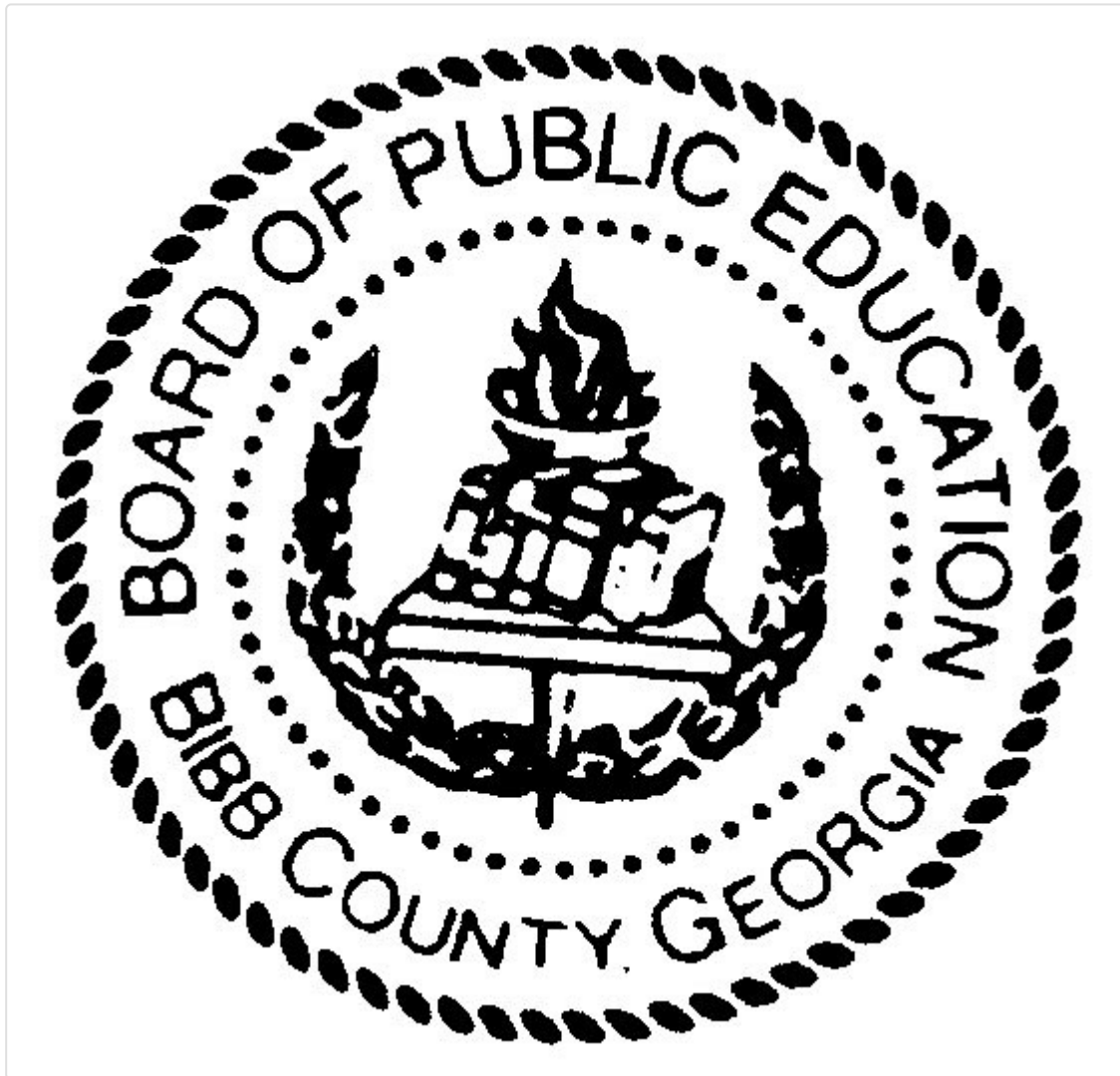


The Board Brief

August 18, 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 August 18, 2022.

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Superintendent's Report

Strategic Plan Extended for One Year as Work Begins on Next Strategic Plan

Under the leadership of new Superintendent Dr. Dan A. Sims, the Bibb County School District will soon begin working with stakeholders to develop the District's next Strategic Plan to follow Victory In Our Schools. The Bibb County School District's current Strategic Plan, which ended June 30, 2022, will be extended through the 2022-2023 school year as the District launches the strategic planning process for the next plan to highlight the work of #Built4Bibb. The strategic planning process will result in a comprehensive five-year plan that outlines the strategic goals, mission, and vision that will help guide the district's priorities incorporating student data, extensive research on best practices, and ongoing engagement opportunities with all district stakeholders. Stay tuned for how you can get involved and help guide the District's next Strategic Plan!

Great Start to School Year

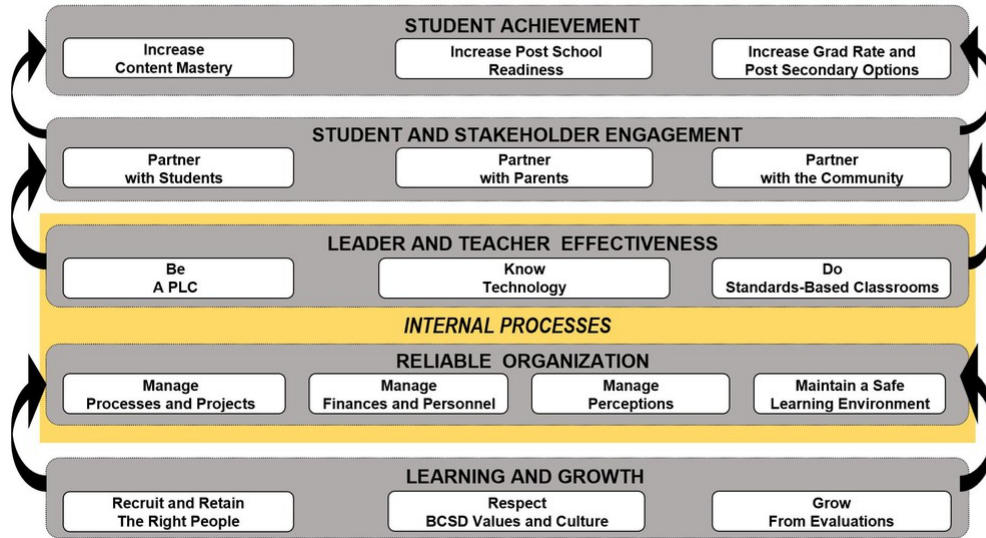
The Bibb County School District's 2022-2023 school year has gotten off to a great start, Superintendent Dr. Dan A. Sims told Board members. Student enrollment is at 21,236, with more students returning from the virtual setting following the pandemic.

Dr. Sims shared a few of the highlights from his visits to schools, along with the following takeaways:

- Football season officially kicks off this week! Coaches and teams participated in a great media night hosted by the Sports Hall of Fame earlier this month. Stakeholders are encouraged to come out and support Bibb athletes at all sporting events this year. When Dr. Sims spoke with some of the student athletes at Westside High School, they shared how much they wished more community members would come out and show support for Bibb Athletics. Let's make that happen for them!
- Thank you to the more than 150 business and community partners who joined the District for lunch last week. This business and community partner luncheon was an opportunity for Dr. Sims to share more about his vision of #Built4Bibb and how community and business stakeholders are vital to making that vision come to life for students. Thank you to the Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce for partnering with the District on the event, and to Central Georgia Technical College for allowing use of the gym. The food for the event was prepared by the Compass Rose Café team from the District's Culinary Arts Pathway.
- The District just kicked off its United Way campaign, which will run through the end of the month. The District's goal is to raise \$125,000 this year to support the United Way of Central Georgia. United Way has been a great partner, supporting the District through reading initiatives, community resource projects, and more.
- The District will be kicking off the celebration of Attendance Awareness Month on September 1 at Ingram-Pye Elementary School at 9 a.m.
- Coming up, the Superintendent will begin a round of listening sessions with employees, and he will hold his first Teacher Advisory Council meeting with all of our Teachers of the Year.
- Dr. Sims has encouraged all of District leaders to share their stories and highlights on social media to help spread the word about the great things happening in Bibb Schools. Follow our schools on social media and share our posts as we continue building the capacity of students throughout the District.
- To view the full slideshow, [click here](#).

VICTORY IN OUR SCHOOLS STRATEGIC PLAN

Overriding Objective = CCRPI > 70



STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Priority 1: Get students reading on grade level.

Priority 2: Be successful on the Georgia Milestones.

Priority 3: Increase the number of students in school every day.

Priority 4: Close the knowing-doing gap.

Priority 5: Work hard to support schools.

Priority 6: Establish a culture of accountability for everyone.



GREAT START TO SCHOOL YEAR!



Support Our Students This Fall



Actions

Board Approves Classroom Technology Purchases

On Thursday, August 18, Board members authorized the purchase of SMART Document Cameras from Solutionz for an amount of \$344,421. The funding source is ESSER funds. Document cameras allow teachers and students enhanced opportunities in the classroom that include: displaying 3D items and zoom into specific details to present; seeing text from a print resource or an object from anywhere in the classroom clearly; demonstrating processes, such as a science experiment, biology classes or art demonstration in real time and close-up; immediately displaying samples of student work to provide timely clarification; projecting printed texts and pictures so all students can see clearly; displaying notes and math problems in real time.

Additionally, Board members authorized the purchase of Joey Carts from Dell Technologies for an amount of \$484,360.65. The funding source is ESSER funds. Over the past two years our district has transitioned to a one-to-one system where each student has a device assigned for use. This has created the need for appropriate storage and charging options. In the spring, schools were surveyed about classroom technology needs and a total of 505 carts were requested. Each cart has the capacity to hold 30 devices in convenient slotted baskets.

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

Board Authorizes Acceptance of Perkins Funds for CTAE

On Thursday, August 18, approved the award to the District's Career Technical and Agriculture Education Department of Carl D. Perkins federal funds in the amount of \$494,048 for 2022-2023. 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. For more information, [click here](#).

Board Approves 21st CCLC Grant Awards

On Thursday, August 18, Board members approved 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant awards for FY23 at Southfield and Veterans for \$349,412, at Ballard Hudson Middle for \$314,958, at Bruce and Hartley for \$314,831.00, at Heritage and Bernd for \$314,831, at John R. Lewis for \$314,831, Skyview and Heard for \$314,831.00, VIP I for \$350,000.00, VIP II for \$350,000, VIP III for \$350,000, VIP IV for \$350,000, and VIP V for \$350,000. For more information, [click here](#).

Board Approves School Nutrition Items

On Thursday, August 18, Board members approved an agreement with Bi-City Produce (a company of Mason Produce Inc.) based on RFP 23-002 and authorized the District to issue a purchase order for produce to Bi-City Produce in the amount of \$989,978 for FY23. This amount will be paid for from School Nutrition Funds.

Also, Board members authorized purchases from these USDA Processing Vendors under the Piggyback Clause in the Carrollton City Commodity Processing Procurement Plan/Bid. In addition, the Board authorized the District to issue purchase orders to multiple commodity processing companies in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$1,300,000 for 2022-2023. The funds will be paid from School Nutrition Funds.

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

Board Approves Change Order for Ag Barn at RMS/RHS

On Thursday, August 18, authorized a change order for additional scope of work to the Agriculture Barn at Rutland Middle and High Schools in the amount of \$197,620. During construction, it was determined that an additional scope was needed to ensure safe occupancy of the Agricultural Barn. The additions will be restroom facilities and asphalt access to the entire facility. This additional project scope will be paid for with ESSER funds. For more information, [click here](#).

Board Approves Amendment to Union Renovation Project

On Thursday, August 18, Board members authorized the District to amend a purchase order to provide emergency repairs to Union Elementary School in the amount of \$112,012. This project will be funded by the 2021 Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (ESPLOST) funds. As this project was nearing completion, a sanitary sewer line serving the kitchen sewer laterals and two hallway restrooms was discovered needing emergency repairs. These laterals are located between the building and the city sewer connection, which is outside the original scope of work for this project. For more information, [click here](#).

Board Approves Personnel Items, Including New Assistant Principals

On Thursday, August 18, Board members approved various personnel items. New Assistant Principals appointed included: Dominique Nichols, Rutland High School; Naomi Wilcher, Howard Middle School; and Tiffany Lewis, SOAR Academy. To view personnel items, [click here](#).

Board Reviews Policies

Board members reviewed various policies for first or second reading on August 18. Policies must be read twice before they may be voted on for final action. To review the policies, [click here](#).

- Policy EC – Equipment and Supplies Management – Rescinding (ACTION)
- Policy EDEA – Private Vehicles (ACTION)
- Policy KJ – Advertising in the Schools (ACTION)
- Policy GAE – Complaints and Grievances (INFORMATION)
- Policy IKD – School Ceremonies and Observances (INFORMATION)
- Policy JBCCA – Student Assignment to Schools (INFORMATION)
- Policy JCDC – Schools Symbols (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

Bibb Students Demonstrate Improvement on Georgia Milestones

Georgia Milestones test scores were released last month for the Bibb County School District and the state. These scores reflect the first full school year since 2018-2019 and will serve as a new baseline for progress and growth moving forward. While scores are not all back to pre-pandemic status, Bibb students demonstrated considerably better results in 2021-2022 as compared to 2020-2021. What is most impressive is that Bibb’s student achievement data in the Developing Learner and above categories increased on all 19 End of Grade (EOG) and End of Course (EOC) Milestones assessments for 2021-2022. For more information, [click here](#). To view the presentation, [click here](#).

District Partnering with United Way on Full-Service Community Schools Grant

On Thursday, August 18, Board members received information regarding the District’s intent to partner with United Way of Central Georgia in its application for a Full-Service Community Schools grant (FSCS). This program is authorized by sections 4621-4623 and 4625 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (ESEA). It provides support for the planning, implementation, and operation of full-service community schools that improve the coordination, integration, accessibility, and effectiveness of services for children and families, particularly for children attending high-poverty schools, including high-poverty rural schools. For more information, [click here](#).

Board Reviews Monthly Financial Report

On Thursday, August 18, Board members reviewed the District’s monthly financial report. For more information, [click here](#).

Board Receives Presentation from Capital Improvement Program

On Thursday, August 18, Board members received a presentation in regards to the 2016 and

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

Board Reviews Investments, Investment Income and Bonds Report

On Thursday, August 18, 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



Dara Foy



Tilnisha Rosser

Board Meets New Leaders

On Thursday, August 18, Board members had the opportunity to meet new leaders in the Bibb County School District. The following new leaders were presented to Board members: Dara Foy, Director of Research, Evaluation, Assessment and Accountability; and Tilnisha Rosser, Director of Student Support Services.



PEC Executive Director Honored with State Award

Jennifer Donnelly, the District's Executive Director of the Program for Exceptional Children, was recognized as the recipient of the "Jim Plunkett Outstanding Educator Award" from the Georgia Association for Educational Leaders. This award is meant to honor leaders that possess both a record of exemplary service and qualities that make them a positive role model.



Nutrition Manager Recognized as Lunchroom Rockstar

Westside High School nutrition manager Heidi Aselton was recognized for receiving a “Lunchroom Rockstar” award from LINQ. This award was given to three school nutrition employees nationwide from a pool of more than 50 nominees.



Hutchings Instructor Honored by Two Organizations

W.S. Hutchings College and Career Academy instructor Paige Welch was honored for state awards from two different organizations. She was recognized as Post-Secondary Teacher of the Year by the Trade and Industrial Educators of Georgia and the Post-Secondary Professional of the Year by the Georgia Association for Career and Technical Education.



District Students Named State CTSO Officers

This year, two District students have been elected as state-level officers for their Career and Technical Student Organizations. Those students were Destin White, a 12th-grader at Central High School and W.S. Hutchings College and Career Academy, who was elected Georgia FBLA State Communications Officer, and Lathan Theodore, a 12th-grader at Howard High School and Hutchings, who was elected Georgia SkillsUSA State Officer.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sawyer Hawkins, 3rd grade, Vineville Academy of the Arts.

