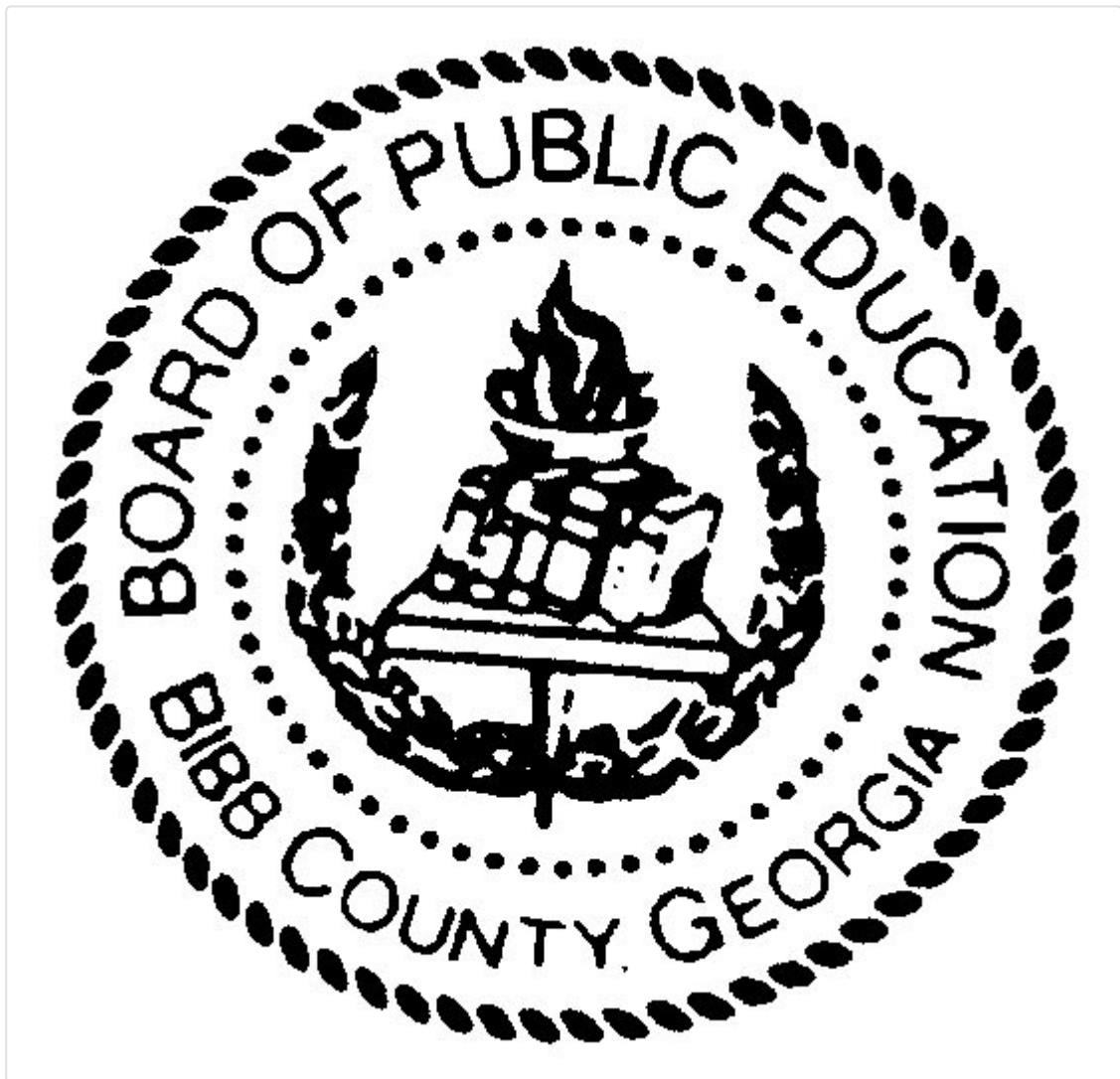


# The Board Brief

May 10, 2021



This edition of The Board Brief is a summary of the information presented and actions taken at the Board of Education Meeting on May 10, 2021.

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## Actions

Administrative Appointments Approved

On Monday, May 10, Board members approved several administrative appointments.

- Melanique Floyd, Director of Professional Learning
- Jason Weiss, Director (Principal) of W.S. Hutchings College and Career Academy
- John Hankinson, Assistant Principal of Howard Middle School

To view all personnel items, [click here](#).

## Information

### **Board Continues FY 2022 Budget Discussions**

On Monday, May 10, Chief Financial Officer Ron Collier presented Board members with a third update of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 General Fund Budget. To view the presentation, [click here](#).

### **District Presents Budget Update on American Rescue Plan Funds**

Assistant Superintendent of District Effectiveness and Federal Programs Dr. Lori Rodgers presented Board members with a budget update for American Rescue Plan funds the District will receive to support student learning loss. The District has been allotted \$100,300,137 in American Rescue Plan funds. To view the presentation, [click here](#).

Local Education Agencies (LEAs) must reserve not less than 20 percent of funds to address learning loss through the implementation of evidence-based interventions and respond to students' academic, social, and emotional needs and address the disproportionate impact of the coronavirus on the student subgroups. Examples include summer learning, summer enrichment, extended day, comprehensive afterschool programs, and extended school year programs. LEAs also must take into consideration the following guiding questions from the Georgia Department of Education when budgeting funds:

- Will the proposed use of funds "prevent, prepare for, and respond to Coronavirus?"
- Is it an allowable use of funds under Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds?
- Is it reasonable and necessary?
- Does it promote equity?
- Does it support returning students to the classroom?

Schools followed the Continuous Improvement Process, which included a thorough needs assessment module, to identify specific needs and goals for funding. Each school was allotted \$1,000,000 and directed to identify best practices and resources needed to support the acceleration of learning for students. As part of the process, schools were required to complete a budget template and justification of expenses.

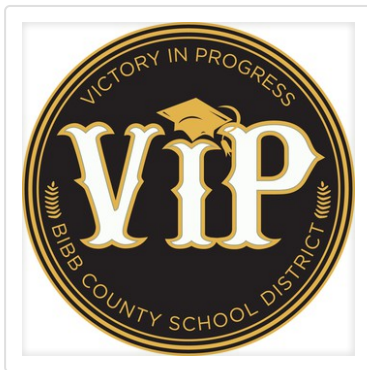
Additionally, the District sought feedback from stakeholders through three open-response surveys that were open for one week. The District received more than 950 responses through these surveys. One survey question asked for feedback about block schedules at the high school level. While the feedback was primarily in favor of block schedules, the District has made the decision to hold off on this possibility for the 2021-2022 school year in order to

to move forward with this option. Another survey question asked for feedback about middle school and high school start times. This option is still under review. The third survey question was a general question about how funds could best be used to accelerate student learning.

To review the requests and plans for American Rescue Plan funds, [click here](#).

### **Board to Hold Public Hearing on American Rescue Plan Funds**

The Bibb County Board of Education will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, May 12, at 5 p.m. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive comments from Macon-Bibb County residents regarding the use of American Rescue Plan funds. The Public Hearing will begin with a presentation on the District's plans for American Rescue Plan funds. The session will be held at the Professional Learning Center, Martin-Whitley Educational Complex, 2003 Riverside Drive, Macon. Room capacity will be limited due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The rules for public comment may be found under Board Policy BCBI. To review the policy, [click here](#).



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