. This is one way the high school students connect and give back to middle school students.
- ✓ Students worked very hard on their Winter Holidays Around the World projects.
- ✓ The Model United Nations students recently competed and their team won the General's Assembly Best Delegation.
- ✓ The National Honor Society students caroled at the "Cookies for Santa" event at Henry Doerr on December 8, 2015. Both the elementary and high school students enjoyed this event!

D. Te'arijia Thomas, SCC Student Ambassador

Ms. Thomas presented the following information:

- ✓ Two SCC teams qualified to participate in an engineering project and earned \$1,000 through the A.H. Nickless foundation to develop their project in March at SVSU.
- ✓ Four SCC students attended a "Women in Engineering" conference at MSU on December 11.
- ✓ The Robotics Team is getting into full swing preparation for upcoming competitions following their Winter Break.

- ✓ Mrs. Linda Holmes, Medical Occupations instructor, was named by the Michigan State Lottery as one of 14 recipients of the “Excellence in Education” award. Mrs. Holmes received a personal check for \$500 and SCC received a check for \$500.

**V. Approval of the Minutes of the November Meetings**

Moved by Mr. Herd and seconded by Ms. Thomas, that the Board approves the minutes of the following meeting, and that the Secretary is instructed to sign same officially and affix thereto the seal of the Board:

- November 7, 2015 Board Workshop

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Moved by Mr. Herd and seconded by Ms. Thomas that the Board approves the minutes of the following meeting, and that the Secretary is instructed to sign same officially and affix thereto the seal of the Board:

- November 11, 2015 Board Workshop

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Moved by Mr. Herd and seconded by Mrs. Kopka, that the Board approves the minutes of the following meeting, and that the Secretary is instructed to sign same officially and affix thereto the seal of the Board:

- November 18, 2015 Action Meeting

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

**VI. Comments From the Public**

Comments were made by the public.

Mrs. Gail Oliver from Alpha Sigma Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority, presented a check in the amount of \$150 to the District (given to Mrs. Brodus) for the purpose of purchasing labels for this year’s art shows.

**VII. Union Comments**

Comments were made by the SEIU Union representative.



## VIII. Treasurer's Report

### A. Financial Reports

Moved by Ms. Thomas and seconded by Mr. Herd, that the November Report of the Treasurer be received and filed.

Ayes: 5                      Nays: 1 (Mr. Patterson)

### B. Report on Claims

Moved by Ms. Thomas, and seconded by Mrs. Kopka, that the November Report on Claims be received and filed.

Ayes: 5                      Nays: 1 (Mr. Patterson)

## IX. Reports From the Superintendent

### A. Human Resources / Labor Relations

The Superintendent of Schools submitted the following professional **appointments** for approval:

- **Ancillary Staff**

Polega, Melissa                      effective November 2, 2015  
Pre-K Instructional Coach/Henry Doerr Early Childhood Ctr.

Tuwaiq, Jessica                      effective November 2, 2015  
Elementary Technology Coach/Administration Building

- **Elementary Teachers**

Boyd, Angela                      effective November 2, 2015  
Grade 6/Loomis School

Kohtz, Gayle                      effective November 9, 2015  
Grade 4/5/Stone Elementary

Loll, Jonelle                      effective November 5, 2015  
Music, P.E./District

Oravitz, Sara                      effective October 16, 2015  
Pre-K/Handley School

- **Secondary Teachers**

Boyle, Benjamin                      effective November 2, 2015  
Social Studies/Saginaw High School



- a copy of the Sodexo Solutions Termination Letter.
- copies of the State School Reform/Redesign Office – PERIS report for Cycles 1 and 2.
- a letter from Mr. Daniel M. Hanrahan, Director, Office of State Aid and School Finance, commending the District and Administration on successfully eliminating the deficit fund balance. Since the deficit has been eliminated, we are no longer required to submit monthly budgetary control reports. Until our fund balance is greater than 5%, we may be required to submit key budgetary assumptions to the Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI).

A request was made to provide Board members with an updated list of vacancies at the secondary level. Mr. McClain informed the Board that Dr. Roberts will be sending that information to the Board this week.

**X. Standing Board Committee Recommendations**

**A. Buildings and Grounds**

Mr. Herd – brought forth the following recommendations from the Building and Grounds Committee that met on December 7, 2015:

**Longstreet Property**

Moved by Mr. Herd and supported by Ms. Thomas that the Board hereby approves the Letter of Agreement between the Saginaw Board of Education and the City of Saginaw for the Longstreet property.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Concern was raised in terms of a lack of a five, ten, fifteen or twenty year plan on the shaping of the District. It was suggested that the District meet with the City, County, City Council and Saginaw Future to see the direction they are moving toward, before we consider selling our closed buildings and properties.

**Vacant Properties Listing Price**

Moved by Mr. Herd and supported by Ms. Thomas that the Board hereby approves the relisting of the following vacant properties at their previously listed prices: Nelle Haley Elementary, Emerson Elementary, Longfellow Elementary, C.C. Coulter Elementary, John Moore Elementary, Jones Elementary, Ricker Middle School, and Buena Vista High School.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 1 (Mr. Patterson)

Mr. Herd announced the next Building and Grounds Committee meeting will be held on Monday, January 18, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. at the Office of the Board of Education.

B. Community Relations

No report.

C. Finance

Ms. Thomas stated that the Finance Committee met on December 14, 2015, with the following recommendations coming forth:

Refinancing of Bonds

Moved by Ms. Thomas and seconded Mrs. Kopka that the Board support and approve the selection of Hutchinson, Shockey, Erley & Co. as the company of choice to provide underwriting services for the sale of the refunding of the bonds for the School District of the City of Saginaw at a cost of \$2.86 per \$1,000 of bonds issued. Based on a bond amount of \$22 million, the fee is estimated at \$62,920.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Firewall Replacement

Moved by Ms. Thomas and seconded Mrs. Kopka that the Board support and approve the purchase of the Dell SonicWall/NSA6600 (firewall) and HA unit and five years of maintenance and support in the amount of \$34,170.03. This will be purchased with TRIG (Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grant) funds.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 1 (Mr. Patterson)

2015-16 Work Based Learning Service Agreement

Moved by Ms. Thomas and seconded Mrs. Kopka that the Board support and approve the renewal of the Work Based Learning Service Agreement for the 2015-16 School Year, which allows the District to continue providing services for our special needs students in the workplace. The cost of this service is .5 F.T.E. of their resident district Per Pupil Foundation Allowance. This is a general fund expense.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Moved by Ms. Thomas and seconded Mrs. Kopka that the Board support and approve the STARS Agreement for the transportation of secondary students for the 2015-16 School Year.

Ayes: 6                                      Nays: 0

D. Human Resources

Mrs. Kopka had no report from the Human Resources Committee.

E. Liaison

Ms. McRae stated that the School District of the City of Saginaw will host the next Liaison Meeting on Thursday, December 17, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at the Office of the Board of Education

F. Policy and Curriculum

The Policy & Curriculum Meeting met on December 10, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. in the Office of the Board of Education, with the following recommendations coming forth:

Moved by Ms. McRae and seconded Mrs. Kopka that the Board support and approve the appointment of Dr. Ramont Roberts as the District Hearing Officer for the purpose of appeals regarding expulsions.

Ayes: 6                                      Nays: 0

Moved by Ms. McRae and seconded Mrs. Kopka that the Board support and approve students in the Cosmetology Courses at the Saginaw Career Center receive academic credit as outlined in their presentation and as attached beginning with the 2015-16 School Year.

Ayes: 6                                      Nays: 0

**XI. Old Business**

A. Reappointment of Mr. Herd and Mrs. Kopka

The School District of the City of Saginaw Board of Education, 550 Millard Street, Saginaw, Michigan 48607 moved to extend the terms of Mr. Herbert Herd and Mrs. Barbara Kopka for the 2016 calendar year through December 31, 2016.

Moved by Ms. Knapp and seconded by Ms. McRae

Ayes: 6                                      Nays: 0

**XII. New Business**

- A. First Amendment to Polling Place Agreement Between the City of Saginaw and Saginaw Public School District

The Board of Education for the School District of the City of Saginaw, 550 Millard Street, Saginaw, Michigan 48607, does hereby agree that the Polling Place Agreement entered into by the parties on October 20, 2014, is hereby amended as outlined in the attached amended agreement as of December 16, 2015.

Moved by Ms. Knapp and seconded by Ms. Thomas

Ayes: 6                      Nays: 0

**XIII. Communications/Resolutions**

No report.

**XIV. Other**

Mrs. Mary Kerwin, Facilitator, MASB, debriefed with the Board regarding today's Action Meeting. A self-assessment activity was taken.

**XV. Board Comments**

Ms. McRae - enjoyed the Student Ambassador presentations.

Mr. Herd – dittoed Ms. McRae's sentiments. He would like to see a newsletter developed and shared with the community.

Mr. Patterson – made no comment.

Mrs. Kopka - made no comment.

Ms. Thomas – felt that this was a good meeting. She recently attended the SHS Boys Basketball game in Detroit. While they didn't win, she had a great time. She is exciting about the upcoming new year and is looking forward to receiving the District's improvement data.

Ms. Knapp – thoroughly enjoyed the Student Ambassador presentations. She indicated that the City will be holding a Strategic Planning Session on January 23, 2016 at the Castle Museum. She wished everyone a safe and happy holiday.

**XVI. Next Meeting**

The Board will hold their Organizational Meeting on Wednesday, January 13, 2016, at 5:30 p.m., a Board of Education Workshop on January 13, 2016 at 6:15 p.m. The Action Meeting will be held January 20, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. These meetings will take place at the Board of Education, 550 Millard Street, Saginaw, MI 48607.

**XVII. Adjournment**

On motion, the Action Meeting was adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

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**A. Information Regarding Administrative Recommendations**

**B. Grant Awards**

**C. Other Information and Recognition**

**1. Pre-K/Early Childhood**

Henry Doerr Early Child

On January 15, 2016, at Henry Doerr Childcare Center, Saginaw Public Schools Safe Schools Healthy Students, in conjunction with the Early Childhood Program, will host the District-Wide Parent, Family and Community Engagement Event, "FEED" (Family Empire Empowerment Day). This is an opportunity to not only "feed" our families with physical food, but with knowledge and resources that will promote academic and social/emotional growth, positive behaviors, healthy family and community relationships, health and wellness, and much more. Vendor information stations will take place throughout the school hallways. Hands-on activities and mini-workshop sessions will be held inside the classrooms. For more information, please contact Ms. Tiffany Pruitt at 989-399-6593.

**2. Secondary Division**

Saginaw Career Complex

On January 6, 2016, students will attend the HOSA Leadership Conference at SVSU, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Students will compete in Nursing Skills, CPR, Med Term, and HHA).

Also on January 6, 2016, SCC will be hosting "The Road Show." The Road Show is a product of the State Agency called the Michigan Development Corporation. They market "Michigan." As part of their marketing campaign they want to feature Career and Technical Education. SCC was provided the opportunity to showcase their programs as part of this campaign.

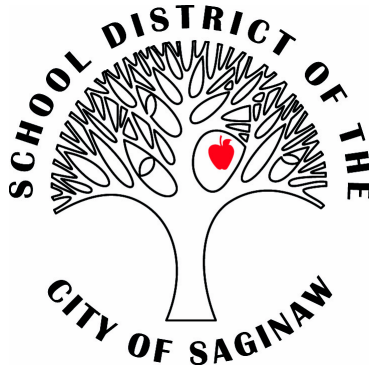
The Robotics "Kick-off" will begin on January 9, at either Kettering University or at Bullock Creek High School.

On January 12, 2016, Culinary students and their instructors will be attending the Culinary ProStart Round Table in Lansing from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.









# Strategic Plan for School Improvement 2015-2016

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| <b>Priority Goal #1:</b> | 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. |
| <b>Priority Goal #2:</b> | The District will operate in a fiscally responsible and transparent manner.  |
| <b>Priority Goal #3:</b> | The District along with its Partners In Education (PIE), will provide quality customer service, safety, and student success.   |