

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 Committee and Board Meetings on May 17, 2018.

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Actions Taken

Assistant Principals Appointed

On Thursday, May 17, Board members approved Michael "Chip" Horton Jr. as Assistant Principal for Howard High School and Antoinette Davis as a new Assistant Principal for Rutland High School for the 2018-2019 school year. To view personnel items, [click here](#).

Company Approved for Weaver Middle Renovations

On Thursday, May 17, Board members authorized the District to enter into a contract with ICB Construction Group for the renovation of Weaver Middle School for an amount not to exceed \$7,180,000. For more information, [click here](#).

Also, Board members received an overview of the Construction Bid Process. To view the presentation, [click here](#).

Funding Approved for Summer Feeding Program

On Thursday, May 17, Board members approved a request for a budget increase by the School Nutrition Department to purchase meal kits from Sutherland Foods for the 2018 Summer Feeding Program at a cost not to exceed \$250,000. The Summer Feeding Program is a standard component of School Nutrition's operations each year. This program serves the District's Summer Opportunity Programs, local camps and community sites. For more information, [click here](#).

Software Suite Will Help Identify Students in Need of Support

On Thursday, May 17, Board members authorizes the District to issue a purchase order to Bryte Bytes Inc. for the 21st Century Learning & Early Insights Suite. This software suite will enable schools to identify students in need of support early and connect them with effective programs to ensure individual success. For more information, [click here](#).

District Entering Fifth Year of Contract with Cox Communications

On Thursday, May 17, Board members authorized the District to enter into the fifth year of the Cox Communications Renewal Agreement for Master Retail Services and Colocation Equipment for FY 2019. For more information, [click here](#).

AT&T to Continue Providing Telecommunication Services

On Thursday, May 17, Board members authorized the District to enter into the third year of the AT&T Renewal Agreement on behalf of the Bibb County School District for FY 2019 Telecommunication Services. For more information, [click here](#).

Dell EMC to be Utilized for Technology Support

On Thursday, May 17, Board members authorized the District to issue a purchase order to Dell EMC for the District's network server/file back-up solution. The Dell Back-up and storage solution will ensure that Bibb County School District files on all network servers are captured and protected in the event of end user data loss and/or a natural disaster. For more information, [click here](#).

District Purchase to Provide Inventory Support

On Thursday, May 17, Board members authorized the District to award RFP 18-34 to Follett School Solutions and to issue a purchase order for Destiny Library and Resource Manager to maintain textbook and instructional resource inventories at the district and school levels. The Media Services division of Technology Services currently utilizes Destiny library resource managing system to catalog and inventory print, non-print, and media equipment as well as check-in and check-out resources on a daily basis. This additional module will track all resources and ensure accuracy of instructional resource accessibility. For more information, [click here](#).

Board Approves Intergovernmental Agreement for Project SOAP

On Thursday, May 17, Board members approved an Intergovernmental Agreement for Project SOAP. Georgia Power wants to lease property from Central Georgia Joint Development Authority to install commercial-scale solar power generation equipment and thereafter operate a solar facility. As an incentive to move the project forward, a tax abatement through PILOT payments has been proposed by the Authority. For more information, [click here](#).

Information

Update on 2018 Georgia Milestones Administration

On Thursday, May 17, Board members received an overview of the 2018 spring administration of the Georgia Milestones Assessment System in Bibb County. To view the presentation, [click here](#).

L4GA Grant to Support Literacy Efforts in Westside Zone

The Bibb County School District is one of the 38 Georgia school districts awarded the Literacy for Learning, Living and Leading in Georgia (L4GA) grant. The District has been awarded \$1,629,471.63 for the total grant award and \$325,894.33 in "Start Up" funds. The goal of the L4GA initiative is to improve student literacy learning.

The State of Georgia was awarded a total of \$61,579,800 through the federal Striving Readers grant competition. These funds are allocated for students in schools within a feeder system. After conducting a comprehensive needs assessment, the decision was made to apply for the L4GA grant for the Westside feeder zone (Heritage, Riley, Union, Veterans, Weaver and Westside [including birth-age 5 childcare providers]). The grant is a collaborative partnership with United Way of Central Georgia, Head Start, Mercer University, and Middle Georgia RESA.

The chart below describes the roles of the partners in the grant collaboration.

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Role of the Organization</u>
Bibb County School District	• Oversee the implementation of the L4GA Grant • Monitor the implementation of the comprehensive literacy plan
Head Start	• Ensure Head Start Guidelines are followed with fidelity • Ensure the approved curriculum is implemented
United Way of Central Georgia (UWCG)	• Implement the <i>Read United</i> Program for elementary schools • Sponsor “Shared Literacy Celebrations” • Provide tutors for the Bibb County Summer Literacy Programs
United Way of Central Georgia (UWCG)	• Oversee the Get Georgia Reading Campaign • Oversee the First Steps Program • Oversee the Parents as Teachers Program
Mercer University	• Implement disciplinary literacy through the STEM programs • Monitor the implementation of the Woodrow Wilson Georgia Teacher Fellows Program at Westside High School
Middle Georgia RESA	• Provide Endorsements (Reading and Coaching)

Through the implementation of the grant, the District’s goal is to improve literacy outcomes collectively for all children in the Westside feeder pattern (birth – twelfth grade). This is another example that demonstrates the community’s willingness to partner with the District to increase student achievement.

Board Presented with Results of Annual BCSD Stakeholder Survey

On Thursday, May 17, Board members received the results of the annual BCSD Stakeholder Survey. The online survey was open April 17-25, and stakeholders were invited to share their opinions about the current state of the District. To view the survey results, [click here](#).

Highlights and Recognitions

Retirees Recognized for Years of Service

This month, the Board recognized those faculty and staff members who have reached the end of their full-time careers with the District and will be retiring at the end of this school year. These 33 employees with at least 25 years of service in Bibb County take with them more than 1,000 years of combined service time.

- Eddie Ashley, Athletics, all 46 years in Bibb.
- Katherine Bennett, Sonny Carter Elementary School, 25 years in Bibb, 29 years total.
- Eloise Black, Southwest High School, 34.5 years in Bibb, 37 years total.
- Larry Brewer, Maintenance Department, all 42 years in Bibb.
- Karen K. Brooks, Southwest High School, 29 years in Bibb, 31 years total.
- Mary Brooks, Heard Elementary School, all 30 years in Bibb.
- Estella Chambliss, Springdale Elementary School, all 42 years in Bibb.

- Karen K. Cromer, Hartley Elementary School, 27 years in Bibb, 29 years total.
- Mildred Curry, Appling Middle School, all 30 years in Bibb.
- Joseph Dukes, Miller Magnet Middle School, all 30 years in Bibb.
- Cindy Durden, Heritage Elementary School, all 30 years in Bibb.
- Debra Edge, Heard Elementary School, 30 years in Bibb, 34 years total.
- Sherri Flagg, Weaver Middle School, all 29 years in Bibb.
- Jerome Fryer, Ingram-Pye Elementary School, 29 years in Bibb, 47 years total.
- Rebecca Lober, Heritage Elementary School, all 32 years in Bibb.
- Sandra McClendon, Williams Elementary School, all 40 years in Bibb.
- Denise McIntosh, Springdale Elementary School, all 41 years in Bibb.
- Pamela Montgomery, Burdell-Hunt Magnet School, 30 years in Bibb, 32 years total.
- Joanna Moore, Miller Magnet Middle School, 29 years in Bibb, 30 years total.
- Marsha Moore, Maintenance Department, all 30 years in Bibb.
- Donna Mosely, Central Kitchen, all 33 years in Bibb.
- Kelvin Oliver, Northeast High School, all 29 years in Bibb.
- Tina Perkins, Central High School, 29 years in Bibb, 32.3 years total.
- Lavonda Ross, Miller Magnet Middle School, all 30 years in Bibb.
- Susan Simpson, Rosa Taylor Elementary School, 25 years in Bibb, 40 years total.
- Mable Solomon, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School, all 26 years in Bibb.
- Cynthia Statham, Skyview Elementary School, all 38 years in Bibb.
- Stephanie Turner, Springdale Elementary School, all 26 years in Bibb.
- Jeniel West, Bruce Elementary School, all 27 years in Bibb.
- Janice Williams, Elam Alexander Academy, 32 years in Bibb, 33 years total.
- Irene Williams, Veterans Elementary School, 25 years in Bibb, 27 years total.
- Lee Willingham, Central High School, all 26 years in Bibb.
- Randall Woodard, Computer Services, 30 years in Bibb, 35 years total.

Graduating Senior Honored for Perfect Attendance in School Career

Rutland High School senior Landon Miller was honored for never missing a day of school during his school career. From kindergarten through twelfth grade, that's 13 years of school, or about 2,340 days, without one absence.

Two Bibb Teachers Chosen for Excellence Awards

In addition to providing scholarships for students, the Education Together organization recently recognized educators from Middle Georgia for Teacher Excellence Awards. Two of these teachers were from the Bibb County School District and received \$1,000 each to be used for classroom supplies. Those teachers were Amy Brand at Howard High School and LaTanya Singleton at Northeast High School.

District Honors CTAE Students of the Year

Recently, the CTAE Department recognized the CTAE Student of the Year from each school and named a Bibb County CTAE Student of the Year.

The school-level winners were as follows: from Central High School, Kaleah Stephens; from Howard High School, Eliza Thigpen; from Hutchings College & Career Academy, Taylor Ward;

from Northeast High School, Jaylen Freeman; from Rutland High School, Krupa Patel; from Southwest High School, Nigel Wilmore; and from Westside High School, Faith Smith.

Congratulations to this year's Bibb County CTAE Student of the Year, Krupa Patel. Following her in second place was Northeast's Jaylen Freeman, and in third, Howard's Eliza Thigpen. Each of the CTAE Students of the Year will receive a scholarship to continue their education.

District Names Young Georgia Author Winners

The Young Georgia Authors contest seeks to honor students for their original literary works. Winners are selected by the District at every grade level and then advance to the Middle Georgia RESA competition, which then feeds into the state contest.

<i>Grade</i>	<i>Name, School</i>	<i>Title of Work</i>
K	Bre'Zyeh Carlisle, Vineville Academy	The Doctor's Visit
1 st	Anna Respass, Alexander II Magnet School	The Adventures of Layla
2 nd	Aniyzha Warren, Taylor Elementary School	The Escaping Alligator
3 rd	Riley, Clark, Rosa Taylor Elementary School	The Fox and the Three Little Fishes
4 th	Jayda Thomas, Carter Elementary School	Meeting Lisa
5 th	Colie Clay, Porter Elementary School	The House
6 th	Zacole Blount, Appling Middle School	Secrets
7 th	Henry Jennings, Miller Magnet Middle School	Infiltration of Biocore
8 th	Chandler Daniel, Howard Middle School	A Song I Never Heard Again
9 th	Naomi Gilmore, Central High School	Dear Madeline
10 th	Helen O'Dell, Central High School	Everything
11 th	Deandria Person, Rutland High School	The Lake
12 th	David C. David, Howard High School	Red, White, and Blue on Pop Pop's Blues

Math Competitors Recognized for Success

Various students and groups were recognized for their victories in math competition. The following students won individual competitions and speed rounds: fourth grade - David Allen, Springdale Elementary; fifth grade - Sarah Hawkins, Springdale Elementary; sixth grade - Hayden Davis, Howard Middle; seventh grade - Henry Jennings, Miller Magnet Middle; and eighth grade - Leo Zhang, Howard Middle. In the speed round, students David Allen and Delaney Holliman of Springdale and Landon Juang and Mitchell Zhang of Howard Middle were victorious.

The following schools came out on top in the team competition. For elementary school, the Academy for Classical Education team of Alabama Christian, Slade Hodge, Alex Jordan, Samantha Lee, Adi Patel and Mahi Patel. For sixth grade, the Howard Middle School team of Richie Chen, Hayden Davis, Rudra Patel and Mitchell Zhang. For seventh grade, the Miller Magnet Middle School team of Daisy Anyakudo, Wilson Bridges, Kahlil Harvey, Henry Jennings, Joseph Rogers and Kaylin Stone. For eighth grade, the Howard Middle School team of Kaitlin Collins, Landon Juang, Madelyn Koehler, Brinda Patel, Jason Wang and Leo Zhang.

The board also recognized the winners of the Math24 Competition. In fourth grade, Hannah Nguyen of Alexander II Magnet School came in first, followed by Julia Israel of Alex II in second and Mina Nguyen of Springdale Elementary in third. In fifth grade, Adi Patel of the Academy for Classical Education came in first, followed by Kiya Taylor of Brookdale Elementary in second and Vineville Academy's Jamal Bond in third.

Robotics Team Honored for Competitions

Team RoboBibb is a robotics team open to students across the district that competes in the FIRST Robotics Challenge. This year, the team advanced to the world championship in Houston, Texas, with the fourth-ranked robot in the state of Georgia.

There, Team RoboBibb moved on to the division finals in its third trip to the world championship. The team includes Central High School's Lea Walker; Howard High School's Chloe Garland, Landon Johnson, Hannah Park, Saumil Patel, Harley Patterson, Jekell Smith, Skyler Sneider, Keely Testa and Tate Testa; and Rutland High School's Jacob Flippen, Carol Pyon and Jenny Pyon.

Rutland JROTC Cadets Succeed at Competition

In addition to leading the Pledge of Allegiance at the meeting, Rutland High School's Breana Austin, Kaitlin Seymour, Brittany Hill and Zipporah Brown were honored as members of Rutland High School's Marine Corps Junior ROTC program. They won third place in open level color guard at the National High School Drill Team Competition. Breana Austin served as commander of the color guard.

Academic Team Champions Recognized

Each year, the District's middle school students compete against each other to crown a District champion. This year, the team from Howard Middle School came out on top, coached by Andrea Tomberlin: Sofia Ali, Chloe Andayan, Patrice Awotunde, Kaitlin Collins, Chandler Daniel, Anastasia Griffin, Morgan Irby, Madelyn Koehler, Aiden Longacre, Xzavier Longacre, Leo Zhang and Mitchell Zhang.