The Board Brief

April 21, 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 April 21, 2022.

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Actions

Bibb Board Announces Sole Finalist for Superintendent

On April 21, 2022, the Bibb County Board of Education took the next step in its search for the Bibb County School District's next Superintendent, formally announcing Dr. Dan Sims as its sole finalist for the position. Click here to read the press release with more information and next steps. Visit www.bcsdk12.net for more information.

Board Authorizes Personnel Items

On Thursday, April 21, Board members approved various personnel items. To view all personnel items, click here.

District Receives Clean Audit

On Thursday, April 21, Board members voted to accept the audit of the Financial Statements and ESPLOST audit for the Bibb County School District for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2021. Mauldin and Jenkins LLC performed the audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, and issued an unmodified audit report ("clean opinion"). There were no audit findings. The firm also conducted a performance audit on 2016/2021 Education Special Local Option Sales Tax (ESPLOST) funds for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. Based on the audit, Mauldin and Jenkins concluded that the Bibb County School District's 2016/2021 ESPLOST Program was operating in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations and the referendum approved by the county's citizens. For more information, click here.

Board Approves Purchase of Wonders Practice Books

On Thursday, April 21, Board members approved the purchase of Wonders practice books for students in kindergarten – fifth grades. Reading and writing are complex processes that require explicit teaching and continuous practice. Wonders practice books feature phonics, spelling, handwriting, high-frequency word, vocabulary, and grammar practice for students during each week of instruction as well as take-home stories. For more information, click here.

Board Authorizes Renewal of Math Program, Reviews Presentation on Impact

On Thursday, April 21, Board members authorized the renewal of the i-Ready program, a research-based comprehensive mathematics program that connects diagnostic data and personalized instruction to accelerate students' math achievement. For more information, click here.

Board members also received a presentation on the positive impact of the i-Ready mathematics program on testing scores in the District. To view the presentation, click here.

Board OKs Renewal of Voyager Passport Intervention Curriculum

On Thursday, April 21, Board members approved the renewal of Voyager Passport, a research-based intervention curriculum designed to provide comprehensive, explicit, and systemic reading instruction. During daily 45-minute lessons, students receive explicit instruction in all five essential components of reading: phonemic awareness, phonics, comprehension, fluency, and vocabulary. For more information, click here.

Board Approves Mobile Food Truck Learning Lab

On Thursday, April 21, Board members approved the design and purchase of a Mobile Food Truck Learning Lab. The Mobile Food Truck Learning Lab will be utilized as a work-based

learning classroom for students enrolled in the culinary arts pathway through Hutchings College and Career Academy. The Food Truck will build a pipeline of students who are positioned to enroll in a culinary program, enlist in the military with a concentration on culinary arts, or become employed with a company within the food service industry. For more information, click here.

Board Approves Renewal of Microsoft Licenses

On Thursday, April 21, Board members approved the renewal of District-Wide Microsoft Office Pro Plus Licenses products for all faculty, staff, and students through renewal affiliate Dell. For more information on these items, click here.

Board Reviews Policies

Board members reviewed various policies for first or second reading on April 21. Policies must be read twice before they may be voted on for final action. To review the policies, click here.

- Policy JCDAF, Use of Electronic Devices by Students – Second time for First Reading (INFORMATION)
- Policy GAD, Professional Learning Opportunities – First Reading (INFORMATION)
- Policy GCQ, Classified Personnel Retirement – First Reading (INFORMATION)
- Policy IDDO, Student Production of Goods or Services – First Reading (INFORMATION)
- Policy IEC, Class Size – First Reading (INFORMATION)
- Policy IEDA, Unstructured Break Time – First Reading (INFORMATION)
- Policy KG, Use of School Facilities – First Reading (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 Approves $2,000 Supplement for District Employees

On Thursday, April 21, the Board reviewed information regarding a one-time supplement for Bibb County School District employees. The supplement will be issued to employees on May 3, which is Teacher Appreciation Day.

The Georgia State Assembly approved a one-time salary supplement of $2,000 for various staff members funded through the state's Quality Basic Education (QBE), Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support (GNETS), School Nutrition, and Students with Disabilities state grant funding mechanisms. The Bibb County School District will utilize American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding to provide the supplement to District employees not identified by the Georgia State Assembly. All Bibb County School District full-time and part-time employees will receive the one-time supplement. Additionally, contracted teachers and nurses, Kelly paraprofessionals, and Kelly long-term substitute placements also will receive the one-time

Pre-Kindergarten employees who received $1,000 supplements this school year through the Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) will only receive a $1,000 supplement on May 3, which will total $2,000 in supplements for the school year.
For more information, click here.

Board Reviews Monthly Financial Report
On Thursday, April 21, Board members reviewed the District's monthly financial report. For more information, click here.

Board Receives Presentation from Capital Improvement Program
On Thursday, April 21, 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, April 21, 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

Board Introduced to New Leaders
Board members were introduced to the newest administrators for the 2022-2023 school year. Each administrator was presented with a swag bag as a small welcome to their new role.

- Kizzie Lott, Principal, Bruce Elementary School
- Donna Cline, Principal, Heritage Elementary School
- Keisha Wallace-Dawson, Principal, McKibben Lane Elementary School

Young Georgia Authors Regional Competition 1st Place Winner Honored
Each year, District students participate in the Young Georgia Authors competition, beginning with competition against other Bibb County students. From there, the best written works advance to the regional competition. Burdell-Hunt Magnet School first-grader Zaylen Lee was recognized for this prestigious honor. Zaylen's work, titled "Proactive Kaleb," won not only the District competition for his grade level, but also won the regional competition. This means his work was deemed the best among first-graders from Bibb, Crawford, Houston, Jasper, Jones, Monroe, Peach and Twiggs counties. Zaylen's work has advanced to the state level, with judging for that competition coming up later this month.



Zaylen Lee, Burdell-Hunt Magnet School

Science Fair Winners Recognized

The science fair is a traditional opportunity for students of various age and grade levels to showcase their knowledge of the scientific method. Students design and implement their own experiments before displaying their results to be judged.This year, several of Bibb's students succeeded at the region and state levels of the science fair.



Messiah Williams, fifth grade, Heritage Elementary School, state winner.



Sam Lavender, fourth grade, Springdale Elementary School, state winner.



Keller Smith, fifth grade, Springdale Elementary School, state winner.

Anthony Horton, sixth grade, Weaver Middle School, regional winner and Broadcom Masters Award, and advanced to state.

Tabitha Cantrell, 12th grade, Howard High School, regional winner and RICOH Award winner, and advanced to state.

National History Day Middle Georgia Regional Competition 1st Place Honors

Students across the District recently participated in various categories as part of the Middle Georgia Regional Competition for National History Day, hosted by Middle Georgia State University. These categories allowed students to exhibit their abilities in various forms of presentation, as well as their knowledge of historical topics. The following groups and individuals, who finished in the top three placements for their categories, advanced to the state competition:



Howard High School's Artavious Freeman, Victor Nguyen, Ryan Campbell, Hayden Axom, Patrick Partolan and teacher Rachel Terrell; Senior Group Documentary.

Howard High School's Athena Huang and teacher Rachel Terrell; Senior Individual Website.



Central High School's Shalome Covington, Deborah Cross, Henry Covington, JaDarius Williams and teacher Sherrica Walker; Senior Group Performance.

Bibb County Education Foundation Logo Design Winner

Recently, the Bibb County Education Foundation conducted a logo design contest and called for artwork submissions from students throughout the District. Numerous art pieces were submitted, and the logo design by Howard High senior Daija Mills was selected as the winning design. The Bibb County Education Foundation Board felt Daija's design was symbolic of lighting up curiosity toward learning for students and all of this being in our hands. As part of the logo design contest, the Bibb County Education Foundation presented Daija with a gift card for $25.





The pledge was lead by Bri'Marie Coubaris, 2nd grade, Hartley Elementary School and Ella Wynn, 5th grade, Springdale Elementary School

