

The Board Brief

This edition of *The Board Brief* is a summary of the information presented and actions taken at the Board of Education's Budget Work Session and Called Board Meeting on April 23, 2019.

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Actions Taken

Board Authorizes Sale of Former Hall Elementary Site

On Tuesday, April 23, Board members authorized the Superintendent to enter into a contract with William Finney Jr. and Dawn Hodges for the sale of the former Hall Elementary School, located at 2312 Shurling Drive. For more information, [click here](#).

Board Approves Surprise Bonus for Employees

On Tuesday, April 23, Board members authorized an amendment to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Budget to include a one-time 2 percent bonus to full-time employees. The purpose of the one-time bonus to full-time employees includes boosting employee morale, letting employees know they are appreciated, allowing the District to compete in the recruitment process and letting employees know they are a vital part of the reason Dr. Curtis Jones Jr. won both the 2019 State and National Superintendent of the Year awards.

The payment of the one-time bonus will follow similar guidelines to the FY 2018 bonus paid out in May 2018. It will be paid out to full-time employees prior to June 30, 2019. For more information, [click here](#).

Information

Board Continues FY 2019 Budget Discussions

On Tuesday, April 23, Chief Financial Officer Ron Collier presented Board members with an updated preview of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 General Fund Budget. Numbers presented on Tuesday are merely estimates as the District continues planning for next school year. To view the full presentation, [click here](#).

Various items are being considered in the development of the FY 2020 General Fund Budget. Mr. Collier presented these considerations to the Board for feedback and to gain a better picture of the Board's funding priorities for 2019-2020.

Budget Considerations

- Decrease in millage rate
- Certified and classified staff salary increases
- Consolidation of Riley and Brookdale Elementary Schools
- Financial impact of ACE becoming a state charter school

- Additional office clerical and professional development support for schools (21 additional school-based clerks)
- Additional 5 contract days for Assistant Principals
- Salary adjustments to technology staff and high school band directors
- Addition of 2 Teaching and Learning Content Coordinators (Elementary ELA and Elementary Math)
- Addition of Truancy Coordinator to push Truancy Task Force down to school level
- Addition of STEM Coordinator
- Addition of Health and PE Coordinator
- Addition of Grants Manager
- First-year of tuition for TAPP teachers
- Continued declining student enrollment
- Continued increases in the cost of employee benefits
- State QBE Equalization Funding
- Future E-rate revenue and expenditure credits
- 178-day academic calendar to include additional professional development for staff

The next Board of Education work session to discuss the FY 2020 General Fund Budget will be Tuesday, May 14, at 6 p.m. The work session will take place in the Board Room at 484 Mulberry Street in Macon.