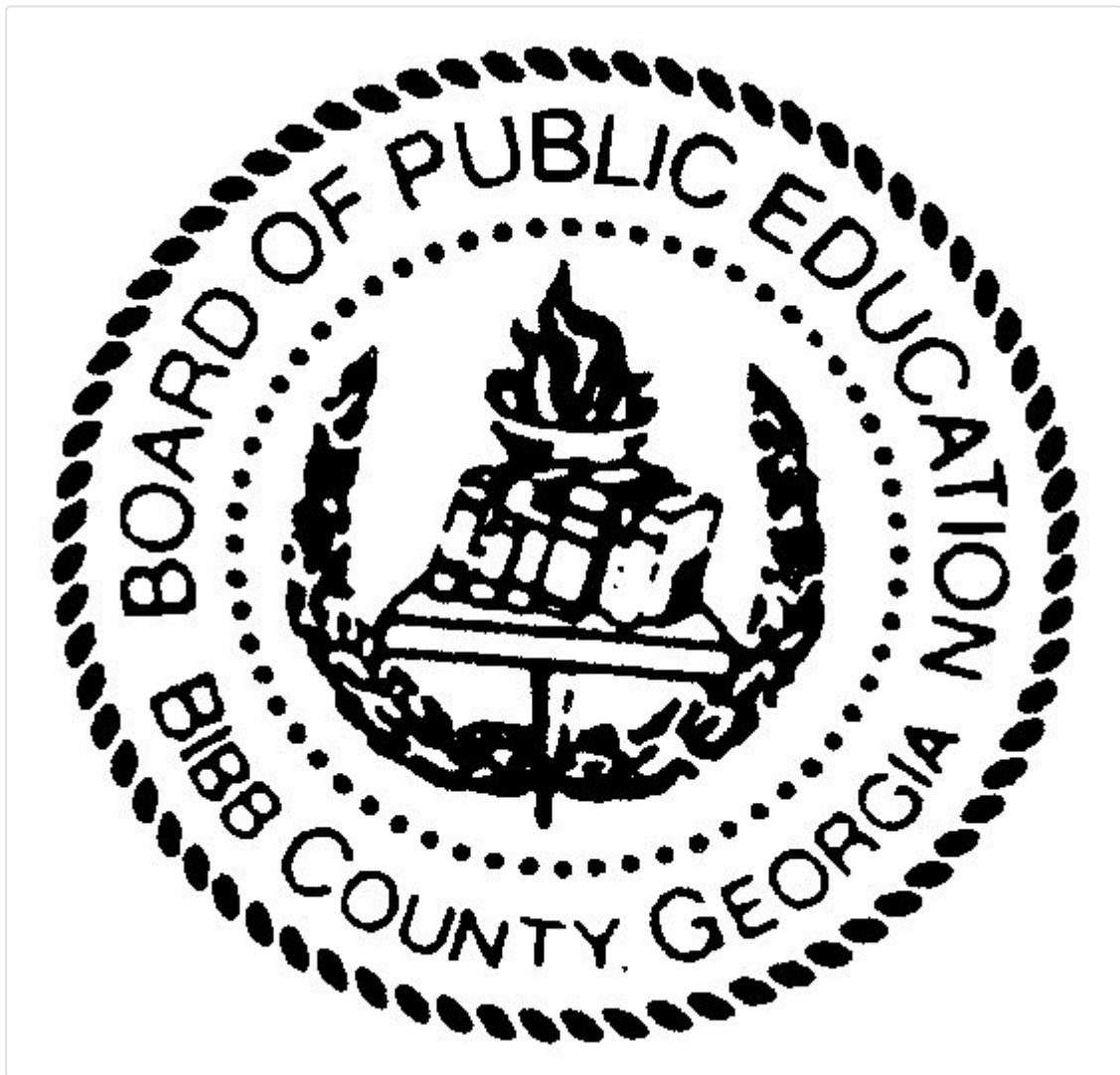


The Board Brief

March 17, 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 March 17, 2022.

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Actions

Principals, District Administrators Approved for 2022-2023

On Thursday, March 17, Board members approved the appointment of three new principals.



Kizzie Lott, Bruce Elementary School Principal



Donna Cline, Heritage Elementary School Principal



Keisha Wallace-Dawson, Lane Elementary School Principal

Additionally, Board members approved the appointments and renewals of assistant principals for the 2022-2023 school year. To view all personnel items approved during the meeting, [click here](#).

Board Approves WAN and Internet Access Renewal

On Thursday, March 17, Board members approved the annual renewal of the District's Wide Area Network (WAN) and Internet Connectivity with Cox Communications for the 2022-2023 school year. For more information, [click here](#).

Board Authorizes World Language Instructional Resource Adoption

On Thursday, March 17, Board members authorized the adoption of world language instructional resource Vista Higher Learning. To complete the world language instructional resource adoption, teachers, administrators, parents, and community stakeholders were provided the opportunity to review materials and complete feedback forms to determine which materials would best meet the academic needs of students. Stakeholders and committee members voted for the textbooks and resources that most supported students' acquisition of Spanish and French. For more information, [click here](#).

Board Reviews Presentation, OKs MOU for Mayor's Literacy Alliance

On Thursday, March 17, Board members approved the ratification of a Memorandum of Understanding between Macon-Bibb County, the Bibb County School District, and Central Georgia Technical College to create a Certified Literate Community Program (CLCP) in Macon-Bibb as part of the Mayor's Literacy Alliance. A CLCP is a nonprofit collaborative that raises the visibility of literacy and provides support to local literacy providers and individuals in need of services. In 1990, the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) and the Georgia Council on Adult Literacy (GCAL) created the Certified Literate Community Program (CLCP) as a means for a community to establish a non-profit collaborative to promote, support and enhance local community literacy efforts. For more information, [click here](#).

Board members also reviewed a presentation about the Mayor's Literacy Alliance. To view the presentation, [click here](#).

Board Adopts Local Facility Plan Approval

On Thursday, March 17, Board members voted to adopt a resolution approving the Local Facilities Plan and authorize the Superintendent to submit the Local Facilities Plan to the Georgia Department of Education for final approval. According to Georgia State Law, O.C.G.A. 20-2-260, requires local school districts to perform a complete comprehensive educational facilities survey at least once every five years. The last comprehensive survey was conducted in 2017 and will expire in June 2022. Once the plan is completed and validated, the Bibb County Board of Education adopts a resolution recommending final approval from the Georgia Department of Education. For more information, [click here](#).

Board Approves Various Operational Expenditures

On Thursday, March 17, Board members approved various operational and financial expenditures:

- A contract for a CTAE Agriculture Barn Project at Rutland Middle and Rutland High School with International City Builders Inc. (ICB).
- A contract for Westside High School Tennis Center Renovations with Sheridan Construction.
- The purchase of five interceptor vehicles for the Campus Police Department.
- Contracts with International City Builders Inc. (ICB) for renovations at Union Elementary School and Miller Fine Arts Magnet Middle School.
- The purchase of 12 new school buses from Yancey Bus Sales.
- Authorization for the Superintendent to sign and submit the 21st CCLC Program Budget Amendments to access FY2021 Carryover Funds for the continuation of the 21st Century

Community Learning Center Grants.

- The purchase of additional Safe Alert receivers for school cafeterias and gymnasiums.

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

Board Reviews Policies

Board members reviewed various policies for first or second reading on March 17. Policies must be read twice before they may be voted on for final action. To review the policies, click [here](#).

- PR-1 Policy JCDAE, Weapons (ACTION)
- PR-2 Policy JCDAG, Bullying (ACTION)
- PR-3 Policy JGCD, Medication (ACTION)
- PR-4 Policy JGI, Child Abuse or Neglect (ACTION)
- PR-5 Policy JGJA, Suicide Prevention (ACTION)
- PR-6 Policy JCDAF, Use of Electronic Devices by Students (INFORMATION)
- PR-7 Policy KEAA, Community Activities and Performances by Students (INFORMATION)
- PR-8 Policy LDAJA – Interrogations and Investigations (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

K-12 Students Now Able to Receive Homework Assistance from Tutor.com

The Bibb County School District has contracted with The Princeton Review's Tutor.com to provide homework assistance for students. The online, personalized tutoring services through The Princeton Review - Tutor.com will be available for all students in all grade levels. Students will receive assistance with all math, science, social studies, and English subjects, including algebra, chemistry, statistics, biology, and essay writing. Students will log in to Tutor.com through the District's ClassLink platform to access support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Training for the platform will be provided for staff and students, and helpful tips and resources will be shared with parents. For more information, [click here](#).

Board Reviews Community Schools Presentation

On Thursday, March 17, Board members reviewed a presentation from the United Way of Central Georgia regarding the Community Schools located at Williams Elementary School and Burdell-Hunt Magnet School. Board members also received information on initiatives such as PimsPoints, which stands for the Parental Involvement Management System, which rewards and encourages parental engagement. To view the presentation, [click here](#).

Board Learns How District is Building Scientists in Bibb

On Thursday, March 17, Board members received a presentation regarding the science

investigations and simulations were provided. Gizmos, a math and science simulation program, also was described as a personalized learning opportunity for students in grades 6-12 in the District. To view the presentation, [click here](#).

Board Reviews ESPLOST Advisory Board Update

On Thursday, March 17, Board members received an update on the Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (ESPLOST) Advisory Board. For more information or to view the minutes from the kickoff meeting and the first quarterly meeting, [click here](#).

Board Reviews Monthly Financial Report

On Thursday, March 17, Board members reviewed the District's monthly financial report. For more information, [click here](#).

Board Receives Presentation from Capital Improvement Program

On Thursday, March 17, Board members received a presentation in regards to the 2016 and 2021 Capital Improvement Program, including information on expenditures and encumbrances. For more information, [click here](#).

Board Reviews Investments, Investment Income and Bonds Report

On Thursday, March 17, 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](#).

Highlights and Recognitions

Bibb County Spelling Bee Winner, Runner-Up Recognized

For multiple generations and across the nation, the spelling bee is an annual reminder of the importance of literacy. Students showcase their spelling abilities in competition to represent their schools, districts and even regions at higher levels. This year, Bibb County school-level winners competed in an online bee for a chance to compete at the region level. Thank you to Hartley Elementary School media specialist Latricia Riggins for coordinating the District's efforts toward the regional bee.

We'd also like to congratulate the school-level winners, who competed to represent our District: Aubriel Moreland, Alexander II Math and Science Magnet School; Elizabeth Bloodworth, Hartley Elementary School; Kelsey Reid, Lane Elementary School; Amirah McClendon, Taylor Elementary School; and Andrew Hanson, Vineville Academy of the Arts. The following students were named alternates in their school competitions: Hayley Booker, Alexander II; Elana Evans, Hartley; Asia Edwards, Lane; Jayden Sallette, Porter; Adelyn May, Springdale; Manushri Thumukunta, Taylor; and Kennedy Hebert, Vineville Academy.



District Winner Molly Kate Goggans, a fourth-grader at Porter Elementary School.



District Runner-Up Ethan Brock, a fifth-grader at Springdale Elementary School.

CTAE Students of the Year Recognized

Our Career, Technical and Agricultural Education Department seeks to prepare students for in-demand careers in a variety of fields. In April, the CTAE Department will recognize the CTAE Student of the Year from each school and name the Bibb County CTAE Student of the Year. Congratulations to the following students on this accomplishment:



Jasmine Howard, Central High School



Leo Zhang, Howard High School



Angel Mancio-Hernandez, Hutchings College and Career Academy



Adrian Collins, Northeast High School



Ronak Patel, Rutland High School



Ke'Niyah Hollingshed, Southwest High School



Imane Tiene, Westside High School

To achieve success in athletic competition, our students must display dedication to their success in the classroom as well. For this reason alone, students who are able to compete at a high level should be commended. Several of the District's basketball teams achieved noteworthy levels of success this season.



Westside High Boys Basketball Team GSHA Sweet Sixteen

This season, the Seminoles went 18-12 with a 7-5 record in region play to finish third in Region 4-AAAA. They beat LaGrange on the road before falling to Jefferson in overtime in the Sweet 16 of the GHSA Class AAAA playoffs. The Westside High School Boys Basketball team was led by Head Coach Josh Grube.



Central High Girls Basketball GHSA Elite 8

This season, the Chargers went 23-6 with a 12-2 record in region play to finish second in Region 2-AAA. They beat Burke County and Ringgold at home before falling to Pierce County in the Elite Eight of the GHSA Class AAA playoffs. The Chargers were led by Tamara Bolston-Williams, Central High School Head Girls Basketball Coach.



Northeast High Boys Basketball GHSA Final Four

This season, the Raiders went 21-10 with an 11-1 record in region play to finish second in Region 3-AA. They beat Berrien and Vidalia on the road, as well as Coosa at home, before falling to Westside-Augusta in the Final Four of the GHSA Class AA playoffs. The Northeast Raiders were led by Kevin Grooms, Head Boys Basketball Coach.



Northeast High Girls Basketball GHSA Final Four

This season, the Raiderettes went 23-7 with an 11-1 record in region play to win a Region 3-AA championship. They beat Berrien, Heard County and Laney at home before falling to Rabun County in the Final Four of the GHSA Class AA playoffs. Head Coach Heavenly Whitehead led the Northeast High School Raiderettes.

District Honors Board Members for School Board Appreciation Week

The District would like to join schools and Districts across the state in celebrating our School Board members during the Georgia School Boards Association (GSBA) Board Member Appreciation Week. We'd like to thank our board for their dedication to public education and continuing service for the children in our District.



Thank you to Dr. Thelma D. Dillard, Board President, District 2; Dr. Lisa Garrett, Board Vice President, At-Large, Post 8; Kristin Hanlon, Board Treasurer, District 3; Myrtice C. Johnson, District 1; Juawn Jackson, District 4; Dr. Sundra Woodford, District 5; James Freeman, District 6; Daryl Morton, At-Large, Post 7.



Cherry Blossom Queen Logan Smith, a senior at Howard High School, led the Pledge of Allegiance.