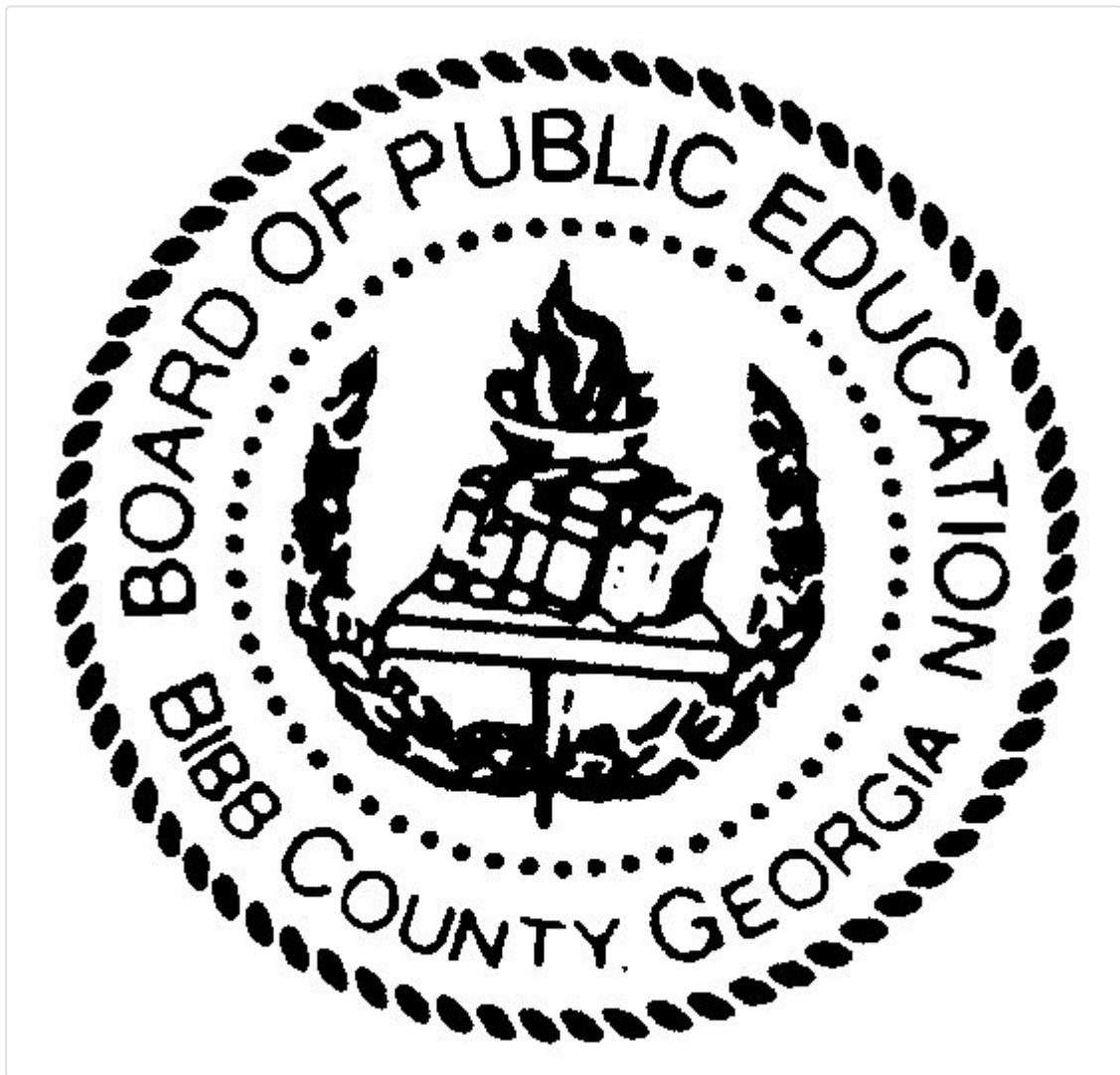


The Board Brief

February 15, 2022



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 15, 2022.

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Actions

Principals, District Administrators Approved for 2022-2023

On Tuesday, February 15, Board members approved the appointments and renewals of principals and certified administrators for the 2022-2023 school year. To view all personnel items approved during the meeting, [click here](#).

Thompson Stadium Phase III Plans Approved

On Tuesday, February 15, Board members approved Phase III conceptual plans for construction at Thompson Stadium. The renovation costs will be funded by the 2021 Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (ESPLOST). For more information, [click here](#).

Previously, on April 15, 2021, as part of the 2021 ESPLOST program, the Board of Education approved site improvements to Harry Thompson Stadium to include a new synthetic turf field; new video scoreboards; LED sports lighting package; expanded seating capacity; additional parking; new high jump; new discus and shotput; new bus parking; new ticket booth; and upgrades to the existing fieldhouse to include New Concessions Plaza and modifications of existing plaza, additional parking and modifications to existing lots, new entry and exit lanes, and a new identification sign. The upgrades to Thompson Stadium create equity and consistency between the two District-owned stadiums, Ed DeFore Sports Complex and Harry Thompson Stadium.

Board Approves Partnership to Fill Existing Vacancies

On Tuesday, February 15, Board members approved the use of teacher-allotted general funds to hire teachers through Knowledge Resource Group (KRG) in order to fill existing vacancies within the Bibb County School District. KRG sources certified teachers throughout the Southeast. The company specializes in providing certified teachers in critical content areas like math, science and special education.

The District currently has two KRG-sourced teachers (math and special education) working in the District. Increasing this number will assist in the District's efforts to staff classrooms in these critical content areas. The cost for each employee hired will vary, as the teachers will be placed on the adopted salary scale based on their certification level and years of experience.

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

Board Reviews Policies

Board members reviewed various policies for first or second reading on February 15. Policies must be read twice before they may be voted on for final action. To review the policies, [click here](#).

- PR-1 Policy BCB – Board Procedures (ACTION – Second Reading)
- PR-2 Policy BCBF – Rules of Order (ACTION – Second Reading)
- PR-3 Policy BCBK – Executive Sessions (ACTION – Second Reading)
- PR-4 Policy BCBFB – Suspension of the Rules (ACTION – Second Reading)
- PR-5 Policy GAKA & GAKA-R – Professional Personnel Lay-Off (ACTION – Second Reading)
- PR-6 Policy JCDAE – Weapons (INFORMATION – First Reading)
- PR-7 Policy JCDAG – Bullying (INFORMATION – First Reading)
- PR-8 Policy JGCD – Medication (INFORMATION – First Reading)

- PR-9 Policy JGI – Child Abuse or Neglect (INFORMATION – First Reading)
- PR-10 Policy JGJA – Suicide Prevention (INFORMATION – First Reading)

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

Class of 2022 Graduation Dates Announced

On Tuesday, February 15, Board members received an update on spring graduation ceremonies, which are scheduled for May 25-27, 2022, at the Macon Coliseum, 200 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA 31217. Information about tickets and parking will be announced this spring. Similar to previous years, all ceremonies will be livestreamed.

Wednesday, May 25

4 PM – Southwest High School

7 PM – Howard High School

Thursday, May 26

4 PM – Westside High School

7 PM – Northeast High School

Friday, May 27

4 PM – Rutland High School

7 PM – Central High School

Graduates of the VIP Academy and SOAR Academy (Opportunity Achievement Center, Personalized Learning Center, and YouthBuild Program) will have the opportunity to participate in graduation ceremonies with their identified home school zone in May 2022. Students' status as a VIP Academy graduate will be noted in graduation programs. Beginning with the Class of 2023, the VIP Academy will host its own graduation ceremony.

United Way Presents Mid-Year Progress Update on Read United

On Tuesday, February 15, Dr. Shelton Land with United Way of Central Georgia provided Board members with a mid-year progress update on the District's partnership with United Way through the program Read United. Read United is the grade-level reading campaign of United Way of Central Georgia's birth-to-eight initiative. Read United houses two school-based tutorial programs that incorporate a structured tutoring model driven by volunteerism. To view the full presentation and data presented, [click here](#).

District Attorney's Office Presents Update on RISE Project

On Tuesday, February 15, Board members reviewed a presentation by Jeremy Grissom of the Macon Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office regarding the RISE Project. The RISE Project,

District Attorney's Office under the direction of District Attorney Anita Howard. The initiative focuses on moving children away from the criminal justice system; examines behavioral effects of secondary victimization and exposure to violence; uses assessment tools to implement concise, targeted service delivery; and works to strengthen family and support systems via community and agency partners. To view the full presentation, [click here](#).

Field Trip Guidance Revised

On Tuesday, February 15, Board members received an update on revisions to COVID-19 field trip guidance for both daytime and overnight field trips. Field trip guidance was revised to include venues without mask mandates and to include processes specific to overnight field trips. For more information, [click here](#).

Board Reviews Monthly Financial Report

On Tuesday, February 15, Board members reviewed the District's monthly financial report. For more information, [click here](#).

Board Receives Presentation from Capital Improvement Program

On Tuesday, February 15, Board members received a presentation in regards to the 2011 and 2016 Capital Improvement Program, including information on expenditures and encumbrances. For more information, [click here](#).

Board Reviews Investments, Investment Income and Bonds Report

On Tuesday, February 15, Board members reviewed a presentation about the Investments and Investment Income report as well as the monthly Bond report associated with 2020 project accounts. For more information, [click here](#).

