

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 Called Meeting on May 22, 2018.

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Actions Taken

Board Gives Tentative Approval of FY 2019 Budget

On Tuesday, May 22, Board members approved the tentative Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Superintendent's Recommended Budget. To view the full presentation, [click here](#).

Some of the goals of the FY 2019 Budget included providing additional support to Turnaround Schools, closing the knowing-doing gap for employees, and supporting some of the recommendations made by AdvancED. Some highlights of the budget are listed below.

- Reduction in current millage rate by .5 mill from 19.814 to 19.314 mills
- Progressive Consulting Technologies Inc. and CompTech settlement
- Elimination of State QBE Austerity
- TRS Rate Increase (16.81 percent to 20.90 percent)
- 2 Communities in Schools Site Coordinators (1/3 of cost in partnership with the Chief Turnaround Officer)
- 3 Instructional Technology Coaches (to support AdvancED recommendations)
- Contract extension for high school counselors by 5 additional days
- Contract extension for Content Coordinators by 5 additional days
- Increased Transportation Department costs
 - Added new location on Cavalier Drive
 - 1 Router position
 - 1 Route Supervisor position
 - 1 Shop Foreman position
 - 3 Mechanic positions
 - 5 CDL Bus Driver positions
- Social Studies and Math textbook adoption
- Phonics program for K-2 (for Turnaround schools)
- Referral bonus program for new teachers
- Historic Macon Home Ownership Incentive Program

Public hearings on the FY 2019 Superintendent's Recommended Budget are scheduled for June 5 and June 12. Both will begin at 6 p.m. and will take place in the Board Room at 484 Mulberry Street. Final approval of the FY 2019 Superintendent's Recommended Budget is scheduled for Thursday, June 21. All meeting dates are subject to change based on Board actions.