

The Board Brief

This edition of *The Board Brief* is a summary of the information and recognitions presented and actions taken at the Board of Education's meetings on May 14 and 16, 2019.

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Actions Taken

New Administrators Appointed; Additional Personnel Items Approved

On Thursday, May 16, Board members approved the appointments of various administrators. The following appointments were approved:

LaLisa Burston, Principal, Williams Elementary School;
Dr. Angela Daws, Assistant Principal, Central High School;
Travis Spell, Assistant Principal, Rutland High School;
Barney Darnell, Director of Construction; and
Dr. Jesse Davis, Executive Director of Secondary Schools.

To view all personnel items approved by Board members on Thursday, [click here](#).

Board Takes Action Regarding Land Bank

On Thursday, May 16, Board members voted to withdraw from the intergovernmental agreement with the Macon-Bibb County Land Bank Authority.

Board Authorizes Renewal of Hutchings Charter

On Thursday, May 16, Board members approved the William S. Hutchings College and Career Academy's 5-year charter application and authorized the Board President to sign the resolution for the charter renewal with the State Board of Education. To view the application and resolution, [click here](#).

In August 2014, Hutchings Career Center was changed into a conversion charter school. At that time, a new name and structure were established. In 2016, William S. Hutchings College and Career Academy converted from a school to a program, which allowed the Academy to serve all high school students in 10th-12th grades. In December 2017, the William S. Hutchings College and Career Academy went through the Georgia College and Career Academy (GCCA) certification process, a high-quality external validation of the implementation of GCCA programs. William S. Hutchings College and Career Academy passed the GCCA certification with only commendations.

District Revises Mission and Vision Statements

On Thursday, May 16, Board members authorized the Superintendent to revise the Bibb County School District vision to "Each student will demonstrate strength of character and will be college or career ready." Additionally, Board members authorized the Superintendent to revise the District

mission to “The Bibb County School District develops a highly trained staff and an engaged community dedicated to educating each student for a 21st century global society.”

In November 2018, Superintendent Dr. Curtis Jones shared with Board of Education members a video message he received from Howard Middle School (<https://bit.ly/2YkFGvF>). Howard Middle students studying the development of personal mission statements sent Dr. Jones the message upon discovering the District’s current mission statement is written in future tense and not in present tense. Based on their study of personal mission statements, students argued the District’s mission statement should be written in present tense to be “The Bibb County School District develops a highly trained staff and an engaged community dedicated to educating each student for a 21st century global society.” During the Board of Education’s Retreat in February 2019, the Superintendent proposed revising both the District’s mission and vision statements to reflect the proper tenses for each statement.

Board Approves Construction Manager Services for New Elementary

On Thursday, May 16, Board members authorized the District to enter into contract with Parrish Construction Group to provide construction manager services for New Elementary 4, which will be built on the site of the current Riley Elementary, located at 3522 Greenbriar Road. Construction of the new elementary school will be paid for with Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (ESPLOST) funds.

On January 17, 2019, Board members authorized the District to enter into contract with Robertson Loia Roof Architects and Engineers to provide design services for the new elementary school. Riley Elementary School, currently located at 3522 Greenbriar Road, will close at the end of the 2018-2019 school year in order for demolition of the old school and construction of a new school to begin. In the interim, students from Riley will attend Brookdale Elementary for the 2019-2020 school year. Once construction of the new elementary school is complete, students from Brookdale and Riley will attend the new school.

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

Improvements Planned for Hartley Elementary Parking Lot

On Thursday, May 16, Board members approved a contract for Hartley Elementary School parking improvements to Whiteway Development Corporation doing business as Appling Brothers Co. Improvements to the school’s parking lot infrastructure will take place during the summer. For more information, [click here](#).

Board Approves Construction Manager Services for New Auditoriums

On Thursday, May 16, Board members authorized the District to enter into contract with ICB Construction Group to provide construction manager services for auditorium projects at Rutland and Westside High Schools. The construction of these two additional auditoriums will provide each high school in the District with access to its own auditorium. The projects will be paid for with Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (ESPLOST) funds.

Board members authorized the District to enter into contract with Robertson Loia Roof Architects & Engineers to provide the design services for these auditorium projects on November 15, 2018. Construction is expected to be complete by January 2020.

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

Scoreboard and Sound System to be Purchased for Ed DeFore Sports Complex

On Thursday, May 16, Board members authorized the District to issue a purchase order to Daktronics for the purchase of a scoreboard and sound system for the Ed DeFore Sports Complex football field. The funding for this purchase will come from remaining 2011 Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (ESPLOST) funds. For more information, [click here](#).

Board Approves School Nutrition Contracts

On Thursday, May 16, Board members approved various contracts brought forth by the School Nutrition Program for 2019-2020.

- To view the action item for Food Products, [click here](#).
- To view the action item for Milk and Dairy, [click here](#).
- To view the action item for Bread Products, [click here](#).
- To view the action item for Paper Supply Items, [click here](#).
- To view the action item for Fresh Produce Items, [click here](#).

Additionally, Board members approved the School Nutrition Procurement Plan. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has mandated that all school nutrition departments implement a Procurement Plan based on local board policies and procedures in conjunction with the USDA regulations. For more information, [click here](#).

Board Reviews Policies

Board members reviewed various policies for first or second reading on Thursday, May 16. Policies must be read twice before they may be voted on for final action. To review the policies, [click here](#).

- Policy IDA – Basic Program (second reading)
- Policy IDDB – Remedial Programs (second reading)
- Policy IDDO – Student Production of Goods or Services (second reading)
- Policy IHF(6) – Graduation Requirements – Entering Fall 2008-09 and thereafter (second reading)

Microsoft Licensing for FY 2020 Approved

On Thursday, May 16, Board members authorized the District to issue a purchase order to DELL for FY 2020 licensing of Microsoft Office 365 Pro Plus and Advanced Threat Protection. All faculty, staff and students have access to Microsoft Office 365 Pro Plus. This suite includes Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Skype, OneDrive, Publisher, Sway, Forms and many other educational and business applications. This licensing is required to access all Office software applications. In addition, this license provides advanced threat protection as well as Azure active directory. For more information, [click here](#).

Information

District Hosting Summer Opportunity Program

On Thursday, May 16, Board members received an update on the District's plan to host a Summer Opportunity Program for third, fifth and eighth grade students, as well as high school students. The elementary and middle school programs will be held June 3-27 at Southwest High (elementary) and Weaver Middle (middle). The high school program will be held June 10-July 11 at Westside High School. For more information, [click here](#).

Board Continues FY 2020 Budget Discussions

On Tuesday, May 14, Chief Financial Officer Ron Collier presented Board members with an updated review of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 General Fund Budget. 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 Called Meeting to vote on tentative adoption of the FY 2020 General Fund Budget will be Tuesday, May 21, at 6 p.m. The meeting will take place in the Board Room at 484 Mulberry Street in Macon.

Highlights and Recognitions

Board Recognizes Retirees with Record of Service

The Board of Education recognized 33 retirees on Thursday who had at least 25 years of service within the District. This group, listed with years of service in the District and overall, takes with it more than 1,100 years of combined service time.

- Nancy Bolden, School Nutrition, all 41 years in Bibb
- Chris Bryson, Maintenance, all 29 years in Bibb
- Laondra Burnett, Smith, Central Office, all 33 years in Bibb
- Sharon Campbell, Central Office, all 32 years in Bibb
- Susan Carver, Rosa Taylor Elementary School, 27 years in Bibb, 31 years overall
- Gregory Cubit, Southwest High School, all 31.4 years in Bibb
- Trina Duffy, Heard Elementary School, all 30 years in Bibb
- Kelly Ennis, Sonny Carter Elementary School, all 26 years in Bibb
- Nancy Gillespie, Westside High School, 25 years in Bibb, 32 years overall
- Elissa Glover-Lockett, Appling Middle School, all 25 years in Bibb
- Joyce Hollingsworth, Weaver Middle School, 30 years in Bibb, 33 years overall
- Beverly Howard, School Nutrition, all 40 years in Bibb
- Rita Hubbard, Howard Middle School, 29 years in Bibb, 30 years overall
- Sherrie Hunter, Central Office, all 32.2 years in Bibb
- Judy James, Porter Elementary School, all 35 years in Bibb
- Joyce Johnson, Rosa Taylor Elementary School, all 26 years in Bibb
- Shirley Jordan, Williams Elementary School, all 26 years in Bibb
- Carol King, Central Office, all 26 years in Bibb
- Nedra Lamar, W.S. Hutchings College and Career Academy, all 36 years in Bibb
- Angela Madray, Howard High School, all 30 years in Bibb
- Susan McCaskill, Rosa Taylor Elementary School, 27 years in Bibb, 29 years overall
- Bruce McLaughlin, Maintenance, all 27 years in Bibb
- Lillie Moore, Custodial Services, all 33 years in Bibb
- Gina Partain, Rosa Taylor Elementary School, all 30 years in Bibb
- Doris Pennyman, Bernd Elementary School, all 26 years in Bibb
- Gwendolyn Pitts-Williams, Vineville Academy of the Arts, all 33 years in Bibb
- Vashti Pullen, Bruce Elementary School, 26 years in Bibb, 29 years overall
- Corless Rollins, Skyview Elementary School, all 27 years in Bibb
- Cheryl Sjoquist, Alexander II Magnet School, 31 years in Bibb, 37 years overall
- Linda Spires, Rosa Taylor Elementary School, 31 years in Bibb, 45 years overall
- Zanthia Sutton, Burdell-Hunt Magnet School, 26 years in Bibb, 41 years overall
- Willie Wimberly, Central Kitchen, all 26 years in Bibb
- Shawnder Worthington, Northeast High School, 28 years in Bibb, 30 years overall

Technology Fair Winners Recognized

The technology fair allows District students to showcase the skills and knowledge they've honed inside and outside the classroom. Students who collected first-place awards at this event were recognized at the Board meeting.

- From Burdell-Hunt Magnet School: Jakanda Bledsoe, Lauren Brite, Ke'Yani Hill, Robert Newkirk, Aameena Rahamen, Tamia Spivey and Corey Wallace.
- From Heard Elementary School: Lanah Dixon, Zachary Jones, Kenleigh McWhirter and Scott Propst.
- From Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School: Matthew Mizell.
- From Lane Elementary School: Alyssa Wiggins.
- From Skyview Elementary School: Tanner Bryant and Xavier Vining.
- From Springdale Elementary School: Jon Emory Hall and Sanford Horne.
- From Taylor Elementary School: Riley Clark.
- From Vineville Academy of the Arts: Kennedy Chapman, Braylen Gilbert, Oliver Jennings, Nicholas Nava, Karen Osornio, Jude Robertson, Dulcie Vanderhoek, Heaven Veal and KyDenn White.
- From Appling Middle School: Brittany Hill, Zoria Williams and Omerion Willis.
- From Howard Middle School: Sofia Ali, Chloe Anadyan, Babar Dar, Anthony Diaz, Abby Hardy, Leah Mallinson, Maria Simmons and Kirstin Worthy.
- From Miller Magnet Middle School: Kahlil Harvey and Henry Jennings.
- From Weaver Middle School: Jordan James.
- From Central High School: Angel Mancio.
- From Howard High School: Katlin Collins, who also won third place at the state competition.
- From Northeast High School: Mary Gray and Donnell Lossa.
- From Rutland High School with Principal Dr. Wendy Pooler: Tyler Howard, who also won first place at the state competition.
- From Southwest High School: Tania Brown.
- From Westside High School: Rafhael Clarke Seradoy.
- From Hutchings College and Career Academy: Alex Cain, Alexis Fry, Keenan Gibson and Austin Richard.

Top CTAE Students Honored

The Career, Technical and Agricultural Education (CTAE) Department seeks to prepare students for in-demand careers in a variety of fields. Recently, the CTAE Department recognized the CTAE Student of the Year from each high school and named a Bibb County CTAE Student of the Year.

The following students were honored: Central High School's Zaeria Kerr, Howard High School's Shakeria Glynn, Hutchings College and Career Academy's Donovan Mitchell, Northeast High School's Shumaria Butts, Rutland High School's Anthony Pitts, Southwest High School's Larry Howard and Westside High School's Sean Dumas.

This year's Bibb County CTAE Student of the Year was Howard's Shakeria Glynn. Following her in second place was Southwest's Larry Howard, and in third, Hutchings' Donovan Mitchell.

Rutland High Student Named State FCCLA Officer

FCCLA is an organization that allows students to learn and compete in various areas of career education. Recently, Rutland High School's Sabrina Rutledge was named the Vice President of Public Relations for Georgia FCCLA for the 2019-2020 school year.

Students Honored for Math Competition Success

Math team competitions provide students with the opportunity to compete in team and individual divisions at their grade level to show their speed and accuracy in completing mathematical tasks. Springdale Elementary's Andy Wang and Ronald Dong won individual speed round competitions. They also were part of the Springdale team for the competition, which won first place. The other members of that team were David Allen, Isabella Douglas, Jacob Hawkins and Mina Nguyen.

The Board also recognized the winners of the Math24 Competition. In fourth grade, Springdale's Amberly Dong came in first, and in fifth grade, Albert Le of Vineville Academy of the Arts took home first place.

Academic Team, Quiz Bowl Winners Recognized

Academic team competitions allow students the opportunity to showcase their quick thinking skills as well as their knowledge base. Each year, elementary school teams compete in Quiz Bowl, and our middle school students compete against each other to crown a District champion in Academic Bowl.

This year, the team from Alexander II Magnet School won the Elementary Quiz Bowl. The team was coached by Jamita Roach and Katina Kendrick and included the following students: Kania Hancock, Peter Hintermaier, Waylon Miller, Zaris Odoms and Quatteris Thomas. The team from Howard Middle School won the Academic Bowl and included the following students: Chloe Andayan, Amari Fannin, Anastasia Griffin, Liyahne Gumbs, Alan Jaenz, Aidan Longacre, Saige Lumpkin, Rebekkah Piro and Mitchell Zhang.

Team RoboBibb Makes Return to World Championships

Team RoboBibb is the District's competitive high school robotics team composed of students from around the District, and this team went back to the world championships this year after winning multiple awards at competitions here in Georgia. This was the third year in a row the team has attended world competition. The following students attended world competition in Texas: Jacob Flippen, David Nguyen, Alex Pemberton, Ashley Pemberton, Jenny Pyon, Skyler Sneider, Makayla Tetteron and Lea Walker.

Students Honored for Georgia Student Media Festival Success

The Georgia Student Media Festival seeks to stimulate student interest in a variety of media production disciplines. Students from across the state compete for ratings and awards at the event, which was held in Liberty County this year.

Several District students made superior ratings on their projects in district competition and advanced to the state level. Bernd Elementary School was represented by Braxton Paul, Superior. Heard Elementary School was represented by Savannah Neville and Raquel Weaver, Superior; Ricardo Binford, Superior; and Lanah Dixon, Best of Show.

The following students qualified from Howard Middle School: Miashia Denmark, Superior; Leen Sunnoqrot, Layla Floyd and Aaliyah Fowler, Best of Show; and Ethan Zebley, Lamont Greenlee Jr. and Dillon Thomas, Best of Show. Lane Elementary School was represented by Laela Freeland, Superior; Da'Marion Brown, Superior; and Ca'Marri Stockner and Jamie Moon, Best of Show.

Skyview Elementary School was represented by Isabel Browe and Kennedy Wood, Superior. Veterans Elementary School was represented by Brent King, Superior, and Bobby Wooten, Best of Show. Vineville Academy of the Arts was represented by Betsy Myers, Superior; Annabelle Brannen, Superior; Braylen Gilbert and Heaven Veal, Superior; Mame Thiam, Superior; and Oliver Jennings and Nicholas Nava, Superior.

Students Recognized for Summer Reading Poster Art

In preparation for the Summer Reading Program, students participate in a poster contest for their age groups. During the Board meeting, the first-place winners in each age group were recognized. For kindergarten through second grade, the winner was Vineville Academy of the Arts' Nikolai Connor Floore. For third through fifth grade, the winner was Heard Elementary School's Riley Wilson. For middle school, the winner was Miller Magnet Middle School's Tiana Graham. For high school, the winner was Howard High School's Thania Jahja.

4-H Students Qualify for State Event

The Board Recognized three students who placed well enough locally to advance to the 4-H State Congress. These students and their project areas were Larry Howard III, Southwest High School, Food for Fitness; Jasmine Martin, Southwest High School, Performing Arts – Other Instrumental; and Kai Thomas, Howard High School, Equipment and Environment.

Howard High Students Begin Rho Kappa Chapter

Rho Kappa National Social Studies Honor Society is a national organization for high school juniors and seniors that recognizes excellence in the field of Social Studies. With the help of their advisers, a group of students at Howard High School – Eunice Chon, Peter Chon, Ben Giglio, Andy Lin, Nik O'dette, Garrett Patterson and Jordan Rozier – applied for a charter to establish a chapter at the beginning of this school year and received the charter last October.

During the inaugural year, Howard's Rho Kappa students routinely volunteered at the Ocmulgee Indian Mounds and the Tubman Museum where they served as docents to visitors. In March, they participated in a walking tour of downtown Macon, where they learned about Macon's role during the Civil War.

Central High Student Achieves Career Perfect Attendance

Regular attendance is key to learning and getting the most out of your school career. For this reason, Superintendent Dr. Curtis Jones has made attendance one of his "non-negotiables" for improving our District. One student, Central High School's Tamiyah Braswell, embraced this concept by achieving perfect attendance from kindergarten through the 12th grade.

State Superintendent Recognizes District Students

State Schools Superintendent Richard Woods recently recognized Bibb County students and staff in a variety of areas. Rutland High School's Ashley Lopez Sanchez was honored as an Exemplary English Learner Award for 11th grade ESOL students with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Central's David Zhan Pen Ren and Westside's William Hoang were among a group of ESOL students who were named Valedictorian at their schools. Rutland High's Shari Rae Tyler was named an Exemplary ESOL Teacher.

Additionally, Central High School's Chelsea Rogers was chosen for an Award of Excellence for the Georgia Learning Resources System Region. This award goes to students with disabilities who have earned a scholarship to a postsecondary school or acceptance in the United States Military while also meeting graduation requirements.

Howard High Teacher Chosen for SREB Honor

The Southern Regional Education Board selects its Math Ready Teacher of the Year based on efforts and student outcomes in Georgia's College Readiness Mathematics course and the data collected from the school as part of the SREB and Georgia Department of Education SAT study. This year, Howard High School's Steven Malcom was selected for this honor. He will be recognized at the opening session of the SREB Schools that Work Summer Conference in Baltimore on July 10.

Howard High School Student Wins Poetry Contest

The River of Words Poetry Contest is held each year for students in kindergarten through 12th grade. Students enter original works based on the environment and are judged based on their grade level. This year, Howard High School ninth-grader Oshin Rawal was selected as a state winner for the contest.