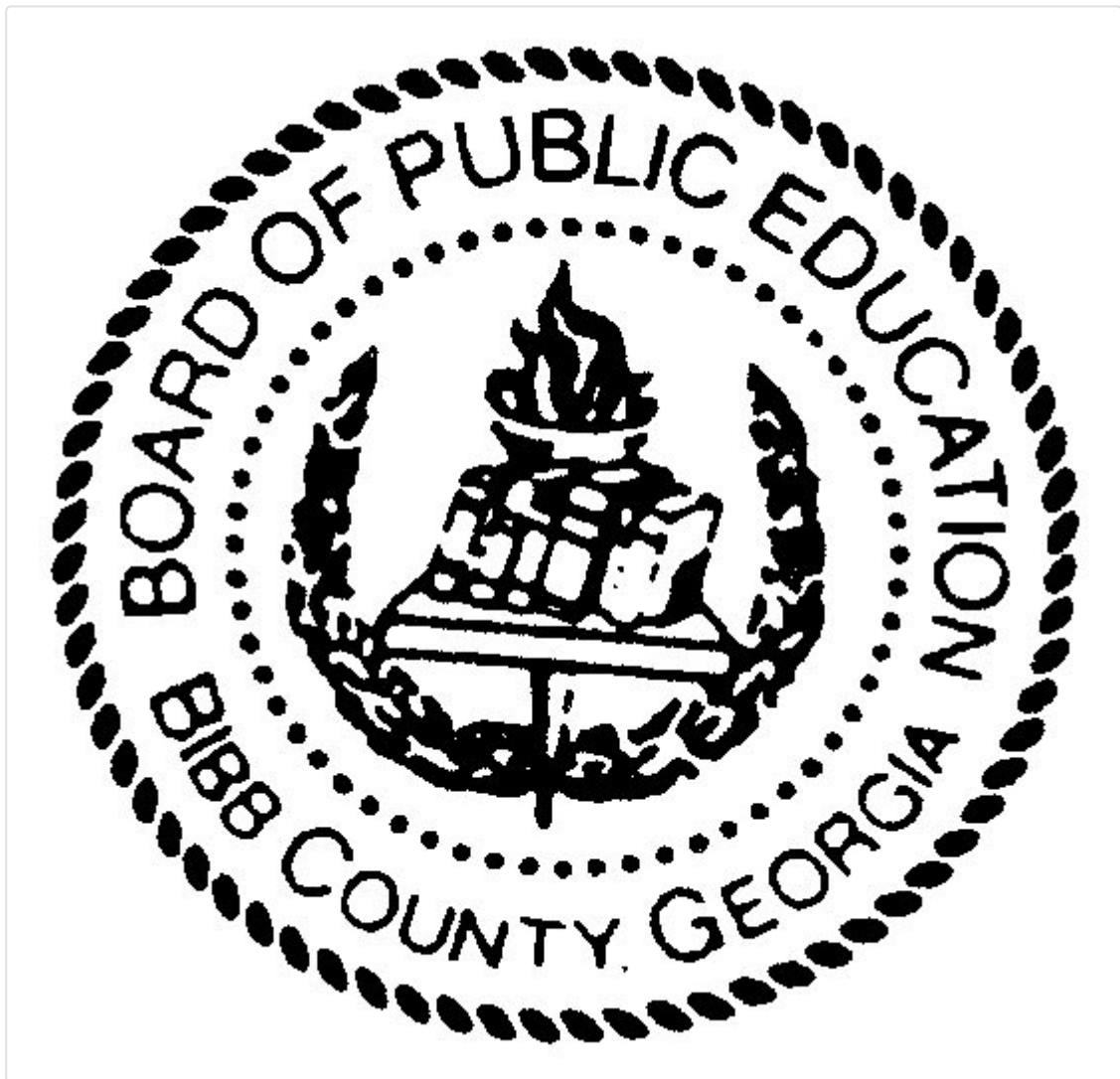


The Board Brief

August 20, 2020



This edition of The Board Brief is a summary of the information presented and actions taken at the Board of Education's Board Meeting on August 20, 2020. The meeting took place via teleconference due to COVID-19.

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Actions

Board Renames Rileydale Elementary in Honor of John R. Lewis

On Thursday, August 20, Board members voted to rename Rileydale Elementary School in honor of the late U.S. Rep. John R. Lewis.

John Robert Lewis passed away in July 2020 after serving in the U.S. House of Representatives for more than three decades, representing Georgia's 5th District. He was a key figure in the Civil Rights Movement, working alongside Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and others during such events as the March on Washington, the Freedom Rides and the historic march in Selma, Alabama.

In November 2019, the Bibb County Board of Education approved a recommendation from the naming committee to name the District's new elementary school Rileydale Elementary. On August 13, 2020, the Bibb County Board of Education reviewed a request from Superintendent Dr. Curtis Jones to reconsider naming Rileydale Elementary School in honor of the late John R. Lewis Elementary School. In favor of the recommendation, the Board sent the request back to the naming committee for consideration.

The naming committee met recently, and members were in favor of renaming the school after John R. Lewis but requested community input be included in the final decision. A survey seeking public input was shared with Rileydale Elementary School family members and teachers and staff. A total of 809 stakeholders participated in the survey, with 658 voting in favor of the name change.

The school's new name will be John R. Lewis Elementary School. The school was built with funding from the 2016 Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (ESPLOST), a one percent sales tax approved by voters. For more information, [click here](#).

Board Approves Sale of Properties

On Thursday, August 20, Board members authorized the sale of two properties. Property at 914 Holt Avenue was sold for \$15,000 and property at 294 Clisby Place was sold for \$5,000. For more information, [click here](#).

Board Approves CTAE Funding Allocations for 2020-2021

On Thursday, August 20, Board members authorized the District's Career, Technical, Agriculture Education (CTAE) Department to receive \$814,138 in federal grants. In accordance with the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006, each eligible local school system shall submit an Annual Local Plan/Application for Career and Technical Education (State Board Rule 160-4-3-.02). Grant funds must be spent for local programs in compliance with the Perkins Act, State Plan, State Rules and Local Plan Guidelines. Each eligible recipient (local school system) must use federal funds to improve Career and Technical Educational Programs. For more information, [click here](#).

Board Approves Munis Financial Software Expense

On Thursday, August 20, Board members voted to approve the continuation of service for Munis, the District's financial software application from Tyler Technologies. The funding will be sourced from the 2016 Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (ESPLOST), a

one percent sales tax approved by voters. and will provide the Munis financial software application for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021. For more information, [click here](#).

Board OKs District Refresh, Upgrade of Audio/Video/EPIC Intercom System

On Thursday, August 20, Board members voted to upgrade the audio/video/intercom and safe alert systems in 32 schools. This upgrade will bring all of the schools to the same system that has been installed in the new and remodeled schools. With this improvement, the latest audio amplification, video and EPIC intercom safe alert technology will be provided. For more information, [click here](#).

Board Authorizes District Refresh, Upgrade of Network Operation Center Hardware

On Thursday, August 20, Board members authorized a refresh and upgrade to the Network Operations Center hardware (servers), which are currently out-of-warranty and have reached end-of-life. For more information, [click here](#).

Board Reviews Policies

Board members reviewed various policies for first or second reading on August 20. 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 AFC – Emergency Closings (ACTION – Second Reading)
- PR-2 Revision of Policy BHB – Nepotism (ACTION – Second Reading)
- PR-3 Revision of Policy JCAC – Harassment (ACTION – Second Reading)
- PR-4 Revision of Policy KM – Visitors to School (ACTION – Second Reading)
- PR-5 Revision of Policy KMA – Trespassing (ACTION – Second Reading)
- PR-6 Rescission of Policy MA – Education Agencies Goals and Objectives (ACTION – Second Reading)
- PR-7 Revision of Policy BCBI – Public Participation in Board Meetings (INFORMATION – First Reading)
- PR-8 Revision of Policy GBRIG – Federal Family and Medical Leave Act (INFORMATION – First Reading)
- PR-9 Revision of Policy JBCB – Non-Resident Students (INFORMATION – First Reading)
- PR-10 Revision of Policy JBCBA – Tuition (INFORMATION – First Reading)
- PR-11 Rescission of Policy JBCCB – Student Assignment to Classes (INFORMATION – First Reading)
- PR-12 Rescission of Policy JBF – Released Time (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.

Personnel Items Approved

On Thursday, August 20, Board members approved various personnel items. To view all personnel items, [click here](#).

Information

Board Receives Digital Learning Ecosystem Presentation

On Thursday, August 20, Board members received a presentation on the District's Digital Learning Ecosystem. In the presentation, Board members were provided with updates of the technology applications, devices and management systems used prior to and subsequently due to COVID-19. Currently, the District is in the process of implementing a one-to-one technology initiative that will provide an opportunity for every student to have a device in the District by November.

Board members also were updated on personalized learning professional development for teachers and staff and upgraded audio and visual enhancement, as well as a briefing on Canvas, the District's new Learning Management System. Additionally, an all-in-one Management System, Lightspeed, will provide new content filtering, teacher monitoring and parent reporting. For more information and to view the presentation, [click here](#).

Board Reviews Monthly Financial Report

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

Board Receives Presentation from Capital Improvement Program

On Thursday, August 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 Receives Let's Talk! 2019-2020 Summary

On Thursday, August 20, Board members received a summary of the District's K12 Insight's Let's Talk! platform. The District has used Let's Talk! since 2015 to expand the opportunity for open communication with stakeholders. The District's average customer feedback score for the 2019-2020 school year was 9 out of 10, which mirrors the national average benchmark data. The District's average dialogue age was 1.2 days, which is far better than the Let's Talk! national average of 3.1 days. For more information, [click here](#).

District Moving from School Messenger to Remind

On Thursday, August 20, Board members were informed that the District has selected Remind as the new districtwide communications platform with parents. This system will replace the District's current communication platform of School Messenger. For more information, [click here](#).

Board Receives Information on CARES Funding Inquiry

On Thursday, August 20, Board members received information of the District's response to the Macon-Bibb County Government inquiry for ways the government could possibly support the school district through CARES Act funding. For more information, [click here](#).

Board Reviews Collaboration with Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce

On Thursday, August 20, Board members heard about "Project MW," an interactive career development platform that links recruitment. skill-building. and career navigation into one

comprehensive network. By partnering with the Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce, the District will be able to provide students access to a 24-hour career development platform available both online and through a mobile app. "Project MW" was developed to inform, educate, and prepare students and job seekers for careers. Additionally, it will directly connect them to employers, career counselors, career pathways, and real jobs. For more information, [click here](#).

Board Reviews Virtual Graduation Process

On Thursday, August 20, Board members received an after-action review of the 2020 Virtual Graduation that took place virtually due to COVID-19. For more information, [click here](#).

Board Updated on Community School Proposal for Williams Elementary

On Thursday, August 20, Board members were informed by the District of the United Way of Central Georgia's proposal to create a Community School at the site of L.H. Williams Elementary School. For more information, [click here](#).

Highlights and Recognitions

Rutland Educator Named GATFACS Vice President

Vanessa Mellinger, Rutland High School's Family & Consumer Science instructor, was recently named Region 7 vice president for the Georgia Association of Teachers of Family and Consumer Sciences. GATFACS is the premier organization for multiple career pathway clusters in Georgia schools.

Vineville Academy Wins GAESP School Bell Award

Vineville Academy was honored over the summer with a School Bell Award from the Georgia Association of Elementary School Principals for the "Pandation Visual Arts Clubs." This honor, which recognizes "outstanding programs in the area of curriculum and organizational leadership," marks the fifth consecutive year Vineville Academy has won a School Bell Award.

District Administrators Named to State Organization Office

Two District administrators were recently elected to board positions for the Georgia Council for Career & Technical Administrators. Dr. Cassandra Washington, executive director of CTAE, is serving in the position of President-Elect for 2020-21, after which she will serve one-year terms as president and past-president. Jason Weiss, CTAE supervisor, was elected to a three-year term as the organization's treasurer.

Rosa Taylor Student Wins State Contest

Audrey Freeman, a first-grader at Rosa Taylor Elementary School, has been named the state-level winner among all first-grade students in the 2020 Young Georgia Authors contest. She was chosen for this honor after being selected at the District level for her work entitled "The Circus Clown."

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