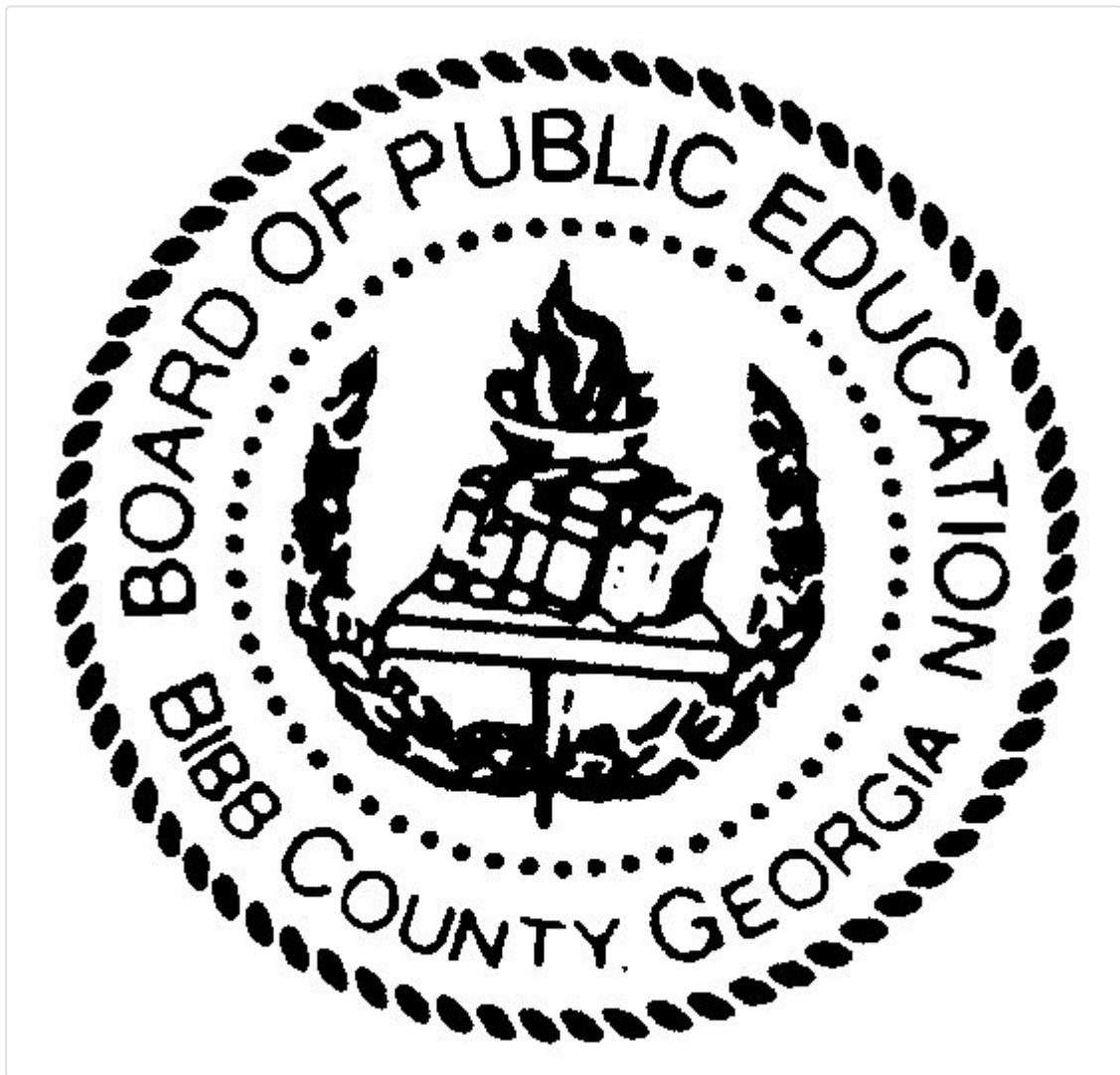


The Board Brief

November 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 November 17, 2022.

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Superintendent's Report

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

- **ARTWORK:** Thank you to Springdale Elementary School students for the beautiful artwork decorating the room this month! Led by art teacher Cindy Quan Hong, or lovingly referred to by students as Mrs. Q, the students shared framed oil pastel drawings of pumpkins alongside some yarn pumpkins. Additionally, each Board member received handwritten cards from students thanking them for their service. Watch Springdale's video here: <https://youtu.be/RfOF0hKIQx4>
- **STRATEGIC PLAN:** The District had a great kickoff to strategic planning last week! An online survey is open through December 2. We are asking everyone to participate and provide feedback with this survey link: <https://rezed.io/1NKZJV>
- **MERCER UNIVERSITY:** Homecoming with Mercer University was a blast this past weekend! Dr. Sims was honored to do the pre-game coin toss. Go BEARS!!!
- **ENGAGEMENT:** Recently, one of the groups Dr. Sims met with and presented to is the BOLD group – an amazing family of men really making a difference in the world. He is looking forward to great things continuing to happen because of them and other engaged partners in the community!
- **TEACHER OF THE YEAR:** This past Tuesday, the District had an opportunity to celebrate Teachers of the Year at the Grand Opera House. Thank you to the Culinary Arts team from Hutchings College and Career Academy for the delicious food and to the student quartet from Howard High School for the beautiful music. Having students involved makes celebrations like this even better! We hope teachers felt supported and valued!
- **HOWARD MIDDLE:** Congratulations Howard Middle School Academic Team National Science Champions! The team recently competed in the National Science Championship and defeated teams from other states and Honduras! With a total of 850 points, the Huskies took home the Science Championship as the Middle School Division first place winners!
- **ATHLETICS:** Tonight, the Westside High School Seminoles flag football team hits the road for a BIG matchup with Warner Robins. This is the finals of the area tournament with the top seed for the state playoffs on the line! Go Noles! Tomorrow, Northeast travels to Appling County in the second round of the GHSA Class AA playoffs. Additionally, with his most recent performance, Northeast sophomore Nick Woodford set a Bibb record with 2,598 rushing yards on the season. Go Raiders!
- **BASE PARTNERSHIPS:** If there was ever a time to be a student in Central Georgia, that time is now! Floodgates of opportunity continue to open, and a convening with Mayor Lester Miller, STARBASE ROBINS, Robins Air Force Base, Maj. Gen. Tom Grabowski, Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce, Macon Workforce Development, and the District is poised to make a tremendous difference for our students and city! This is some real #Built4Bibb work!
- **SISTER CITY RELATIONS:** What an honor it was to work with Macon-Bibb County to welcome an amazing group of Japanese Exchange students. Thank you to all of the host students and families, and to YKK for being a great support!
- **HONORING VETERANS:** Students and staff held events to commemorate Veterans Day this month. Not only do these observances help instill in students a strong understanding of citizenship, but this is a great way for them to learn about how important it is to thank service men and women for their dedication.
- **CELEBRATIONS:** Nationally, this week is American Education Week, AND National Parental Involvement Day is TODAY. Thank the many parents who came out to schools

this week to take part in Thanksgiving meals with students! Speaking of Thanksgiving, a huge shout-out goes to Yancey for sponsoring a holiday meal for Transportation employees! Thank you so much for giving back to those who give to students each day!

- **ON THE HORIZON:** Dr. Sims will hold engagement sessions for parents in each of the school zones. The goal for these sessions is to share with parents the depth and breadth of opportunities available to students in the school district and to encourage parent involvement. Also coming up, holiday festivities will be kicking off throughout the district! Please be on the lookout for our Fine Arts Holiday Calendar, which will include a list of all of our upcoming holiday performances by schools.

To view the full slideshow, [click here](#).

ENGAGE WITH DR. SIMS

Mon., Nov. 28 @ Howard High

Wed., Nov. 30 @ Central High

Mon., Dec. 5 @ Westside High

Thurs., Dec. 8 @ Northeast High

Mon., Dec. 12 @ Southwest High

Wed., Dec. 14 @ Rutland High

Sessions begin @ 6 PM

All sessions open to ALL parents



PARENT MEETINGS



Actions

Board Approves Construction of New Springdale Elementary School

On Thursday, November 17, Board members approved construction on Springdale Elementary School. The Bibb County Board of Education authorized the District to enter into contract with

International City Builders, Inc. (ICB) to provide Construction Manager At-Risk Services. The funds will be paid out of 2021 Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (ESPLOST). For more information, [click here](#).

Board Approves Renovations to Heritage Elementary School

On Thursday, November 17, Board members approved construction on Heritage Elementary School. The Bibb County Board of Education authorized the District to enter into contract with SP Design Group to provide architectural services for renovations. The funds will be paid out of 2021 ESPLOST. For more information, [click here](#).

Board Approves Renovations to Ingram-Pye Elementary School

On Thursday, November 17, Board members approved construction on Ingram-Pye Elementary School. The Bibb County Board of Education authorized the Superintendent to enter into contract with SP Design Group to provide architectural services for renovations. The funds will be paid out of 2021 ESPLOST. For more information, [click here](#).

Student Device Charging and Storage Approved

On Thursday, November 17, Board members approved student device charging and storage from Virtucom for an amount not to exceed \$870,160. Over the past two years, the 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 that vary in purpose from previous class-set solutions.

An advisory group of teachers, media specialists, and principals convened to participate in a demonstration of the quoted items, a review of input of problems, and feedback about which solutions would be best for each of the respective levels: elementary, middle, and high. Ultimately, it was determined that elementary schools would benefit most from pre-wired charging carts for each of their 2nd-5th homerooms along with a single library set of charging power banks. For secondary, it was determined to forgo carts and instead increase the volume of power banks available for check out through the media center. Upon receipt of these items, all schools will be better prepared to maximize technology to ensure greater equity of access in the one-to-one environment.

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

Board Reviews Policies

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

- Policy JGCC – Infectious Diseases (ACTION)
- Policy IKCB – Materials Harmful to Minors Complaint Resolution Process (ACTION)
- Policy JRB – Parents’ Bill of Rights (ACTION)
- Policy BBBB – New Member Orientation (INFORMATION)
- Policy BBD – Board-School Superintendent Relations (INFORMATION)
- Policy GANA – Infectious Disease (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

International Baccalaureate (IB) Career-Related Programme (CP) Authorization Requested

On Thursday, November 17, Board members learned more about the International Baccalaureate (IB) Career-Related Programme (CP) authorization process requested by Central High School.

The District's mission is to develop a highly trained staff and an engaged community dedicated to educating each student for a 21st century global society. This authorization request offers an expansion to the already successful IB Programme at Central High by providing students the chance to participate in career-related programs. There is a three-step authorization process for IBCP.

To learn more about the request, the process, and to view the presentation, [click here](#).

Board Members Learn About District's ESOL Supports

On Thursday, November 17, Board members learned more about ESOL programs in Bibb County Schools.

ESOL is English to Speakers of Other Languages Program. The ESOL Program impacts student achievement. ESOL teachers develop the English language proficiency of students through teaching content; provide professional learning opportunities to teachers of English Language (EL) students; provide critical notifications to parents in a language they can understand; and extend learning opportunities to parents of EL students.

To view the presentation, [click here](#).

Energy Conservation Board Update

On Thursday, November 17, Board members received an update from Cenergistic, an energy conservation program.

Some of the key program objectives are cost savings by reducing utility spending. It also creates a culture of sustainability created within the organization. The energy saved since the beginning of the program from electricity and natural gas would be enough to run all of the elementary schools in the District for the next 1.72 years.

To view the presentation, [click here](#).

Board Reviews Monthly Financial Reports

On Thursday, November 17, Board members reviewed the District's monthly financial report. Board members reviewed a presentation about the Investments and Investment Income. For more information, [click here](#).

Highlights and Recognitions

Southwest Student Appointed to State Superintendent's Student Advisory Council

Each year, State Superintendent Richard Woods selects students for his Student Advisory Council. This group serves as a liaison between the Georgia Department of Education and the students' home schools and community. The students provide feedback that helps shape policy decisions. James May, Jr., is a junior at Southwest High School and was recently selected for this honor. Also a member of the Patriots' football team, James is heavily involved in school life at Southwest and was recently highlighted on WGXA as a Game Changer of the Week.



Weaver Teacher Receives Outstanding Educator Award for 2022

The Georgia Council for the Social Studies recently held its annual conference, which included several award presentations. Among these awards is the Gwen Hutchinson Outstanding Educator Award. Weaver Middle School teacher Brandon Gerty was a recipient of the award, which recognizes "educators who have made an outstanding contribution to the teaching of social studies." This includes classroom activities that promote citizenship, professional involvement, and improvement of student social studies education.



2022 Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police District 4 Administrative Assistant of the Year

The Bibb County School District is fortunate to be protected by Campus Police Officers who are dedicated to the well-being of students, faculty and staff. An effective Campus Police Department must also be managed in a way that helps these officers do their jobs efficiently. Tondelair Chapman was recently recognized for her service with the Administrative Assistant of the Year Award for District 4 by the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police. This award represents her dedication and work toward the goals of the Campus Police Department and the District as a whole.



Westside Coach Celebrated for 100th Football Win

As high school football season is nearing its end, the District recognized Westside High School Head Football Coach Sheddric “Spoon” Risper. He has been the head football coach at Westside High School since 2009, but he began his coaching career there in 1998. In those 14 years as head coach, Risper has been part of some special seasons, but he reached a milestone of his own earlier this season. With the Seminoles’ 228 victory over West Laurens on Oct. 7, Coach Risper picked up his 100th career victory as a head coach. After two more wins to close out the regular season as the No. 3 seed in Region 2-A AAAA, Risper now has 102 career victories, and his team advanced to the state playoffs for the 10th time in the last 11 seasons.



Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kennedy Chapman, 9th Grade, Central High School.