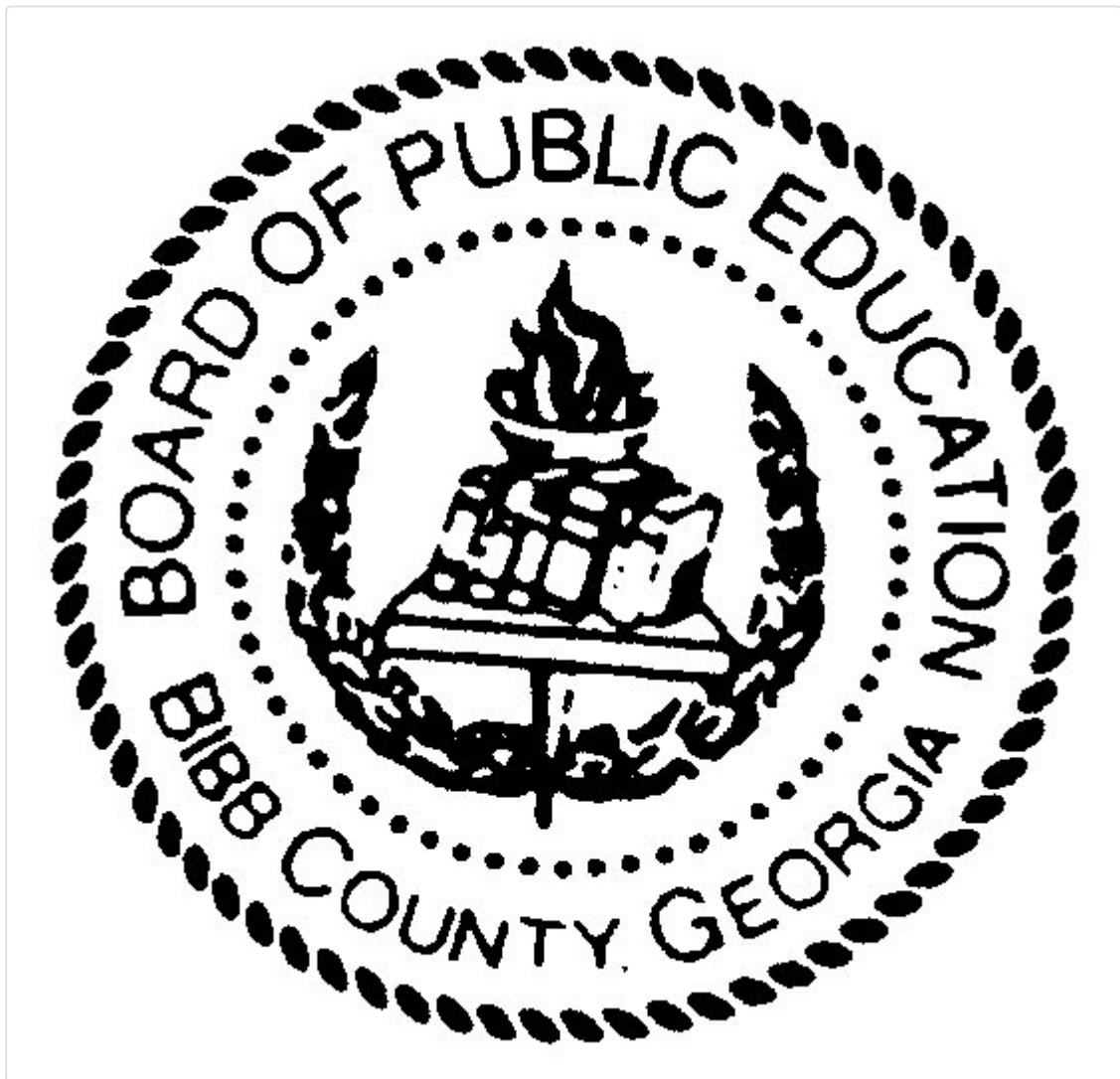


The Board Brief

July 15, 2021



This edition of The Board Brief is a summary of the actions taken at the Board of Education Meeting on July 15, 2021.

Actions

[Board Approves Administrative Appointment, Personnel Items](#)

On Thursday, July 15, Board members approved various personnel items, including the appointment of Dr. Nancy Forde as Executive Director of Supplemental Services.

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

Board Approves Step Up to Writing Curriculum Purchase

On Thursday, July 15, Board members approved the purchase of the Step Up to Writing Curriculum. The program, for kindergarten to fifth grade students, will teach all facets of writing to students by breaking down each aspect into smaller steps. Teachers will be able to use step-by-step instructions for lessons, professional development videos, progress-monitoring suggestions, writing prompts, scoring guides and other tools to enhance their writing instruction in the classroom. For more information, [click here](#).

Board Renews Edgenuity Contract for High Schools, Adds VIP Academy

On Thursday, July 15, Board members approved a contract with Edgenuity to renew services with the District's high schools as well as to provide services to the VIP Academy. Edgenuity's courseware curriculum is grounded in research and aligned to the Georgia Standards of Excellence and national standards. Courses combine direct-instruction videos featuring expert, on-screen teachers with rigorous assignments, performance tasks, and assessments to engage students and ensure subject-area mastery.

For high school students, Edgenuity's credit recovery courses are designed to help all learners achieve their full potential and graduate on time with their peers. These courses allow students to learn the material they need to know to move to the next grade level, while still receiving a high-quality education that prepares them for life beyond high school. For more information, [click here](#).

Board Authorizes Community Schools and Tutoring Expansion with United Way

On Thursday, July 15, Board members authorized the District to use American Rescue Plan funds to expand the Community Schools program as well as to expand the literacy focused tutoring programs through the United Way of Central Georgia (UWCG). All of UWCG's programs are research and evidence-based, as well as in alignment with the District's strategic priority goals of improving on grade-level reading and increasing graduation rates. The District and UWCG have a strong partnership that involves the implementation of the Read United school-based tutorial programs in 12 elementary schools.

Additionally, after a successful implementation of the Community Schools program at L.H. Williams Elementary School, UWCG will expand the services to Burdell-Hunt Magnet Elementary School. A community school is both a place and a set of partnerships between the school and other community resources. Its integrated focus on academics, health and social services, youth and community development and community engagement leads to improved student learning, stronger families, and healthier communities. Using public schools as hubs, community schools bring together many partners to offer a range of supports and opportunities to children, youth, families, and communities. For more information, [click here](#).

Board OKs Digital Learning Initiative Training

On Thursday, July 15, Board members approved the continuation of personalized learning professional development as well as the addition of sustainability training with Education Elements. In 2018, the District began preparing for the Technology 1:1 Initiative in which every student is provided with a device to further personalized learning. Since that time, the District has been providing personalized learning professional development for a successful teacher/student experience. Based on the Board's approval, the final cohort of eight schools will begin their professional development phase in August.

There also will be a detailed sustainability plan created for all schools in the District, and the Teaching and Learning Department will be trained to support and implement these efforts. Personalized learning improves student engagement and achievement, develops students to be lifelong learners and better prepares them for college and careers. For more information, [click here](#).

Board Authorizes Agreement with Middle Georgia Regional Library

On Thursday, July 15, Board members approved a Memorandum of Agreement with the Middle Georgia Regional Library (MGRL) to participate in the PINES Library Access for Youth (PLAY) Card program. The PLAY Card is a virtual card that gives students free access to public library materials, activities, and online resources to help them succeed in school. The PLAY Card program is a way for District students to access the many resources and opportunities provided by the Middle Georgia Regional Libraries with greater ease.

Highlights of the PLAY Card program include:

- No cost to participate for the BCSD, students, or their families.
- No physical card is required; students sign in using their school ID.
- All students are offered the option to participate, parents/guardians may choose to opt out.
- No late fees for overdue materials (fees only apply to damaged or lost items).
- Students will have access to unique programs available virtually and in person 2.
- Students will have free access to online resources such as Mango (Language Skills practice), Learning Express (SAT, PSAT, and ACT practice), and Tutor.com (homework help and test preparation).
- Students can access computers and free wireless Internet when at the library.
- Students can check out family passes to the Atlanta Zoo, Georgia State Parks, Historic Sites, and more.
- Students who already have a traditional PINES card (regular late fees will apply) can still have a virtual PLAY Card (no late fees will apply).

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

Board Approves Expansion of CIS Model of Wrap-Around Student Services

On Thursday, July 15, Board members approved the expansion of the model of integrated (wrap-around) student services contract with Communities in Schools (CIS) of Central Georgia for schools identified as School Improvement Schools and for SOAR Academy. CIS employs a wrap-around student support model to produce positive outcomes for at-risk youth and schools and currently operates in the Southwest zone. The CIS model pairs the provision of

widely accessible prevention services and resources that are available to entire school populations with coordinated, targeted and sustained intervention services and resources for the subset of students who are most at risk of dropping out of school. For more information, [click here](#).

Board OKs Tyler Drive Technology Contract

On Thursday, July 15, Board members authorized the addition of technology devices to District-owned school buses that are designed to provide actual student ridership information, turn-by-turn navigation, pre- and post-trip school bus safety inspections, and employee time and attendance capabilities. For more information, [click here](#).

Board Authorizes Operational Expenditures

On Thursday, July 15, Board members approved the following operational expenditures:

- Purchase orders on an as-needed basis for the purchase of chemical and paper products for Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) for school nutrition.
- Commodity processing bids with multiple vendors for school nutrition for FY22.

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

Board Reviews Policies

Board members reviewed various policies for first or second reading on July 15, 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 IDDF – Special Education Programs (ACTION – Second Reading)
- PR-2 Rescission of Policy JH – Student Activities (ACTION – Second Reading)
- PR-3 Revision of Policy JHC – Student Organizations (ACTION – Second Reading)
- PR-4 Rescission of Policy JM – Contests for Students (ACTION – Second Reading)
- PR-5 Rescission of Policy JN – Awards and Scholarships (ACTION – Second Reading)
- PR-6 Revision of Policy GARH – Employee Leaves and Absences (ACTION – Second Reading)
- PR-7 Revision of Policy EBB – Safety (INFORMATION – First Reading)
- PR-8 Revision of Policy EBC – Security (INFORMATION – First Reading)
- PR-9 Rescission of Policy EBCA – Vandalism Protection (INFORMATION – First Reading)
- PR-10 Revision of Policy IDE(3) – Competitive Interscholastic Activities, Grades 6-12 (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

On Thursday, July 15, Board members received a presentation detailing the success of the District's STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) Olympics, which served as the District's engaging summer school program. Through the efforts of both students and staff, academic growth was shown in alignment with the District's strategic initiatives. Surveys also were completed by students, staff and parents, which showed a positive learning and teaching experience. To view the presentation, [click here](#).

District Preps for 2021-2022 with Leadership Symposium

On Thursday, July 15, Board members reviewed a presentation regarding the 2021 Leadership Symposium. The theme of this year's symposium was "Tier 1 Strong!" which strives to ensure that students are provided with a solid core instructional program and quality support services. District leaders, principals and directors participated in the symposium. For more information, [click here](#).

Board Reviews Monthly Financial Report

On Thursday, July 15, Board members reviewed the District's monthly financial report. For more information, [click here](#).

Board Receives Presentation from Capital Improvement Program

On Thursday, July 15, 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, July 15, 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](#).

Board Reviews American Rescue Plan Budget Update

On Thursday, July 15, Board members received an update on the District's American Rescue Plan budget. For more information, [click here](#).

Highlights and Recognition

Construction Companies Honored for District Projects

Two District construction projects resulted in state awards for local companies, and the board recognized those companies. Sheridan Construction Co. and Stafford Builders & Consultants, Inc., collaborated to build the new Appling Middle School, and for that project, they received a first place award from Associated General Contractors of Georgia. Parrish Construction Co. helped build John R. Lewis Elementary School, and for that project, the company received a merit award from Associated General Contractors of Georgia.



Sheridan Construction Co. and Stafford Builders & Consultants, Inc.



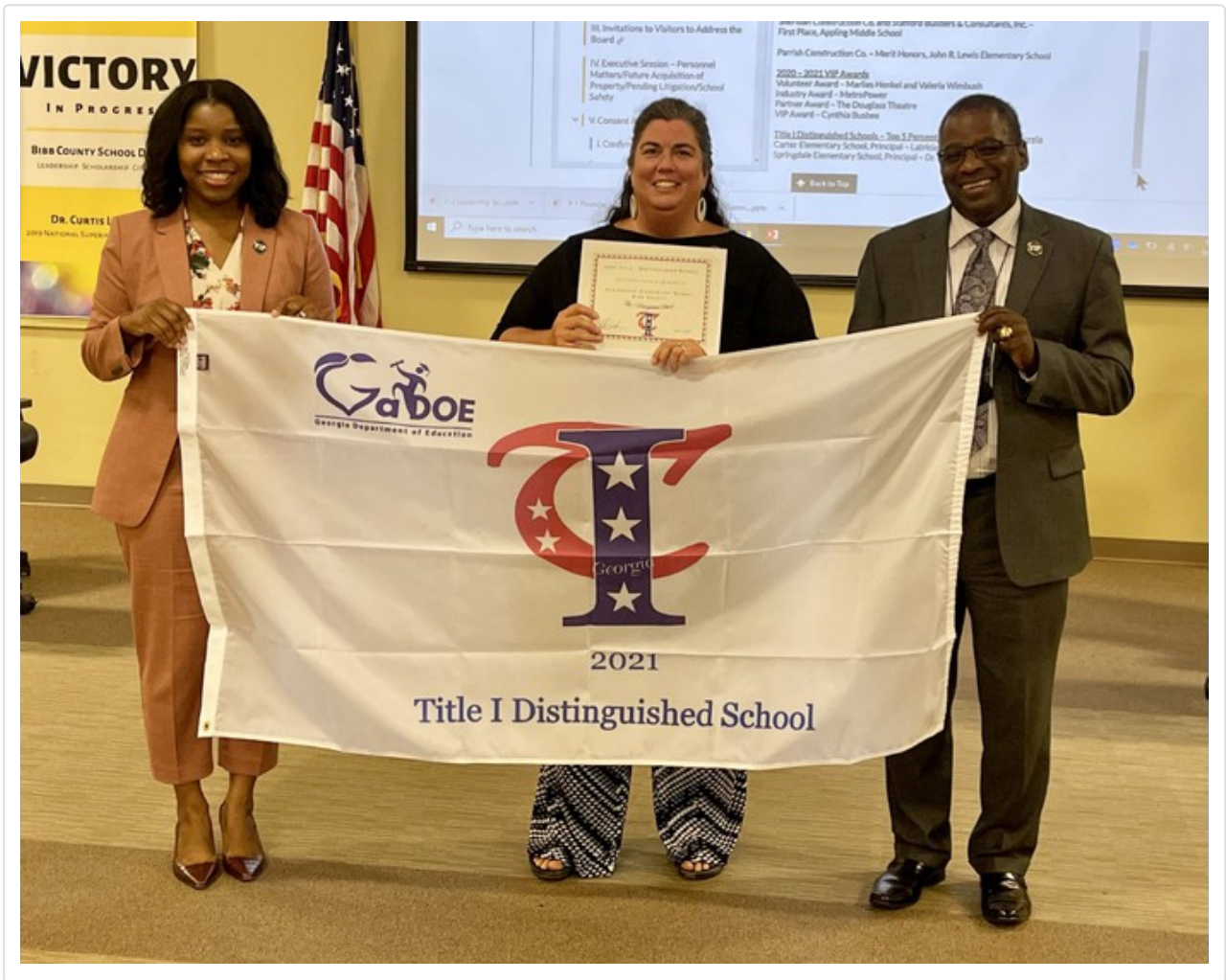
Parrish Construction Company

Two Elementary Schools Named Title I Distinguished Schools

Two District schools were recognized for being Title I Distinguished Schools for scoring in the top 5 percent of the state in the most recent College and Career Ready Performance Index results. These schools, Sonny Carter Elementary School and Springdale Elementary School, will also be in consideration for state and national awards.



Sonny Carter Elementary School



Springdale Elementary School

Partners Honored With VIP Awards

Each year, the District recognizes community partners for their efforts in our schools with VIP Awards. These awards are meant to honor the businesses, groups and individuals that show dedication to our students and schools throughout the school year. The following individuals and groups were honored:

- Marlies Henkel and Valeria Wimbush, VIP Volunteer Award
- Metro Power, VIP Industry Award
- The Douglass Theatre, VIP Partnership Award
- Cynthia Busbee, Superintendent's VIP Award



Marlies Henkel, VIP Volunteer Award



Metro Power, VIP Industry Award



The Douglass Theatre, VIP Partnership Award

Please watch the video below for the 2021 VIP Awards:

Bibb County School District VIP Awards 2021



