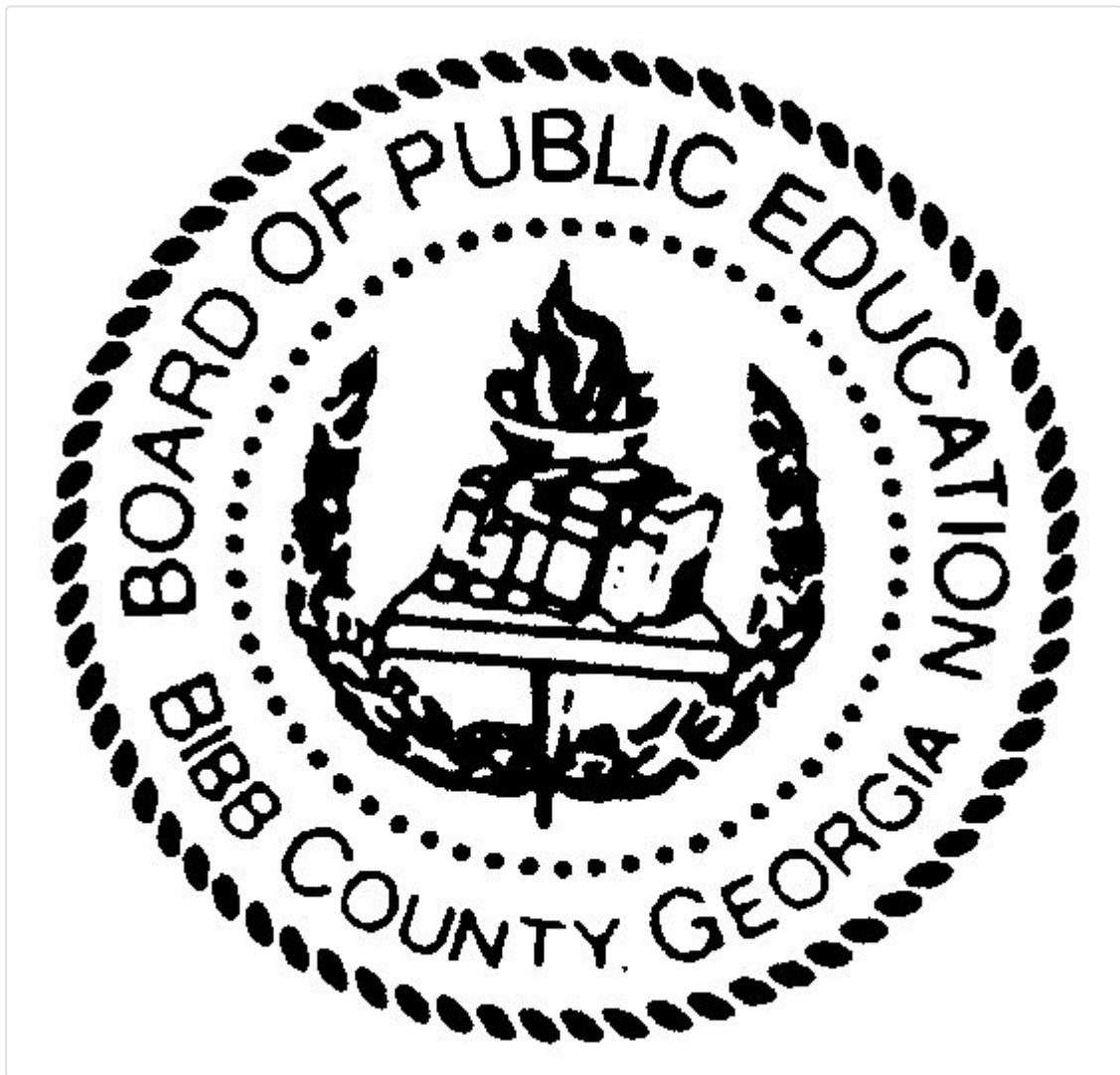


The Board Brief

August 17, 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 August 17, 2023.

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Superintendent's Report

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

- Heard Elementary School students started the year learning PBIS expectations. They celebrated with PBIS glow parties to kick off the year positively glowing! The students and staff had a fantastic time together. Heard's next event will be an earned event for students who have met their positive behavior and leadership goals for 6 weeks. They have some amazing dancers and free spirits in their mix at Heard, who showed staff members how to have a good time!
- Burdell-Hunt Magnet School proclaimed the first two weeks of school have been amazing! They are so excited about this school year and can't wait to see all the great things that will take place this year!
- Thank you to our community partners! The Ladies of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated donated instructional materials to the Arts Program at L. H. Williams Elementary School.
- At Alexander II Magnet School – a Georgia STEM-certified school – STEM experts Mrs. April Harvey and Ms. Pollyana Roe are creating an experience for the Einsteins. Students are learning how to code ozobots and learning about pollinators, and they are explaining their thoughts in their STEM journals!
- Ballard-Hudson Middle School's 6th grade math classes have been exploring real-life phenomena through statistics. As part of this lesson, Ms. Akeibra Coats' class welcomed a guest teacher and Instructional Technology Coach Mr. Rogderick Worthy. They created innovative posters using Canva. They are having a great time of teaching and learning at BHMS!
- Ms. Sophie Clark's 2nd grade class enjoyed donuts as an end of the first week treat! Mmmm! Just like that, week one was done for the Union Stars!
- Our student athletes have hit the fields, grid iron, and courts! Central High's Lady Chargers documented their season-opening win of 22-7 vs. Westside. Way to go, Lady Chargers!
- Kindergarten students at Bruce Elementary School's Eagle's Nest are fully engaged and off to a wonderful start to the school year! At Bruce, students are learning to be #Built4Bibb and #BruceLeaders who will continue to SOAR to greater heights!
- As a Leader in Me school, Carter Elementary School teaches students how to take ownership of their learning and progress. Pictured are students updating the school-wide scoreboard recently!
- Southwest High School students in Mr. Rachid Chafyaay's class exhibited daily evidence using simulation to model chance behavior! They just can't hide their Patriot PRIDE this school year!
- Newly inducted Safety Patrol Leaders at Rosa Taylor Elementary School have taken over carpool duty, where they welcomed and greeted Taylor Tigers into another wonderful week of learning and growing. Way to go, Tiger Leaders!
- At Rutland High School, the Canes Varsity Cheerleaders Dress 4 Success on Workday Wednesdays! This is great way to highlight the #4ME framework for students as they step forward into their own path and journey!
- Parent engagement was on full display at the annual RaiderFest held in the Northeast zone! Bernd Elementary shared photos of how RaiderFest was fun for all who attended! Parents, guardians, and students received information and prizes, and we want to thank everyone who participated! As part of our Superintendent's Parent Engagement Series this year, the District will be holding engagement sessions like RaiderFest at community locations in each feeder zone this fall. Look for more details about your zone's engagement session soon!

- Congratulations Board President Juawn Jackson. President Jackson was recognized recently by Bethel AME Church with the 2023 Man Up Service Award for Education. Thank you, President Jackson, for your dedication and service to the students of Bibb County, and congratulations on behalf of our district!

Actions

Board Members Approve Full Rollback of Millage Rate

Board members on Thursday, August 17, voted to approve a full rollback of the millage rate. With the full rollback, the District millage rate will decrease to 14.674 mills. No Public Hearings were required due to the full rollback.

The Bibb County School District's millage rate has experienced a rollback for 6 consecutive years prior to this year. The current millage rate for the most recent year was 16.720 mills, which is lower than that in 2012, which was 17.945 mills.

To view more information, [click here](#).

Board Authorizes Agreement with Macon-Bibb for Public School Safety

On Thursday, August 17, Board members authorized the District enter into an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with Macon-Bibb County regarding public school safety initiatives. To view more information, [click here](#).

MOU Authorized Adding School Zone Safety Cameras

On Thursday, August 17, Board members authorized a memorandum of understanding with Macon-Bibb County regarding automated cameras at six schools: Carter Elementary, Hartley Elementary, Heard Elementary, Heritage Elementary, Springdale Elementary, and Vineville Academy of the Arts. For information from Macon-Bibb County regarding school zone speed enforcement cameras, [click here](#). To view more information, [click here](#).

Personnel Items Approved

Board members approved various personnel items. To view personnel items, visit the agenda on Simbli with [this link](#).

CTAE Program Awarded Carl D. Perkins Funds

On Thursday, August 17, Board members approved Career, Technical and Agriculture Education Carl D. Perkins federal funds in the amount of \$515,701.00 for 2023-2024. In accordance with the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006, each eligible local school system shall submit an Annual Local Plan/Application for Career and Technical Education (State Board Rule 160-4-3-.02). Grant funds must be spent for local programs in compliance with the Perkins Act, State Plan, State Rules, and Local Plan Guidelines. Each eligible recipient (local school system) must use federal funds to improve Career and Technical Educational Programs. To view more information, [click here](#).

Board Approves Custodial Supplies

Board members authorized the District to issue purchase orders to Copaco for all custodial supplies as needed throughout the 2023-2024 fiscal year for \$564,394. The funding will come from General Funds. To view more information, [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 view more information, [click here](#).

- Policy JCEB - Student Hearing Procedure (ACTION)
- Policy JCDA - Student Code of Conduct (ACTION)
- Policy IDDB - Remedial Programs (ACTION)
- Policy IHF(6)- Graduation Requirements (INFORMATION)
- Policy EBL - Environmental Programs (INFORMATION)
- Policy GAF - Staff-Student Relations (INFORMATION)
- Policy Regulation GARH - Employee Leaves & Absences - Employee Personal Leave on Designated Critical Days (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

Georgia Milestone Results Discussed

Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Dr. Cleveland Johnson provided Board members with an overview presentation highlighting 2022-2023 Georgia Milestones scores. Among elementary schools, the percentage of students reading on grade level or above increased districtwide. The percentage of students scoring at the distinguished learner level increased, and the average of distinguished learners in high school math increased. Middle school demonstrated great strides in Algebra I. To view a press release on Milestones data, [click here](#). To view the presentation, [click here](#).

Board Members Receive Update on How Pace Supports Girls Ages 11-17

Board members review a presentation from Rebecca Richard, Reach Program Manager for Pace Macon, about Pace Center for Girls. Pace Macon provides free counseling and therapy to girls ages 11-17 in Bibb and Peach Counties. Pace Reach Program Services offers free social, emotional, behavioral, and mental health counseling to girls ages 11-17. To view the presentation, [click here](#).

Highlights

Howard High Student Attends Governor's Honors Program

Each summer, students across the state are invited to participate in the Governor's Honors Program. This program recognizes a variety of academic disciplines, and Howard High School senior Mitchell Zhang was chosen for mathematics. Mitchell was nominated by Howard teacher Deloris Mercer. This program is a residential summer experience for talented high school students in a variety of areas and was held at Georgia Southern University this year.

BCSD Employee Serving on Work-Based Learning Executive Board

Recently, Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator Yvonne Angelo was elected to serve as West Central Region Chair for the State Executive Board for Georgia Work-Based Learning. This position will allow Mrs. Angelo to represent the Bibb County School District and showcase her leadership skills through meeting organization, award selection and more.

Vineville Academy Recognized with GAESP Awards

Each year, the Georgia Association of Elementary School Principals (GAESP) recognizes schools for projects within their school with statewide awards. These awards honor specific projects that are taking place within schools. This year, Vineville Academy of the Arts was chosen for a pair of GAESP Awards. The first was a School Bell Award for the Panda Blog and Vlog teams, led by Mr. Thomas Cote. This award recognizes innovation within the school. The second was the Patron Award, which honors the partnership between Macon Magazine and the school.

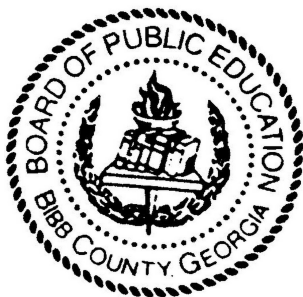
BCSD Employees Serving as Elected Officers for GAAP

The Bibb County School District is fortunate to have a department of individuals that make sure data related to student enrollment, assessment and more are accurate and securely managed. In addition to their work in BCSD, two of these individuals have served as officers in the Georgia Assessment and Accountability Professionals ([GAAP](#)) organization. Dara Foy, Director of Research, Accountability, Assessment and Accountability, has served as treasurer since 2021, and Dr. Ericka Wright, Assessment Coordinator, has served as secretary since November. This organization helps make sure districts across the state are following best practices in this important field.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sydney Andrews, a junior at Howard High School.

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