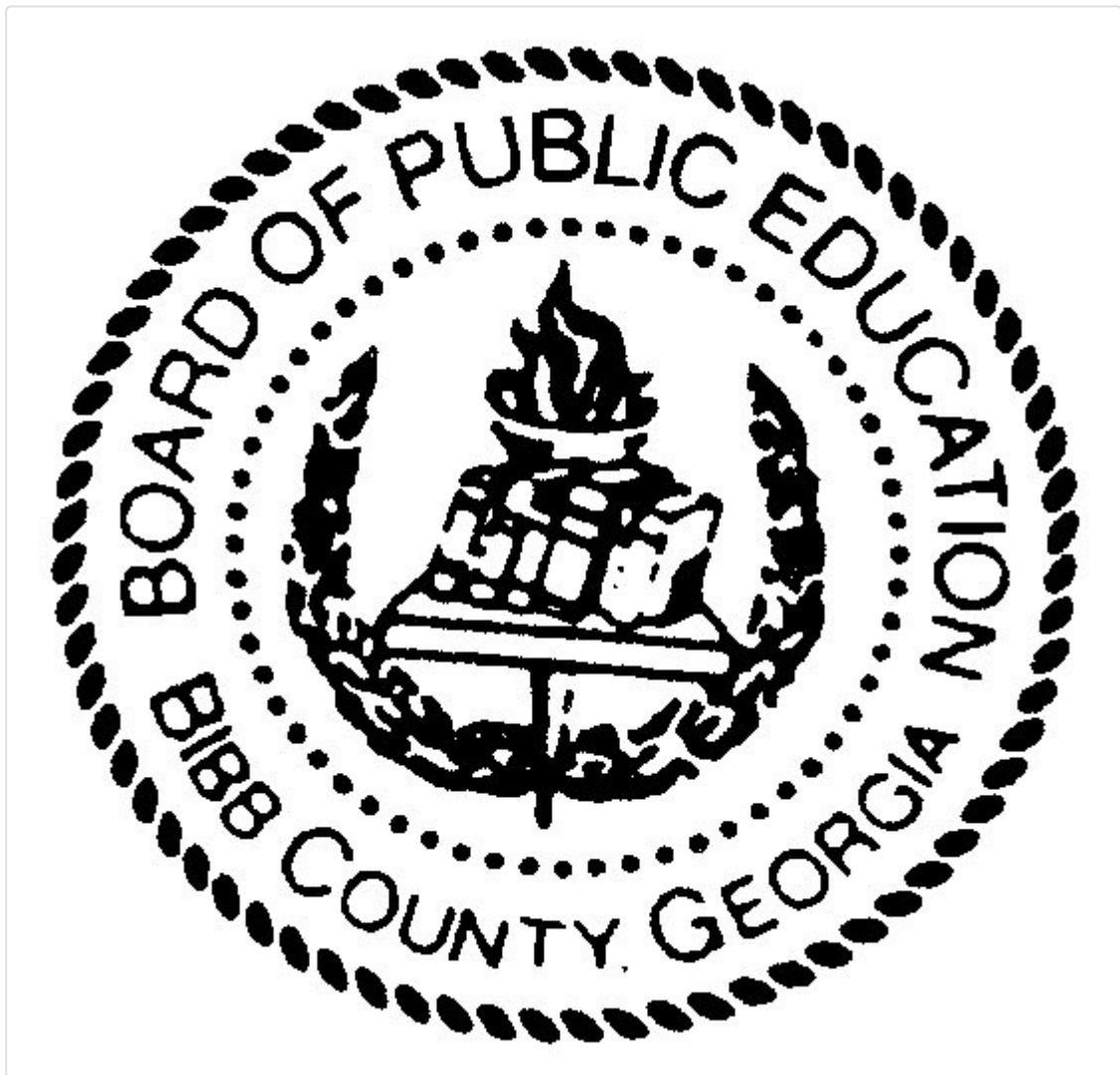


The Board Brief

February 16, 2023



This edition of The Board Brief is a summary of the information presented and actions taken at the Board of Education's meetings on February 16, 2023.

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Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Dr. Dan A. Sims shared a few of the highlights from the past month:

- **ARTWORK:** Thank you to Matilda Hartley Elementary School for the artwork for the February Board of Education meetings! The artwork is part of Hartley Elementary School's Art Display for Black History Month. Stained Glass is an elegant art medium with spiritual roots. The Hartley Elementary student exhibition of artwork celebrates the culture of African Americans. The luminescent, decorative, and colorful display of stained-glass windows is created by using plexiglass, tissue, ink, and glue to create a replica of actual stained glass. The artwork will be on display at Westside High School during the annual dance performance of "Stained Glass Windows" by Hayiya Dance Studios later this month.
- **CHERRY BLOSSOM ROYALTY:** Congratulations to Queen Layla Floyd of Howard High School, Princess Shaelin Calder-Denny of VIP Academy, Princess Londyn Rodgers of Howard Middle School, Little Mr. Cherry Blossom Damon Fico of Vineville Academy of the Arts, Little Miss Cherry Blossom Denver McWhirter of Langston Road Elementary, and Legacy Queen Adah Roberts. They will each represent us and Macon-Bibb County well as they serve as enthusiastic ambassadors for the Cherry Blossom Festival!
- **STRATEGIC PLANNING:** Members of the Strategic Planning Design Team gathered for two days this month for a second round of design workshops! The team includes administrators, teachers, students, parents, community partners and business members - all representing various stakeholder groups in the Macon-Bibb community. Split into groups, team members worked through identifying targeted results, along with ideas for goals and action steps that can be infused into the draft of the next strategic plan. We will continue to keep our community engaged as we move toward our next plan.
- **HERITAGE CELEBRATES 20 YEARS:** We had a fantastic night at Heritage Elementary School's STEAM night this month! Heritage celebrated the district's 150th anniversary and the school's 20th anniversary. Thank you to all of the families who attended!
- **ART TEACHER RECOGNIZED:** Congratulations to Springdale Elementary art teacher Cindy Quan Hong on being selected as the Southeastern Region Elementary Art Educator! This is presented by the National Art Education Association.
- **DUAL ENROLLMENT FOR 8TH GRADE:** A class of 22 eighth-graders from across the District began a dual enrollment college class on the campus of W. S. Hutchings College and Career Academy this month. In this new partnership, these students are taking Spanish class with instructor Farryn Slaton-Barkley. Parents are paying absolutely zero college tuition for students to participate in this program and earn college credit!
- **SOUTHWEST MOCK TRIAL:** Congratulations to the Southwest High School mock trial team for advancing from the Regional Competition to the District. A special shout out goes to Kalia Gosha, who was awarded Outstanding Attorney, and Loymiel Thomas, who was awarded Outstanding Witness.
- **NATIONAL ESEA CONFERENCE:** Bibb County continues to represent at the NATIONAL LEVEL! A team of our educators presented this month at the National ESEA Conference in Indianapolis. Thank you to Steve Jones, Dr. Sonya Coley, Dr. Donna Walker-Thompson, Sally Moody, and Tomika Jones for sharing BCSD's story at the national level!
- **CONGRATULATIONS, COMMS TEAM!** How we tell our story matters! Congratulations to the District's Communications Department for receiving eight Gold Awards and one Bronze Award from the Georgia School Public Relations Association! The team also earned a "Best in Category" award!

- **GMEA:** Shout out to Mr. John Sweat and the Howard High School Guitar Ensemble on their performance at the Georgia Music Educators Association In-Service Conference in Athens. The ensemble was chosen based on a GMEA selection process to perform for the conference. Also at this conference, Director of Fine Arts & Magnet Programs Ben Bridges was recognized by the Georgia Music Educators Association for 25 years of service in music education! We are proud to have him as a leader in Bibb!
- **TECHNOLOGY COMPETITION:** In late January, students from elementary, middle, and high schools throughout the District spent one of their Saturday mornings showing off their technology skills by competing in the annual BCSD Technology Competition! Congratulations to all of those who participated!
- **ON THE HORIZON:** Come be a part of our team!! Join us for our Recruitment Fair on Saturday, March 4, from 9 AM to 11:30 AM at Rutland High School, 6250 Skipper Road off Interstate 75! We would love to see you there, talk to you about the opportunities available in our district, and have you join our team where we are #Built4Bibb! This spring, we'll be kicking off what we hope will become an annual event! Teams of families, staff members, students, parents, community members and more are encouraged to join us April 15 for our golf tournament at Bowden Golf Course. Visit www.bcsdk12.net/golf to register and join us for a day of fun!

To view the full slideshow, [click here](#).

Actions

Assistant Superintendent Appointment; Personnel Items Approved

On Thursday, February 16, Board members approved the appointment of Sam Kitchens as Assistant Superintendent of Operations. Sgt. Matt Geigler was approved as Interim Safety and Security Manager.

Additional personnel items, including Central Office positions, also were approved. To view the personnel items approved by the Board, [click here](#).



Sam Kitchens, Assistant Superintendent of Operations

Board Approves Continuation of United Way of Central Georgia Partnerships

On Thursday, February 16, Board members heard an update from United Way of Central Georgia (UWCG) before approving action items. To view the 2023 Progress Update for Community Schools United, [click here](#).

The District and UWCG have a strong partnership that involves the implementation of the Read United school-based tutorial programs (Read2Succeed and AARP Experience Corps). The Read United tutorial programs provide reading support for struggling readers in kindergarten through 6th grade. The UWCG also implements its home visiting program. On Thursday, February 16, Board members authorized the District to use ESSER funds to support the continuation of the READ United tutoring programs during the 2022-2023 school year as proposed by the United

Way of Central Georgia and approved by the Board during the July 2021 meeting in an amount not to exceed \$502,041.50. These funds have already been allocated for this purpose based on the Board's previous approval. For more information, [click here](#).

Board members also authorized the District to use ESSER funds to support the continuation of the Community Schools initiative during the 2022-2023 school year as proposed by the United Way of Central Georgia and approved by the Board during the July 2021 meeting in an amount not to exceed \$97,220. These funds have already been allocated for this purpose based on the Board's previous approval. A community school is both a place and a set of partnerships between the school and other community resources. Its integrated focus on academics, health and social services, youth and community development, and community engagement lead to improved student learning, stronger families, and healthier communities. Using public schools as hubs, community schools bring together many partners to offer a range of supports and opportunities to children, youth, families, and communities.

To view information on these items, [click here](#).

Board Authorizes Engineering Services for Thompson Stadium

On Thursday, February 16, Board members authorized the District to increase the purchase order with Carter Engineering Group to provide Engineering Services for Thompson Stadium Renovations Phase 2, in the amount of \$91,981.68 for a total amount of \$323,281.68. The funds will be paid out of 2021 ESPLOST. For more information, [click here](#).

Board Members Approve Contract for Ingram-Pye Construction

On Thursday, February 16, Board members approved entering into contract with International City Builders (ICB) to provide Construction Manager At-Risk Services for renovations to Ingram-Pye Elementary School. The funds will be paid out of 2021 ESPLOST. For more information, [click here](#).

Board Members Approve Contract for Heritage Elementary School Construction

On Thursday, February 16, Board members approved entering into contract with Sheridan Construction to provide Construction Manager At-Risk Services for renovations to Heritage Elementary School. The funds will be paid out of 2021 ESPLOST. For more information, [click here](#).

Board Reviews Policies

Board members reviewed various policies for first or second reading on February 16. Policies must be read twice before they may be voted on for final action. To review the policies, [click here](#).

- Policy BCAE - Public Hearing (ACTION)
- Policy IDA - Basic Program (ACTION)
- Policy KNBA - Complaints about Instructional Materials (ACTION)
- Policy GANA – Infectious Disease (ACTION)
- Policy DC - Annual Operating Budget (INFORMATION)
- Policy DCL - Fund Balance (INFORMATION)
- Policy KHD - Gifts to Staff (INFORMATION)

Stakeholders are encouraged to review policies posted after first reading and make public comment via Simbli before the proposed policies are brought back before the Board for action the following month. Simbli may be accessed through the District's website, www.bcsdk12.net, under "About Us" and "Simbli." On [Simbli](#), "Pending Policies" will appear on the right side of the screen.

Board Approves Meeting Calendar for 2023

On Thursday, February 16, Board members approved the monthly meeting schedule for 2023. To view the calendar of meeting dates, [click here](#).

Board Appoints Foundation Member

On Thursday, February 16, Board members voted to appoint Board member Dr. Sundra Woodford to the Bibb County Education Foundation. Dr. Woodford will serve in place following Board President Juawn Jackson, who moves to ex-officio position as Board of Education President.

Information

Board Reviews Monthly Financial Reports

On Thursday, February 16, Board members reviewed the District's monthly financial report and previous ESPLOST reports. Board members reviewed a presentation about the Investments and Investment Income. For more information, [click here](#).

Highlights and Recognitions

District Spelling Bee Winners

For decades, students have participated in school spelling bees to showcase their literacy and quick-thinking skills. These school winners go on to compete in the Bibb County Spelling Bee, which is hosted by the Bibb Association of Educators and supported by Masab Temple No. 11, to determine which students will advance to represent the District in the region competition.

Molly Kate Goggans, Porter Elementary School – 1st Place
Johnny Milton, Springdale Elementary School – 2nd Place
Ashari Harrison, Howard Middle School – 3rd Place



Bibb County School District STAR Students 2023

Each year, a student is chosen at each high school in Georgia for the PAGE Student Teacher Achievement Recognition, or STAR program. These students scored the highest on the SAT in their school while also meeting other academic standards, and then they selected a teacher that has had a remarkable impact on their success. This year, we are excited to share that we have 9 STAR Students and 9 STAR Teachers because of a tie at two of our high schools. Bibb County STAR Students and STAR Teachers were recognized in a ceremony by PAGE and Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce earlier this week.

Central High School

Wilson Bridges, Student; Glenn Harman, Teacher

Howard High School

Malachi Woolfolk, Student; Emmanuel Johnson, Teacher

Northeast High School – TIE

Jason Mantz, Student; LaTanya Singleton-Clark, Teacher

Jazmyn Revels, Student; Keith Heard, Teacher

Rutland High School – TIE

Jonathan Landa, Student; Andrew Reeves, Teacher

Joshua Moore, Student; Hema Keerthi, Teacher

Southwest High School

Heaven Upshaw-Peters, Student; Garnet Roshon, Teacher

Westside High School

Makenzie McDonald, Teacher; Taralynn Watts, Teacher

VIP Academy

Eric Suk, Student; Jelisa Dinkins, Teacher





2022 Stock Market Games Regional Competition

The Stock Market Game allows students to learn about investing in the market in a risk-free way. These students compete against teams from other schools to hone their skills and have fun in the process. This year, we had two teams from District schools win first place among all the schools at their grade level in Congressional District 2.

Hutchings College & Career Academy, 1st Place Congressional District Level 2, High School Category.

Chayil Cole, Makiyah Mobley, Nyiasia Stephens, Semaj Walker - Teacher, Stephen Neil Miller Fine Arts Magnet Middle School, 1st Place Congressional District Level 2, Middle School Category

Makayla Dawes, Kennedy Lott, Moryah Mattox, David Smith, Jalen Williams – Teacher, Tony Washington



2022 Leader in Me Lighthouse Academic Honor Roll School

The "Leader in Me" program has been a big part of our District's success in recent years. As our schools continue to implement its strategies, some of them have found new ways to stand out among their "Leader in Me" peers. The "Leader in Me" Lighthouse Academic Honor Roll recognizes schools that have not only maintained the necessary standards for Lighthouse status, but that have also met academic growth or proficiency standards.

Sonny Carter Elementary School
Springdale Elementary School



Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ja'Ra'h Rashad Jackson, Jr., Southfield Elementary School



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