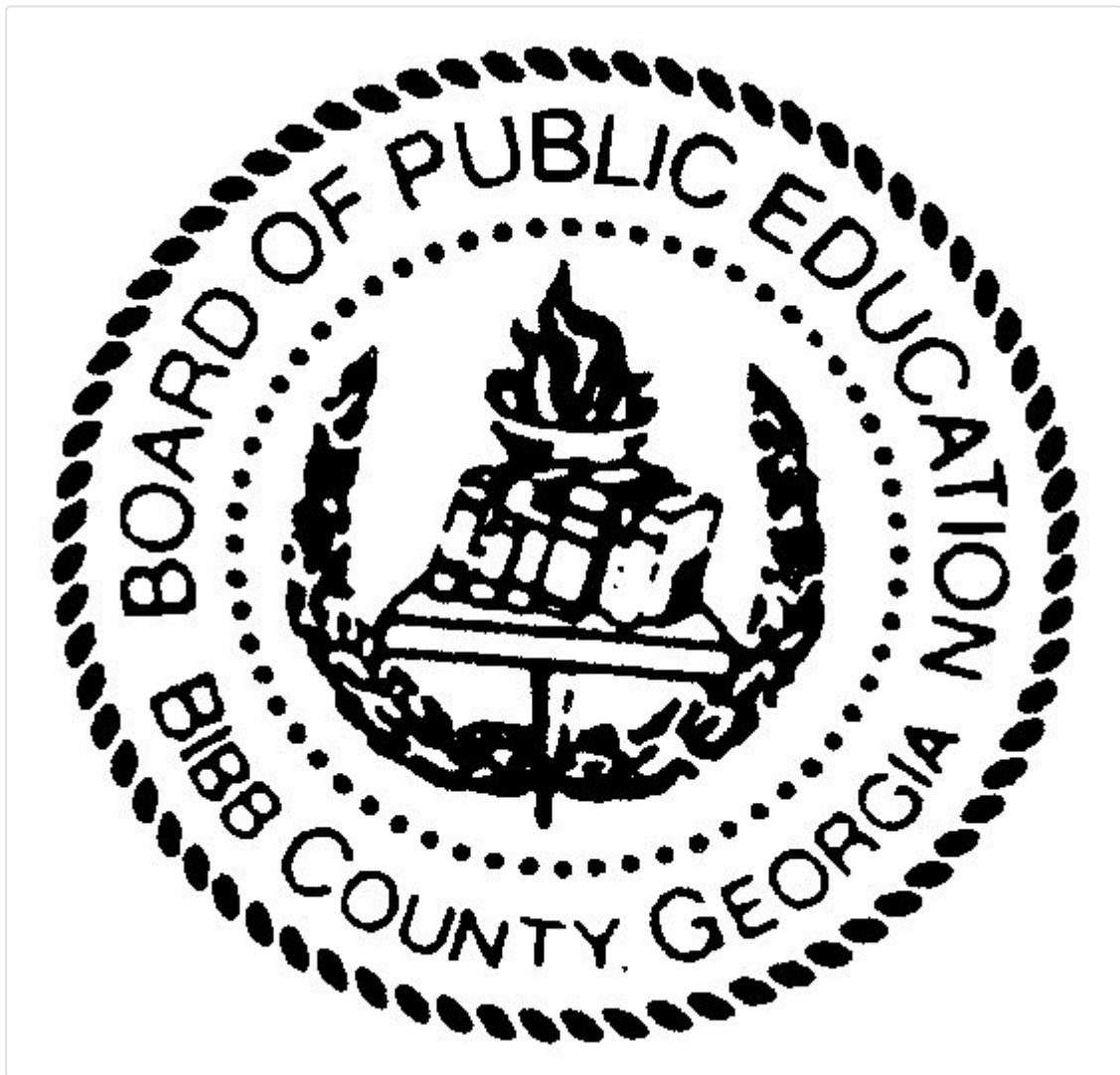


The Board Brief

April 20, 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 April 20, 2023.

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Superintendent's Report

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

- **ARTWORK BY NORTHEAST:** Thank you to Northeast High teacher Randy “Heart” Williams and students for the artwork featured this month! Mr. Heart says, “Art is the lie that enables us to realize the truth. In a world that is vastly changing, I dedicate myself to teaching my scholars how to first think like an artist and then create like one. I wanted my scholars to mix what they learned this year with what they desired to create. There are seven elements of art. Line, shape, color, texture, value, space, and form. My scholars created and collaborated with me to deliver all seven with acrylics on poster boards, tape art, and cardboard art and quilting. All of these art pieces are art forms that help save our planet, while exemplifying how my scholars feel, what their imagination looks like and who they are in their community.” Outstanding!
- **LIGHTHOUSE:** Congratulations to Heritage Elementary School! The school was notified recently that it successfully achieved Leader in Me Lighthouse School Status!
- **BIBB RETURNS TO SPECIAL OLYMPICS:** On April 10, Bibb County students returned to the Area 7 Special Olympics! Athletes competed in the Area 7 Track and Field Meet at First Presbyterian Day School. These athletes, supported by buddies, teachers, family and more, demonstrated they are #Built4Bibb in a variety of events!
- **RUTLAND GROW BEDS:** On April 10, District leaders and school board members helped celebrate the first planting in the raised garden beds at Brookdale Resource Center. The new garden beds at Brookdale are a partnership between the District, Macon-Bibb County, United Way of Central Georgia and other local agencies and businesses, with Rutland High School students building the actual beds. Students designed the beds, set up the templates, and organized themselves in groups to build them as quickly as possible.
- **RAIDER TEST FEST:** The Northeast zone schools came together this past weekend to prepare for Georgia Milestones testing! This is just a reminder to all the Milestones testing began today for high schools and will begin April 26 for elementary and middle schools. Ahead of testing, we’re asking that students rest up with plenty of sleep, fuel up with breakfast and lunch, and show up at school on time and prepared to rock the tests!
- **GOLF TOURNAMENT:** Thank you to all of the staff members, students, and community members who participated in the Bibb County Education Foundation’s first ever Golf Tournament. A special thank you goes out to Bowden Golf Course for hosting, ICB Construction Group for being the presenting sponsor, and to Communities in Schools of Central Georgia for sponsoring our breakfast. Thanks to everyone’s support, we raised about \$10,000!
- **FAMILY FUN DAY:** Speaking of support, come out and support the Bibb County School District’s Family Fun Day and Fun Run in honor of our 150th anniversary year and the launch of our new strategic plan, #Built4Bibb! We’ll be hosting this free event for families on Saturday, May 20, from 9 AM to 12 PM at Carolyn Crayton Park (also known as the former Central City Park). Come out and participate in fun activities! We’ll have health screenings, dental screenings, food trucks, educational activities, information booths and resources for families, and plenty more! We hope to see you there!
- **ON THE HORIZON:** Join us for the Bibb County Poetry Slam Friday, April 21, at 6:30 PM at the Grand Opera House! Bibb students competed in school-level challenges to advance to this districtwide competition, where they will perform original poetry for a chance to win scholarships!

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

Actions

Board Approves Personnel Items

Board members approved various personnel items, including the appointment of an Interim School Nutrition Program Executive Director, Condus Shuman. To view personnel items, [click here](#).

Voyager Passport Intervention Curriculum Renewed

Board members authorized the renewal of the Voyager Passport intervention curriculum to be implemented with K-5 Early Intervention Program (EIP) students during the 2023-2024 school year. The purpose of the EIP is to provide additional instructional resources to help students who are performing below grade level obtain the necessary academic skills to reach grade-level performance in the shortest possible time (GaDOE EIP Guidelines). Voyager Passport is a research-based intervention curriculum designed to provide comprehensive, explicit, and systemic reading instruction. The cost will come from American Rescue Plan funds. For more information, [click here](#).

Board Approves Step Up to Writing Renewal

Board members authorized the purchase of Step Up to Writing materials and professional development for use during the 2023-2024 school year. Step Up to Writing is a systematic and explicit approach to teaching all aspects of writing to students by breaking each aspect into smaller steps. Teachers will have access to step-by-step instructions for lessons, professional development videos, progress-monitoring suggestions, writing prompts, scoring guides, and other tools to enhance their writing instruction in the classroom. The cost will come from American Rescue Plan funds. For more information, [click here](#).

Wonders Practice Books Approved for Students in Grades K-5

Board members approved the purchase of Wonders practice books for use during the 2023-2024 school year. Wonders practice books feature phonics, spelling, handwriting, high-frequency word, vocabulary, and grammar practice for students in grades K-5 during each week of instruction as well as take-home stories. The cost will come from American Rescue Plan funds. For more information, [click here](#).

District License for Microsoft Office Renewed

Board members authorized a purchase order to Dell for the District's FY24 (2023-2024) licensing of Microsoft EDU Office 365 Pro Plus products. All faculty, staff, and students are licensed for Microsoft Office 365 Pro Plus Suite. This suite includes Teams, Word, Excel, Power Point, OneDrive, Publisher, Sway, Forms, and many other educational and business applications. The funding source is FY24 general funds. For more information, [click here](#).

District to Purchase 15 New School Buses

Board members approved the purchase of 15 new school buses from Yancey Bus Sales off Georgia Statewide Contract. The purchase will include seven 72-passenger school buses and eight 54-passenger school buses. Five of the 54-passenger school buses will come equipped

with a wheelchair lift. Costs will come from FY21 ESPLOST (Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax), FY22 QBE Funds, GaDOE FY22 School Bus Alternative Fuel Funds and GaDOE FY22 School Bus Safety Incentive Funds. For more information, [click here](#).

Ingram-Pye, Heritage Renovation Costs Approved

Board members authorized a purchase order to provide renovations to Ingram-Pye Elementary School with a Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$2,679,889.61. This project will be funded by the 2021 ESPLOST (Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax). International City Builders (ICB) was awarded the bid.

Board members authorized a purchase order to provide renovations to Heritage Elementary School with a Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$1,941,430. This project will be funded by the 2021 ESPLOST. Sheridan Construction was awarded the bid.

For more information on both projects, [click here](#).

Board Reviews Policies

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

- Policy GBRK - Professional Personnel Vacations (ACTION)
- Policy IHC - Promotions & Retention (ACTION)
- Policy JGC - Student Health Services (ACTION)
- Policy IFBGA - Electronic Communications (INFORMATION)
- Policy IFBG - Internet Acceptable Use (INFORMATION)
- Policy IFBGE - Internet Security (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.

Information

Board Members Review New Georgia K-12 Mathematics Standards

Board members reviewed a presentation intended to introduce the new Georgia K-12 Mathematics Standards. The new Georgia Mathematics Standards have been revised to provide more cohesive learning progressions as students matriculate from Kindergarten through Grade 12. Included in the presentation: Georgia Department of Education new standards information; instructional resources; high school graduation requirements and pathway options; teacher training opportunities; and math in action. To view the presentation, [click here](#).

Board Reviews Monthly Financial Reports

On Thursday, April 20, 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

Meet the Leaders

Meet the new District and School leaders for Bibb County School District.

Keith Walker, Interim Director of Maintenance

Michael Scott, Principal, Howard High School

Bridget Leverette, Assistant Principal, Bruce Elementary School

Dominique Whipple, Assistant Principal, Southfield Elementary School

Annie Horton, Assistant Principal, Union Elementary School

Jamal Harris, Assistant Principal, Ballard-Hudson Middle School

Christy Smith, Assistant Principal, Rutland Middle School

Zacharel Veal, Assistant Principal, Weaver Middle School

Octavia Holloway, Assistant Principal, Northeast High School

Travis Phelps, Assistant Principal, Southwest High School

Dr. Anthony Williams, Head Football Coach, Rutland High School

Bernd Achieves Leader in Me Lighthouse Recertification

The Leader in Me initiative has been a big part of improving the culture and academic results of our schools. This program teaches students the "7 Habits" by author Stephen Covey in a way that affects every area of their lives. To go beyond implementation of this program, several of our schools have become Lighthouse Schools, which reflects a higher standard of implementation. Bernd Elementary School was the District's first Lighthouse school, and the school has recently been recertified as a Lighthouse school for the second time.



Student Entrepreneur Places Second in Georgia State FLEX Competition

MyKayla Whitehead, a student at VIP Academy/W.S. Hutchings College & Career Academy, was the winner of the Bibb County FLEX Competition with her self-care business, Brittinique – Be Unique. She advanced to the state competition, where she pitched her business before a panel of judges and placed second in Georgia FLEX Competition. The Georgia Foundational Leadership and Entrepreneurship Experience Competition, or FLEX Competition, is intended to encourage and support young entrepreneurs across the state. Student winners receive financial awards in recognition of their efforts, which will further support their goals. This was Bibb County's first time participating in FLEX, and we want to especially thank our sponsors for supporting the program's successful first year. Thank you to Griffith Foundation, Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce, and to Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority.



Northeast High School's Army JROTC JLAB Team qualified for the prestigious National JROTC Leadership and Academic Bowl, making them the first from Bibb County to compete in this national-level event. The JROTC Leadership and Academic Bowl (JLAB) is a national competition that provides cadets with the opportunity to compete and hone their skills in leadership and academics. This year's competition will be held in June in Washington, D.C. Team members include: William Barnes, Zandrea Glover, Calaiya Mann, Mary Oliver, Hyneef Royster, Haley Terry, Jayvyn Thomas, and Kiya Williams, with LTC (R) Gregory Brown and JROTC Senior Army Instructor.



First Aspiring Athletic Directors Cohort Recognized

Athletic directors play an important role in schools, both serving as coaches and leaders for other coaches. This role also requires dedication to the health and well-being of student-athletes and supporters, as well as the fiscal responsibility of athletic programs. This year, the District's Athletics Department, led by Kevin Grooms, hosted an Aspiring Athletic Directors Cohort to educate and prepare interested coaches for stepping into that role. Additionally, all current athletic directors completed the program. With this being the first year of the program, we wanted to recognize these individuals for the extra work they put in on weekends by honoring them before the Board.

Terrence Redmond, Appling Middle
 Maurice Major, Ballard-Hudson Middle
 Cameron Prather, Ballard-Hudson Middle
 Jermaine Christian, Howard Middle
 Jennifer Raymond, Miller Magnet Middle
 LaTanya Sandifer, Rutland Middle
 CaTeah Collins, Weaver Middle
 James Harris, Weaver Middle
 Marion Simmons, Weaver Middle
 Andre Taylor, Central High
 Carl Wheat, Central High
 Nicolaus Brooks, Howard High
 Latavia Coleman, Howard High
 Tangee Hardnett, Northeast High
 Darryl Silas, Northeast High
 Steven Gunn, Rutland High

ShaNequa York, Rutland High
Takeyma Duhart, Southwest High
Joseph Dupree, Jr., Southwest High
Demeiko Vaughn, Southwest High
Candice Roberson, Westside High
Jason Stephens, Westside High
John Williford, Westside High



History Day Board Video



National History Day Regional Competition Winners Honored; 30 Advance to State

Thirty Bibb County middle and high school National History Day regional winners advanced to the 2023 National History Day State Competition! The National History Day Competition allows students to showcase their knowledge in a variety of ways. These students create documentaries, websites, exhibits and more to highlight events in history. Dr. Fletcher Johnson, the District School Improvement Coordinator for Social Sciences, visited schools to present students and teachers with certificates. Additionally, each student will receive a certificate signed by the Superintendent during their school's awards program.

- Rutland Middle School 1st Place Winners, Group Website – Alyssa Witherspoon, Meyli Perez Chic
- Rutland Middle School 2nd Place Winners, Group Website – Abree McKinney, Bert Bivins, Jhakarlah Hodge
- Howard Middle School 2nd Place Winner, Paper – Emmaleigh Brannen
- Miller Magnet Middle School 1st Place Winners, Group Exhibit – Aubriel Moreland, Hailey Booker
- Miller Magnet Middle School 1st Place Winners, Group Documentary – Harper Mayfield, Kimyatta Edwards
- Miller Magnet Middle School 1st Place Winner, Individual Exhibit – Charity Harper
- Miller Magnet Middle School 1st Place Winner, Individual Performance – Elijah Sample
- Miller Magnet Middle School 3rd Place Winner, Individual Exhibit – Aameena Rahaman
- Howard High School 1st Place Winners, Group Website – Aria Chitea, Lillian Harper
- Howard High School 1st Place Winner, Paper – Chloe Thomas
- Howard High School 1st Place Winner, Individual Website - Justin Keith
- Howard High School 1st Place Winner, Individual Documentary – Na'Liyah Merritt
- Howard High School 2nd Place Winners, Group Exhibit – Andre McCane, Andrea Tracy Stone, Kalen Mays
- Howard High School 2nd Place Winner, Paper – Inab Fatima
- Howard High School 2nd Place Winner, Individual Website – Noah Yates
- Howard High School 3rd Place Winners, Group Exhibit – Connor Smith, Devraj Patel, Donald Williams, Rick Canosa, Timothy Live
- Howard High School 3rd Place Winner, Individual Website – Andrea Morman
- Howard High School 3rd Place Winner, Group Documentary – Daesia Williams

Technology Competition Board Video



Middle Georgia Technology Competition First Place Winners Recognized

The annual Technology Competition allows students to hone and showcase their skills in a variety of technological disciplines. From Animation to Video Production, these skills will translate into a multitude of careers, both those that are currently in high-demand and those that may not even exist yet.

3D Modeling

- Charlize DeGannes, Grades 3-4, Springdale Elementary
- Lorelai Wall, Grades 5-6, Springdale Elementary
- Kyle Amansec, Grades 9-10, Westside High
- Kaelah Clard, Grades 11-12, Westside High

Animation

- Asa Ramsingh, Grades 5-6, Heard Elementary
- Jordan Hodge, Grades 11-12, Westside High

Audio Production

- Nathan Piro, Grades 5-6, Heritage Elementary
- Paul Ogoh, Grades 11-12, Westside High

Digital Game Design

- Mycah Marumbi, Grades 3-4, Sonny Carter Elementary
- Sam Lavender, Brylen Andrews, Grades 5-6, Springdale Elementary
- Bruce Sipp, Zachary Jones, Grades 7-8, Rutland Middle
- Johnathan Barrion, Joel James, Grades 9-10, Westside High
- Anthony Hughes, Grades 11-12, Howard High

Digital Photo Production

- Melah Marumbi, Grades 5-6, Howard Middle

Graphic Design

- Aaron Horton, Noah Chamblee, Grades 3-4, Heritage Elementary
- Zaya Marlowe, Grades 5-6, Rosa Taylor Elementary
- Triston Powers, Grades 11-12, Westside High

Internet Applications

- Aiyana St. Fluer, Grades 3-4, Skyview Elementary

- Arabella Gonzales, Annabelle Ellison, Grades 7-8, Rutland Middle

Mobile Apps

- John Thomas Long, Baxter James, Grades 3-4, Springdale Elementary
- Eldon Roberson, Grades 5-6, Alexander II Magnet

Multimedia Applications

- Aiden Simpson, Grades 3-4, Heritage Elementary

Productivity Design

- Layla Robinson, Grades 5-6, Weaver Middle
- Jamerria Jackson, Grades 7-8, Weaver Middle

Robotics

- Savannah Howard, Grades 3-4, Heritage Elementary
- Maya Edwards, Katelyn Griffin, Grades 7-8, Rutland Middle

Video Production

- Enzo Dominguez, Grades 3-4, Rosa Taylor Elementary
- Siler Hall, Grades 5-6, Springdale Elementary

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Shermaine Hughes, a third grade student at Veterans Elementary School.



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