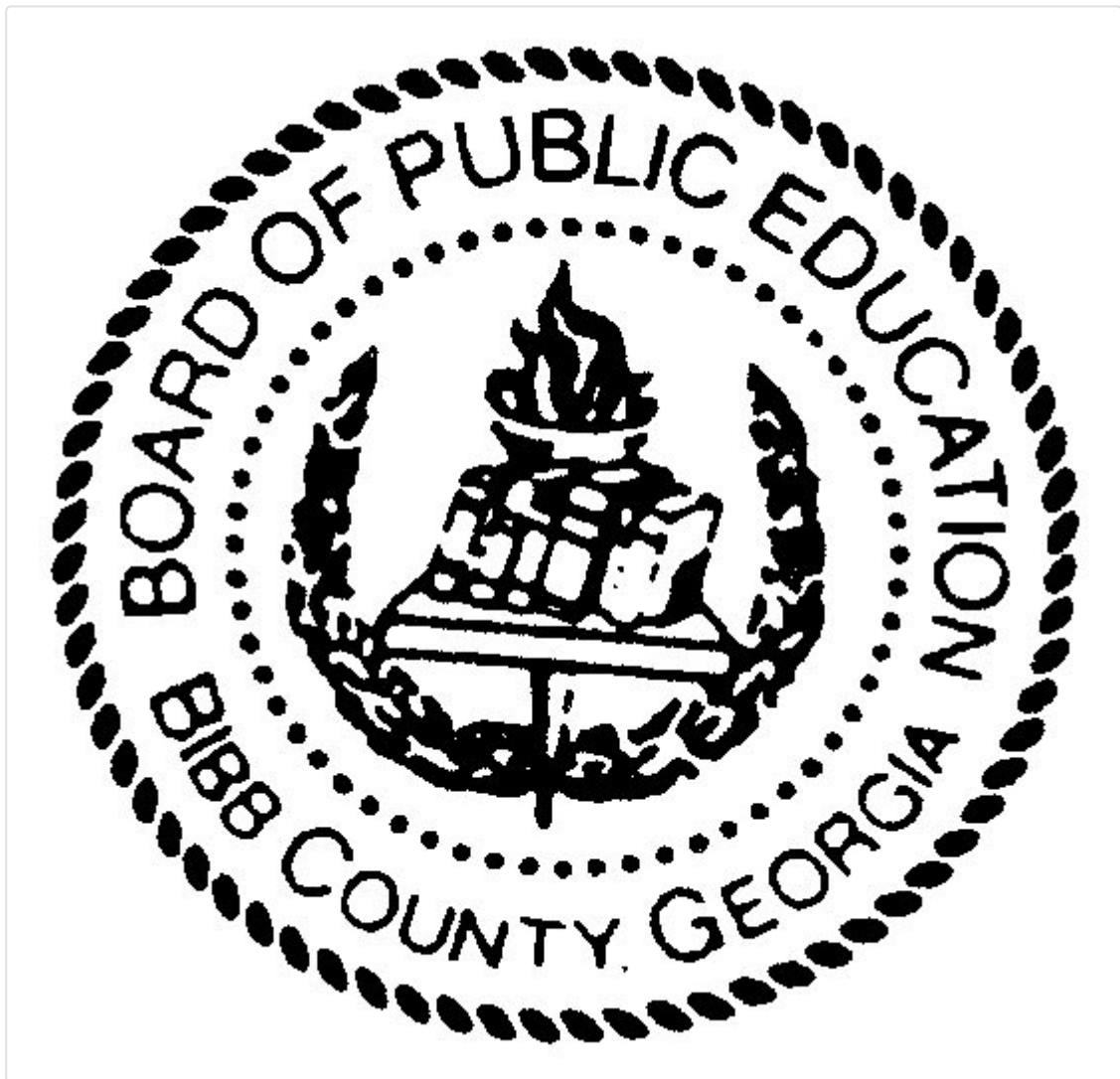


The Board Brief

May 20, 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 20, 2021.

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Actions

Administrators Appointed, Other Personnel Items Approved

On Thursday, May 20, Board members approved various personnel items, including the following administrative appointments:

- Eric Bush, Executive Director of Accounting
- Tilwanja Lucas, Director of School Nutrition
- Sally Moody, Appling Middle School Principal
- Marlon Temprow, Appling Middle School Assistant Principal
- Kimberly Henson, Miller Magnet Middle School Assistant Principal

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

Board Approves American Rescue Plan Budget

On Thursday, May 20, Board members voted to approve the District's American Rescue Plan Budget. On March 11, 2021, President Joseph Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 into law and the District was allocated \$100,300,137 in funding. The American Rescue Plan provides education funding to state education agencies and local education agencies to support schools as they are dealing with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information and to view how the funds will be utilized, [click here](#).

Board Approves District Education Foundation

On Thursday, May 20, Board members approved the Bibb County School District Education Foundation. An education foundation is a 501(c)(3) corporation established to enhance education opportunities for students and staff within a school district. School districts have started education foundations to engage the community in the process of improving local schools by providing a wide array of programs to meet the diverse needs of the students and the community. Education foundations also appeal to the broader community and businesses for district-wide efforts, such as those listed below:

- Encourages excellence by recognizing and rewarding leader and teacher effectiveness.
- Facilitates student development by attaining public and private resources to complement educational initiatives.
- Cultivates and encourages community partnerships and fosters the development of alumni relations.

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

Board Adopts Surplus and Sale Resolution of Brookdale Elementary School

On Thursday, May 20, the Board voted to adopt the resolution for the surplus and sale of the former Brookdale Elementary School, located at 3600 Brookdale Avenue, Macon GA. Per board policy DFN, the property is determined to be surplus and no longer needed for a school purpose. Brookdale Elementary was closed May 2020 and students were transferred to the new John R. Lewis Elementary. Beginning January 2021, the building has been used by the Macon-Bibb County Government as a warming center to provide emergency relief to citizens of Macon-Bibb County from extreme weather conditions. The Board approved the property sales agreement at the April 15, 2021 Board meeting. For more information, [click here](#).

Board Approves Renewal of Renaissance Star 360

On Thursday, May 20, Board members authorized the District to issue a purchase order for the renewal of Renaissance Star 360 for the 2021-2022 school year. Renaissance Star 360 is a comprehensive Pre-K through grade 12 assessment solution used to measure students' achievement and growth, as well as to identify students' instructional needs. This system of assessments informs data-based decisions and supports instructional frameworks such as Response to Intervention (RtI). For more information, [click here](#).

Board OKs Renewal of National SAM Innovation Project

On Thursday, May 20, Board members approved the renewal of the National School Administration Manager (SAM) Innovation Project. The National SAM Innovation Project is a professional development process using a unique set of tools to change a principal's focus from school management tasks to instructional leadership – activities directly connected to improving teaching and learning. The SAM Project helps principals use data to reflect on their practice and develop a plan to reframe their roles. As a result, principals become more effective leaders and improve student achievement. For more information, [click here](#).

Board Authorizes Fiscal Agent Assurances for GNETS

Every year, the Bibb County School District must enter into an agreement with the Georgia Department of Education to serve as the Georgia Network for Educational Therapeutic Supports (GNETS) Fiscal Agent for the program housed at Elam Alexander Academy. On Thursday, May 20, the Board authorized the Superintendent to sign the agreement with the Georgia Department of Education for the GNETS Program. For more information, [click here](#).

Board Approves Supplemental Retirement Plan Single Vendor and Auto-Enrollment

On Thursday, May 20, Board members voted to approve a supplemental retirement vendor and auto-enrollment process. In an effort to help District employees achieve a better retirement outcome, the Human Resources/Benefits Department recommended an enhancement to the District's current supplemental retirement plan. This enhancement consists of automatic enrollment to a mutual fund platform through AIG (VALIC) for new and current employees and would be fully implemented by January 1, 2022. District employees are currently offered an annuity platform through Equitable (AXA) and AIG (VALIC). Employees currently enrolled in a program through Equitable (AXA) will have the opportunity to remain with Equitable (AXA). More information will be shared with employees as part of the implementation process. For more information, [click here](#).

Board Approves Renewal of Infinite Campus

On Thursday, May 20, Board members approved the renewal of Infinite Campus, the District's student information system for 2021-2022. The District has used Infinite Campus for the past 14 years. Infinite Campus (IC) is a secure online, cloud-based tool used by school and district leaders to collect, manage and report all student information to include teacher gradebooks and state-mandated student reports. Additionally, IC provides both parents and students with a portal to view student grades and data in "real time." For more information, [click here](#).

Board Authorizes Various Operational Expenditures

On Thursday, May 20, Board members approved various operational expenditures:

- Fuel purchase from Ferrellgas, which would provide propane fuel for District-owned school buses for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022.
- Business Insurance from GSBA Risk Management Fund, a business insurance provider for the District's auto liability, property, and general liability insurance coverages for the policy period July 1, 2021 to July 1, 2022.
- Purchase orders to the following companies: Flowers Baking Co. to provide bread products for the School Nutrition Department for FY 22; Borden Dairy to provide milk and dairy products for FY 22; and to ACC Distributors, Chef's Corner Foods, Gordon Food Service, Sutherlands Food Service Inc., and Williams Institutional Foods for additional food and supplies needed for FY 22.
- Large equipment purchases for the School Nutrition Department, to provide necessary equipment to school kitchens and the Central Kitchen in FY 22.

For more information on the aforementioned operational expenditures, [click here](#).

Board Reviews Policies

Board members reviewed various policies for first or second reading on May 20, 2021. Policies must be read twice before they may be voted on for final action. To review the policies, [click here](#).

- PR-1 Revision of Policy ICC – Curriculum Research (ACTION – Second Reading)
- PR-2 Revision of Policy IDB – Health Education (ACTION – Second Reading)
- PR-3 Revision of Policy IDBA – Sex Education (ACTION – Second Reading)
- PR-4 Revision of Policy IDDD – Gifted Student Programs (ACTION – Second Reading)
- PR-5 Revision of Policy IDDG – Language Assistance (ACTION – Second Reading)
- PR-6 Revision of Policy IHA – Grading Systems (ACTION – Second Reading)
- PR-7 Revision of Policy BBC – Board Committees (INFORMATION – First Reading)
- PR-8 New Policy BBF – Advisory Committees (INFORMATION – First Reading)
- PR-9 New Policy DO – School Properties Disposal Procedures (INFORMATION – First Reading)
- PR-10 Rescission of Policy DFM – Equipment and Supplies Sales (INFORMATION – First Reading)
- PR-11 Revision of Policy GAM – Staff Rights and Responsibilities (INFORMATION – First Reading)
- PR-12 Revision of Policy GAMA – Drug-Free Workplace (INFORMATION – First Reading)
- PR-13 Revision of Policy GAMB – Possession of Weapons by Employees (INFORMATION – First Reading)
- PR-14 Revision of Policy GAN – Employee Tobacco Use (INFORMATION – First Reading)
- PR-15 Revision of Policy GCRA(1) – Drug Screening of Bus Drivers (INFORMATION – First Reading)
- PR-16 New Policy GBIA – Teacher Evaluation (INFORMATION – First Reading)

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 Reviews Virtual Learning Plan for K-3 Students

On Thursday, May 20, Board members were provided with a presentation regarding the Virtual Learning Plan for Kindergarten through third (K-3) grade students. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the District has developed a plan to implement a virtual learning option as needed for those grade levels. Parents of rising K-3 students who are currently in remote learning option status will be surveyed. Parents who indicate they prefer their child to remain in a virtual learning environment for the 2021-2022 may be approved through the District on a case-by-case basis.

Students in grades 4-12 had the opportunity to apply online to participate in the District's VIP Academy for a virtual learning setting in 2021-2022. For more information, [click here](#).

Board Reviews Monthly Financial Report

On Thursday, May 20, Board members reviewed the District's monthly financial report. For more information, [click here](#).

Board Receives Presentation from Capital Improvement Program

On Thursday, May 20, Board members received a presentation in regards to the 2011 and 2016 Capital Improvement Program, including information on expenditures and encumbrances. For more information, [click here](#).

Board Reviews Investments, Investment Income and Bonds Report

On Thursday, May 20, 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

GaDoE Division for Special Education Services and Supports – Award of Excellence

Haggith Randall, Rutland High School

College and Career Academy Student of the Year

Daylen Lomeli, Westside High School / Hutchings College and Career Academy

CTAE 2021 Students of the Year

Trinity Smith-Ray, Central High School

Camille Tolbert, Howard High School

Daylen Lomeli, Hutchings College and Career Academy

Ny'Arie Langston, Northeast High School

Sabrina Rutledge, Rutland High School

Jasmine Martin, Southwest High School

Treshone Pearson, Westside High School

Optimist Club Oratorical Competition

Jontat Thorpe, Northeast High School, 2nd Place
Niklas Odette, Howard High School, 3rd Place
Austin Martin, Northeast High School, 4th Place

2021 Georgia Scholars

Skylar Poole, Central High School
Eunice Chon, Howard High School
Kennedy Randall, Northeast High School
Monique Christian, Rutland High School
Jenny Pyon, Rutland High School
Piper Riser, Rutland High School
Julianna Sales, Rutland High School
Jasmine Martin, Southwest High School

Macon-Bibb Commission & Keep Macon Beautiful – “Clean Street Matters” Competition Winners

Art Contest Winners

Mariya Campbell, 1st grade, Vineville Academy of the Arts 1st Place
Merrill Long, 5th grade, Springdale Elementary School 1st Place

Essay Contest Winners

Adrienne Diggins, 7th grade, Miller Magnet Middle School 1st Place
Jayden Wright, 10th grade, Rutland High School 1st Place

2020-2021 Partner of the Year for Georgia Safe Routes to School for the East Central Region

Springdale Elementary School

2021 Bibb County School District STAR Students

Central High School – TIE* Chetachi Onungwa – STAR Student, Dr. Luciana Green – STAR Teacher; Alexandra Taylor – STAR Student, Candy Bunn – STAR Teacher

Howard High School Eunice Chon – STAR Student, Amy Brand – STAR Teacher

Northeast High School Kennedy Randall – STAR Student, Jarred Moore – STAR Teacher

Rutland High School Jenny Pyon – STAR Student, Hema Keerthi – STAR Teacher

Southwest High School Xavianna D. Syphrett – STAR Student, Ronald Rodgers – STAR Teacher

Westside High School Raj Patel – STAR Student, Michael Womack – STAR Teacher

Valdosta State University Service and Leader Mentor Award

Dr. LaTonia Butts, Appling Middle School

Georgia Secondary Regional Science Fair Winners – GSEF Invitees

Oliver Jennings, Emma Tillery, Miller Fine Arts Magnet School

Rebekah Hutto, Londyn Rodgers, Howard Middle School

Tabitha Cantrell, Howard High School

(these students will be moving on to State Competition)

Best in Show (Top Project in Middle School) – Londyn Rodgers, Howard Middle School

Best of Class (Top Project for Grade Level) - Londyn Rodgers, 6th grade, Howard Middle School

Oliver Jennings, 7th grade, Miller Fine Arts Middle School

Tabitha Cantrell, 11th grade, Howard High School

1st Place Awards – Rebekah Hutto, Londyn Rodgers, Howard Middle School

Emma Tillery, Oliver Jennings, Miller Fine Arts Magnet School

Tabitha Cantrell, Howard High School

Broadcom MASTERS (Math, Applied Science, Technology, and Engineering for Rising Stars—

Top 10% of Middle School Projects) – Rebekah Hutto, Londyn Rodgers, Howard Middle School

Oliver Jennings, Emma Tillery, Miller Fine Arts Magnet Middle School

American Meteorological Society Award (Top High School Atmospheric Sciences Project) –

Tabitha Cantrell, Howard High School

American Psychological Association Award (Outstanding Research in Behavioral Sciences) –

Londyn Rodgers, Howard Middle School

Lemelson Early Inventor Prize (Awarded for the Most Outstanding Middle School Inventor) –

Ryan Rodgers, Howard Middle School

Office of Naval Research Award (Awarded for Outstanding Research) – Rebekah Hutto, Londyn

Rodgers, Howard Middle School

US Metric Association SI Award (Outstanding Project Using Metric Units in Data Analysis) –

Emma Tillery, Miller Fine Arts Magnet Middle School.

Georgia State Science Fair – Secondary

Londyn Rodgers, Howard Middle School 4th Place Honors

Emily Tillery, Miller Fine Arts Magnet Middle School 4th Place Honors

Georgia Elementary State Science Fair 1st Place Winners

Bre'Zyeh Carlisle, Vineville Academy of the Arts

Madison Jameson, Ashlynn Poarch, Angelina Wang, Madisyn Yarbrough, Springdale

Elementary School

Anthony Horton, Heritage Elementary School

Best of Chemical and Materials Science – Ashlynn Poarch, Springdale Elementary School

Watch the recognition video from tonight's Board meeting below:

