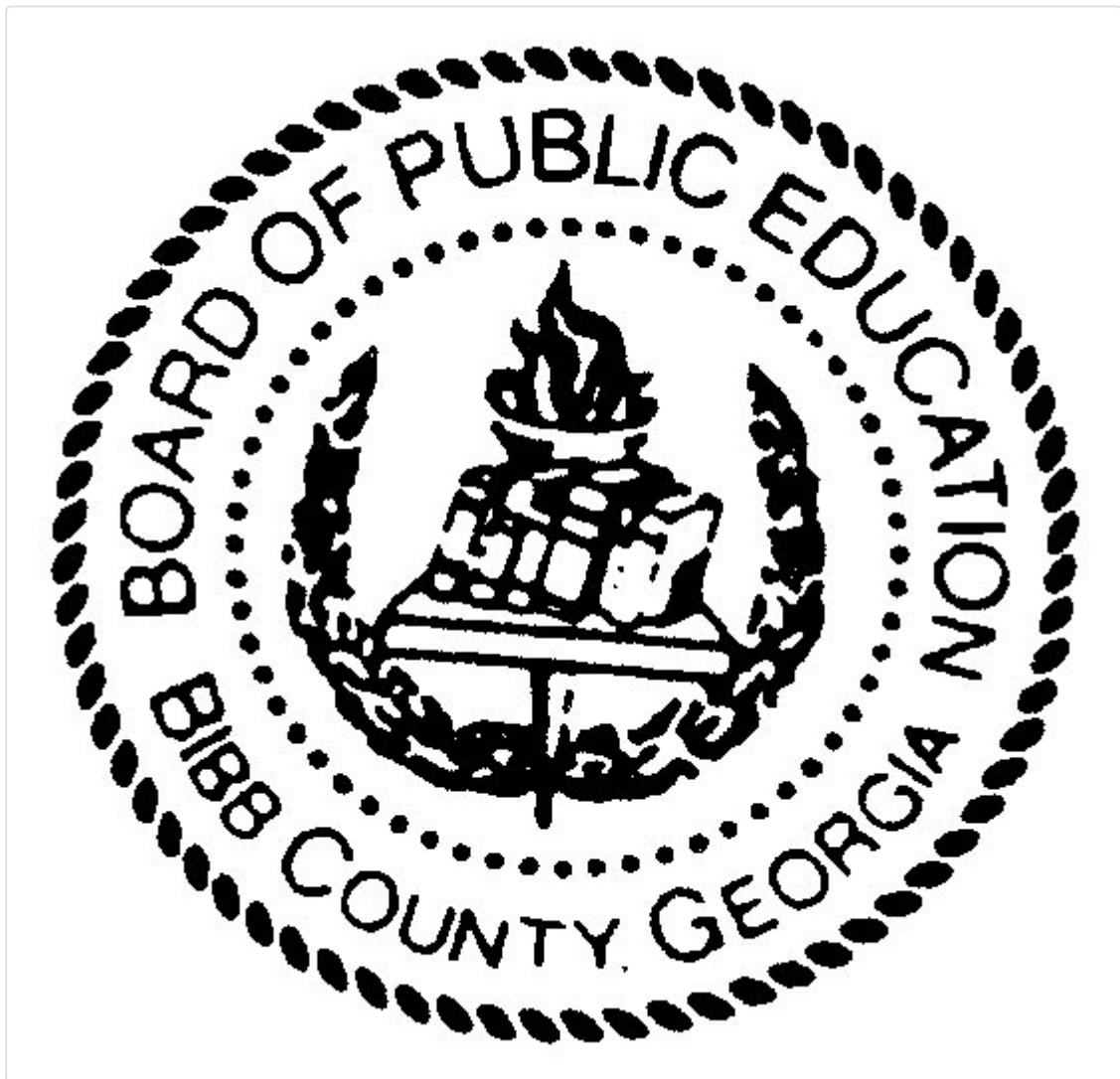


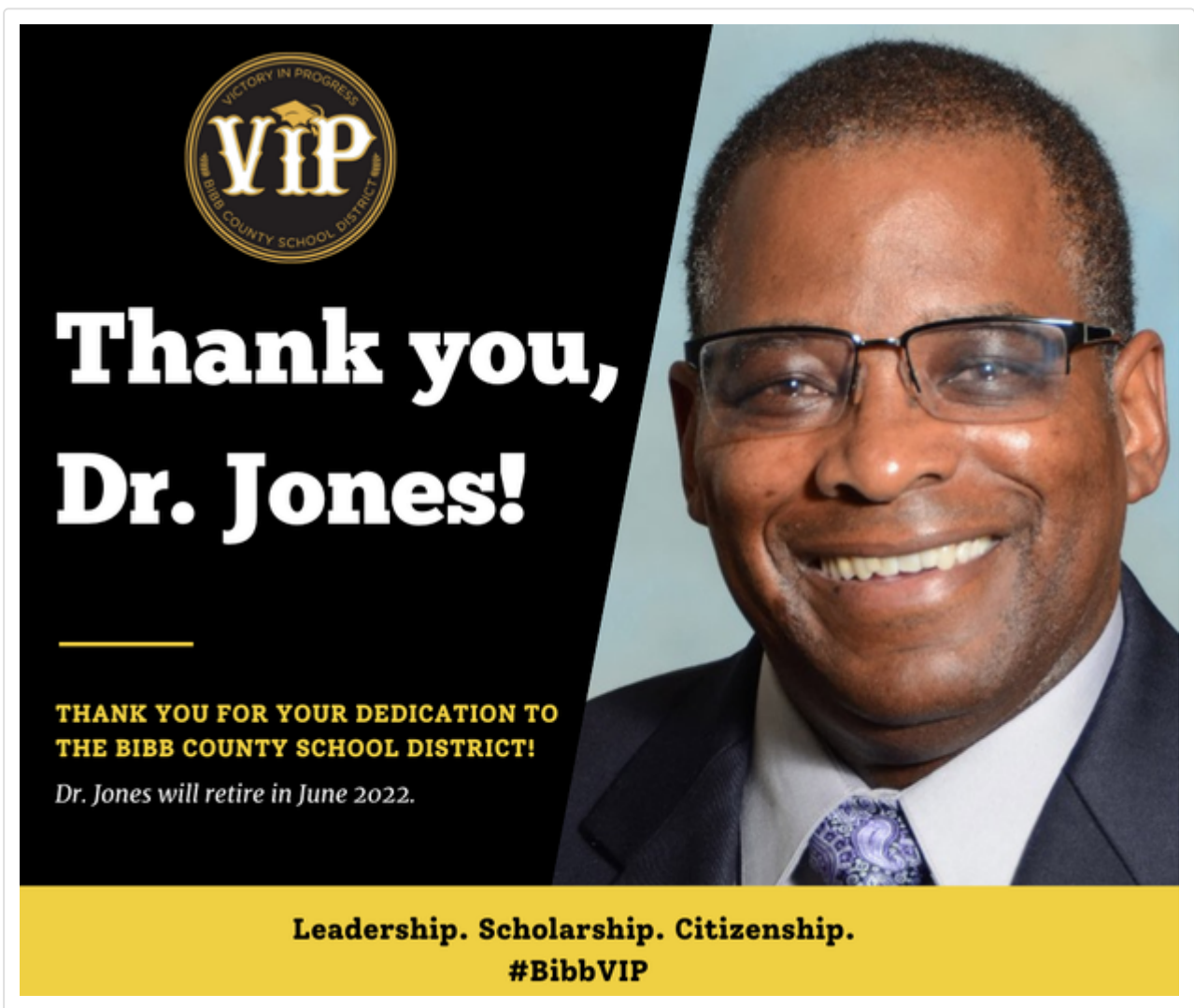
The Board Brief

September 16, 2021



This edition of The Board Brief is a summary of the information presented and actions taken at the Board of Education Meeting on September 16, 2021.

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Actions

Dr. Curtis Jones, 2019 National Superintendent of the Year, Set to Retire

During the monthly Bibb County Board of Education meeting on Thursday, September 16, 2021, Bibb County School District Superintendent Dr. Curtis Jones Jr. announced plans to retire at the end of his contract term this school year. He is a National Superintendent of the Year and is well-known throughout the state and country for his leadership on public education matters.

"I am thankful to have had the humbling experience of being your Superintendent in Bibb. The past seven years have been the best years of my professional life, and it is because of you, our employees, students, parents, and community members. I thoroughly enjoyed the work we have done, the achievements we have accomplished and the relationships we have created. In my opinion, Bibb County is one of the best school districts in the state to work. Our teachers, leaders and staff care about students and our community, and I know how dedicated and hardworking our team is. I will miss this community and our VIP team greatly," Dr. Jones said.

"I have had the privilege to serve on the Board during the entire time Dr. Jones has been Superintendent here in Bibb County. Dr. Jones' integrity and leadership has been instrumental in helping our school system achieve great things under the most difficult of circumstances,"

Board President Daryl Morton said. "Dr. Jones' recognition as 2019 National Superintendent of the Year speaks volumes about his ability to bring people together to support our schools and produce meaningful positive results for our children and our community."

To read more, [click here](#).

To read a message to employees, [click here](#).

Board Approves Personnel Items

On Thursday, September 16, Board members approved various personnel items. To view all personnel items, [click here](#).

Board Authorizes Various Operational Expenditures

On Thursday, September 16, Board members approved various operational expenditures:

- A purchase order for audio, video, intercom and EPIC safe alert systems to Audio Enhancement for Elam Alexander and Northwoods Academy.
- A contract with Dunwoody/Beeland Architects Inc. to provide architectural services for renovations at Miller Magnet Middle School, which will be paid for with 2021 ESPLOST (Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax) funds.
- A contract with SP Design Group to provide architectural services for renovations at Union Elementary School, which will be paid for with 2021 ESPLOST funds.
- The purchase of eight new Ford F-250 service vehicles for the Maintenance Department from Riverside Ford in Macon.
- A purchase order to Johnson Control for the replacement and upgrades of interior and exterior security camera systems to provide enhanced safety and security Districtwide.

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

Board Reviews Policies

Board members reviewed various policies for first or second reading on September 16, 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 AEA – School Calendar (ACTION – Second Reading)
- PR-2 Revision of Policy AFC – Emergency Closing and Regulation AFC-R-Emergency Closing (ACTION – Second Reading)
- PR-3 Revision of Policy CD – Line and Staff Relations (ACTION – Second Reading)
- PR-4 Revision of Policy DJC - Payroll Procedures (INFORMATION- First Reading)
- PR-5 Revision of Policy DJCB – Salary Deduction (INFORMATION- First Reading)
- PR-6 Revision of Policy DJD- Travel Reimbursements (INFORMATION- First Reading)
- PR-7 Revision of Policy FGCB & FGCB (1) - Facilities Bid Advertisement and Solicitations (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 COVID-19 Update

On Thursday, September 16, Board members reviewed a presentation about the District's COVID-19 information. Through data visualization, the District is able to see detailed information regarding COVID-19 cases and close contacts for students and staff. Board members also were presented with the number of fully vaccinated staff. About 74 percent of the District's approximately 3,600 employees are fully vaccinated. Another 5 percent are partially vaccinated.

Additionally, the District shared with Board members the intention to provide free COVID-19 testing for students and staff at each school and District office. The Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) and the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) designed the school-based COVID-19 testing program. The Bibb County School District anticipates starting the COVID-19 testing program in October 2021. Parents will be required to complete consent forms in order for students to participate in testing. For more information, [click here](#).

Board Reviews Bibb Accountability Measures

On Thursday, September 16, Board members received a presentation on the District's Bibb Accountability Measures (BAM) initiative to provide stakeholders with a strong representation of what matters most to our District and our community. BAM is a comprehensive set of accountability measures and corresponding data visualizations that help schools tell their story as they engage in the continuous improvement process. For more information, [click here](#).

Board Receives Milestones Scores by School

On Thursday, September 16, Board members reviewed the Georgia Milestones Assessment System (GMAS) scores by school. While tests were administered in 2020-2021, there is an urgent need to understand that the validity of the scores depends on them being interpreted in the context of pandemic schooling. The Georgia Milestones were designed to measure the performance of students in a traditional educational environment, and the 2020-2021 school year was anything but. Rolling quarantines, rising case counts, and shifting instructional models were beyond the control of teachers and students. Districts, the news media, and other stakeholders should exercise caution in making year-to-year comparisons using the state-level data, due to changes in students' learning environments and differences in participation. For more information, [click here](#).

Board Receives Update on Mayor's Literary Alliance

On Thursday, September 16, Board members received an update on the literary alliance initiative set forth by Macon-Bibb County Mayor Lester Miller. At the Joint Bibb County School District and the Bibb County Commissioners meeting held in August, Dr. Wanda West with Central Georgia Technical College presented on formulating a Certified Literate Community Program (CLCP) in Macon-Bibb as the Mayor's Literacy Alliance.

A CLCP is a nonprofit collaborative that raises the visibility of literacy and provides support to local literacy providers and individuals in need of services. The nonprofit collaborative seeks to promote, support and enhance local community literacy efforts. For more information, [click here](#).

Board Receives Update on CDC Eviction Moratorium

On Thursday, September 16, Board members received an update on the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Eviction Moratorium. On August 3, 2021, the CDC issued a new order, which is set to expire October 3, 2021. The District's McKinney-Vento staff was made aware of the total number of possible evictions by a court representative on August 30, 2021. The McKinney-Vento Liaison scheduled a meeting with the School Social Work Coordinator and the District school social workers to provide information on the eviction moratorium and to formulate an action plan to notify families of the updates to the policy. The potential number of families affected by the new moratorium policy is estimated at 375. For more information, [click here](#).

Board Reviews Monthly Financial Report

On Thursday, September 16, Board members reviewed the District's monthly financial report. For more information, [click here](#).

Board Receives Presentation from Capital Improvement Program

On Thursday, September 16, 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](#).

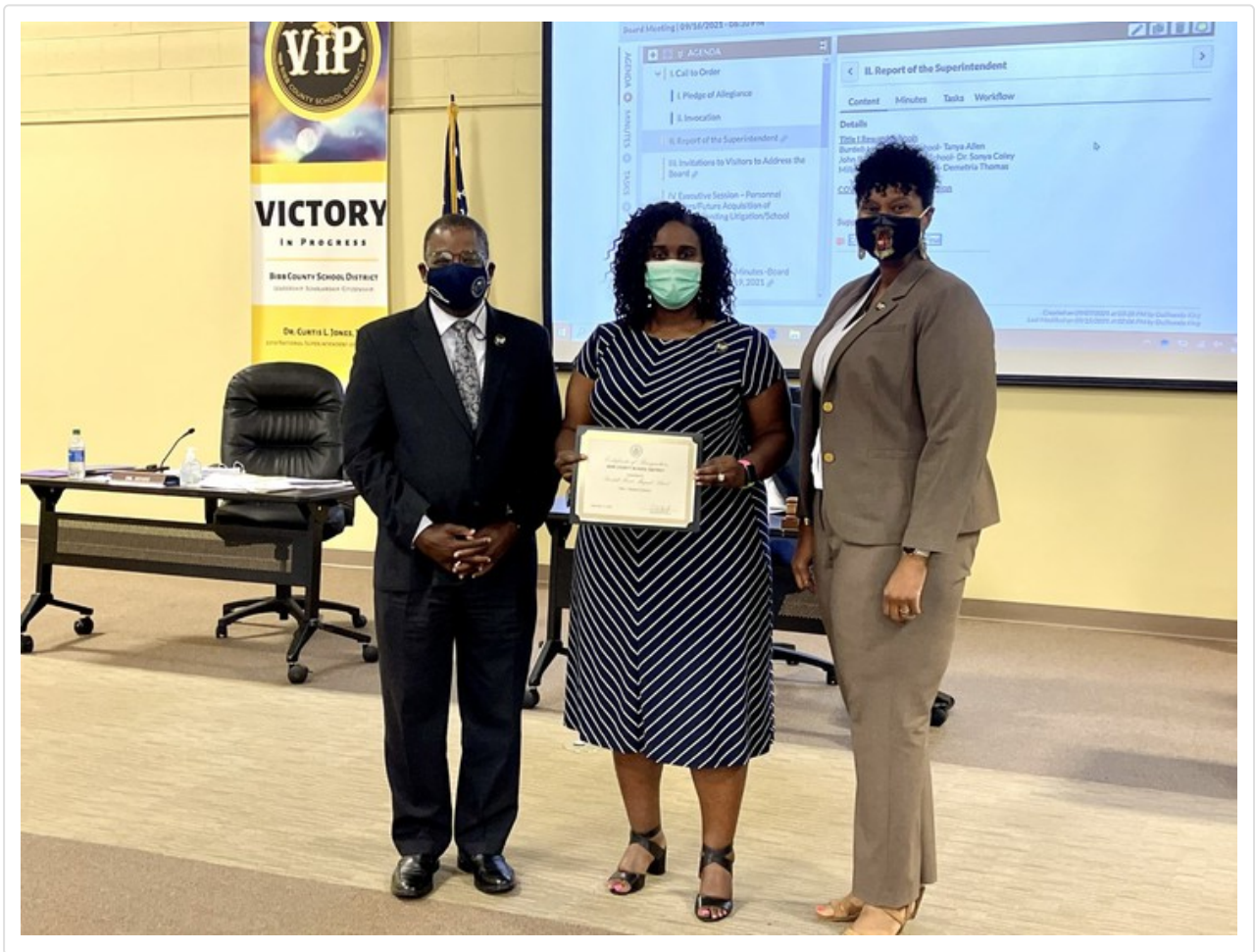
Board Reviews Investments, Investment Income and Bonds Report

On Thursday, September 16, 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

Three Schools Named Title 1 Reward Schools

Each year, Title I schools across the state are recognized for making progress in improving school performance. These Reward Schools are among the top 5 percent in student performance, and 157 schools statewide were chosen this year. Based on two-year data dating back to the 2018-19 school year, the District had three schools chosen for this honor. Burdell-Hunt Magnet School; Brookdale Elementary School, which consolidated with the former Riley Elementary School to become John R. Lewis Elementary School; and Miller Fine Arts Magnet Middle School were selected.



Burdell-Hunt Elementary School



Miller Fine Arts Magnet Middle School



Brookdale Elementary School, which consolidated with the former Riley Elementary School to become John R. Lewis Elementary School