

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 July 19, 2018.

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Highlights and Recognitions

District Recognized for Financial Reporting

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has awarded the Bibb County School District with the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 19th consecutive year for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, or CAFR, for the Fiscal Year that ended June 30, 2017.

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management, according to the GFOA.

Actions Taken

Renaissance Star 360 Renewal Approved

Board members on Thursday, July 19, approved the renewal of Renaissance Star 360 for the 2018-2019 school year. Renaissance Star 360 is a comprehensive Pre-K–12 assessment solution used to measure students' achievement and growth, as well as to identify students' instructional needs. Renaissance Star 360 computer-adaptive tests for early literacy, reading, and math provides teachers actionable data in minimal testing time. This system of assessments informs data-based decisions and support instructional frameworks such as Response to Intervention (RtI).

Renaissance Star 360 is being used districtwide for universal screening, progress monitoring, differentiating instruction, and forecasting proficiency and mastery of Georgia Standards of Excellence. For the 2018-2019 school year, two dedicated onsite Renaissance Learning consultants will provide ongoing support to the needs of each school.

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

SAM Professional Development Process Extended for 2018-2019

Board members on Thursday, July 19, approved a contract renewal with the National SAM Innovation Project for the 2018-2019 school year. SAM is a professional development process that concentrates on changing a principal's focus from school management tasks to instructional leadership – activities directly connected to improving teaching and learning. This renewal includes 18 new SAM teams and 21 continuing SAM teams. For more information, [click here](#).

SIG Allocations for Northeast Approved

On Thursday, July 19, Board members approved the School Improvement Grant for Cohort 5 (Northeast) for the 2018-2019 school year. The School Improvement Grant provides funds to Local Education Agencies (LEAs) that demonstrate the greatest need for funds and the strongest commitment to use funds to turn around lowest-achieving schools. Northeast High School has been awarded \$1,214,299.00 in School Improvement Grant Continuation funds for year three. For more information, [click here](#).

Infinite Campus Renewal Approved

Board members on Thursday, July 19, approved the renewal of Infinite Campus for 2018-2019. The renewal of Infinite Campus, a student information system, will provide the District with the necessary platform to collect and report student information. For more information, [click here](#).

Board OKs Renewal of SchoolCity Assessment Platform

On Thursday, July 19, Board members approved the contract for renewal of assessment platform School City for the 2018-2019 school year. Since 2015, the District has implemented a formative assessment process to provide teachers and district leaders with data to assist with instructional decisions. Having access to the formative assessment data has assisted schools in determining student mastery of standards prior to the spring administration of standardized tests. Additionally, the platform has been made available for classroom teacher usage to create, administer and synthesize data on classroom performance. For more information, [click here](#).

Renewal Supporting Network Operation Center Approved

On Thursday, July 19, Board members authorized a purchase order for the Network Operations Center Cisco SmartNet Renewal to CDW Inc. using the State of Georgia Cisco Education Contract. The District's Network Operations Center was built in 2014. The network equipment requires annual hardware warranty and support to maintain continuous performance. For more information, [click here](#).

Custodial Supplies Contract Renewed

On Thursday, July 19, Board members authorized the District to enter into a contractual agreement with Copaco for custodial supplies for 2018-2019. For more information, [click here](#).

Contract with Gas Supplier Approved

On Thursday, July 19, Board members authorized the District to enter into a renewal agreement with Walton EMC for the period of July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019, for all the facilities on the Atlanta Gas Light pipeline network at the current market rate. For more information, [click here](#).

Contract Approved for Waste and Recycling Services

On Thursday, July 19, Board members authorized the District to enter into a one-year contract with Advanced Disposal for Waste and Recycling Services. For more information, [click here](#).

School Nutrition Procurement Plan Approved

On Thursday, July 19, Board members approved a 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. The Procurement Plan for the School Nutrition Department will not replace any of the District's Procurement Manuals currently in place; however, for school nutrition procurement, the Director of Procurement and Executive Director of School Nutrition must ensure that all local Board policies and procedures, as well as USDA regulations, are followed and implemented throughout the procurement process. For more information, [click here](#).

Board Authorizes School Nutrition Expenditures

On Thursday, July 19, Board members authorized various purchase agreements for School Nutrition Services.

For more information on agreements for food products, as needed, with Williams Institutional Foods, Gordon Foods, ACC Distributors and Sutherland Foodservice for the months of July, August and September, [click here](#).

For more information on an agreement for bread products with Flowers Bakery, [click here](#).

For more information on agreements for school nutrition paper supplies with Southeastern Paper Group, Preferred Packaging and Plascon Traverse City, [click here](#).

For more information on an agreement for milk and dairy supplies with Mayfield Dairy, [click here](#).

Board Authorizes ESPLOST Expenditures for ACE

On Thursday, July 19, Board members authorized the purchase of various items for the Academy of Classical Education (ACE). The purchases will be paid for with Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (ESPLOST) funds.

For more information on a request to purchase choral risers, [click here](#).

For more information on a request to purchase baseball bleachers, [click here](#).

For more information on a request to purchase band room furniture and music equipment, [click here](#).

Additionally, Board members received information about a previous request from ACE for the purchase of a 29-passenger activity micro bus. As a condition for consideration of the request presented last month, the Board asked for a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) addressing insurance, ownership and maintenance before taking any action on the purchase request. A copy of the proposed MOA was provided to Board members during the meeting on July 19 for review and further action. For more information about this item, [click here](#).

Board OKs School House Health Agreement with Medical Center

On Thursday, July 19, Board members authorized the District to renew an updated contract with the Medical Center Navicent Health for nursing services in 2018-2019. The District's partnership with the Medical Center for nursing services has been in place since 1994, and it expanded last school year to include nursing services for all elementary schools in the District. The increase in services provides additional coverage in the middle and high schools, as well.

Allowing Navicent Health to be responsible for this additional nursing coverage is a more efficient and cost-effective method of providing medical services as they are more experienced in the hiring of medical professionals. The 2018-2019 contracted amount with Navicent Health is \$1,101,532.

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

Board Reviews Policy

Board members reviewed a policy for first reading on Thursday, July 19. Policies must be read twice before they may be voted on for final action. To review the policy, [click here](#).

- Policy GBN – Professional Personnel Termination (first reading)

Personnel Items Approved

On Thursday, July 19, Board members approved personnel items for the month. To view personnel items, [click here](#).

Information

New Response to Intervention for Behavior Department Working on Discipline

Holly Huynh of the Student Affairs Department presented Board of Education members with an overview of the Response to Intervention (RtI) for Behavior Department. In an effort to improve outcomes for students with behavioral concerns and to support the teachers who teach them, the Bibb County School District assembled a team of Behavior Specialists in summer 2017. The team has taken a data-driven and collaborative approach to meeting the varying needs in the District, and it focuses on two primary areas: behavior supports for schools, teachers, and students; and fidelity of RtI behavioral processes and procedures. To view the presentation, [click here](#).

Pricing Requested for Installation of Artificial Sports Turf

Board members received information on Thursday, July 19, regarding a request for pricing for the installation of artificial sports turf on the soccer and football field located at the recently acquired Ed DeFore Sports Complex. The request stems from discussion during the Board Retreat on February 23, when there was a discussion on the condition of stadiums and needed improvements. One of the improvements discussed was the installation of artificial turf utilizing funds from the 2011 ESPLOST. Pricing for the installation of sports turf and the required site improvements for both the soccer field and football field has been requested and is expected to be presented for Board approval in August.