

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 August 16, 2018.

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Highlights and Recognitions

Custodial Staff Members Recognized for Efforts

Each school undergoes biannual inspections, with an average score of 80 percent deemed as acceptable. Many of the District's school custodial staffs go above and beyond that, with top schools scoring 99 percent or higher.

The custodial staffs listed below were recognized for their scores.

First Place

Elementary: Northwoods Academy – 100%

Middle School: Howard Middle School – 99.46%

High School: Rutland High School – 99.79%

Second Place

Elementary School: Matilda Hartley Elementary School – 99.88%

Middle School: Ballard-Hudson Middle School – 99.2%

High School: Northeast High School – 99.63%

Third Place

Elementary: Brookdale Elementary School and Skyview Elementary School – 99.87%

SOAR – 99.07%

Hutching College & Career Academy – 99.2%

Most Improved

Burdell-Hunt Magnet School

Weaver Middle School

Westside High School

Students Honored for 'Quick Thinking' in Competition

The Quick Think Competition is held each year in second grade classrooms across the District. The competition challenges students to think about and respond to safety situations in an effort to raise awareness.

These students first compete at the school level and then advance to District-level competition. In third place at the District level was Burdell-Hunt Magnet School's Elijah Wright, with Springdale Elementary's Angelina Wang coming in second. The District winner was Heard Elementary School's Luke Cox.

Actions Taken

2019 Graduation Schedule Approved

On Thursday, August 16, Board members approved the 2019 Graduation Schedule for the District. Graduation ceremonies will be held Thursday, May 23, 2019 through Saturday, May 25, 2019. The schedule includes the Academy for Classical Education.

Thursday, May 23

5 p.m. Northeast High School
8 p.m. Rutland High School

Friday, May 24

5 p.m. Howard High School
8 p.m. Southwest High School

Saturday, May 25

9 a.m. Central High School
12 p.m. Westside High School
3 p.m. Academy for Classical Education

District to Purchase 10 New School Buses

On Thursday, August 16, Board members authorized the District to issue a purchase order for 10 school buses from Yancey Bus Sales and Service. The District has been allocated a total of \$388,880 to use toward the purchase of school buses from the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE). The funding comes from Bus Bond funds and a GaDOE incentive for purchasing alternative fuel buses.

The Transportation Department will combine these two funding sources with \$610,729.50 in Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (ESPLOST) funds to purchase 10 Blue Bird Propane School Buses. After receipt of the new buses, 10 buses will be identified for disposal and presented to the Board for approval.

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

Board OKs Fuel Purchases for FY 2019

On Thursday, August 16, Board members authorized the District to make fuel purchases with one or more of the following gasoline and diesel fuel suppliers for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019: Walthall Oil Company, Davis Oil Company, Mansfield Oil Company and Osan Oil Company. Additionally, Board members approved the renewal of Ferrellgas LP as the District's propane fuel supplier for FY 2019. For more information, [click here](#).

Board Authorizes ESPLOST Expenditure for ACE

On Thursday, August 16, Board members authorized the purchase of acoustic wall panels for the junior high band room at the Academy of Classical Education (ACE). The purchase will be paid for with Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (ESPLOST) funds. For more information, [click here](#).

Board Approves Perkins CTAE Funding for 2018-2019

On Thursday, August 16, Board members approved Career, Technical and Agriculture Education (CTAE) Carl D. Perkins federal funds for the 2018-2019 school year. In accordance with the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006, each eligible local school system shall submit an Annual Local Plan/Application for Career and Technical Education (State Board Rule 160-4-3-.02). Grant funds must be spent for local programs in compliance with the Perkins Act, State Plan, State Rules and Local Plan Guidelines. For more information, [click here](#).

Board OKs Funding for 21st Century Community Learning Center Grants

On Thursday, August 16, Board members authorized the District to accept and approve Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 funds for the continuation of the 21st Century Community Learning Center Grants at Riley, Ingram-Pye, Southfield and Veteran Elementary Schools. For more information, [click here](#).

Application for GaDOE Capital Outlay Funds Approved

On Thursday, August 16, Board members approved the application for capital outlay funds from the Georgia Department of Education for renovation work at Hartley, Lane, Skyview and Taylor Elementary Schools. For more information, [click here](#).

Hearing Officers and Tribunal Members Approved

On Thursday, August 16, Board members approved a list of hearing officers and tribunal members for the 2018-2019 school year. The list will be used as needed to ensure that Fair Dismissal hearings are scheduled and heard in a timely manner. When needed, the District will hold hearings before an impartial tribunal with a member of the State Bar of Georgia as the assigned hearing officer.

The District has compiled a list of attorneys who have agreed to serve in the capacity of hearing officer. The list of hearing officers includes school board attorneys from other school districts with many years of experience. Also, the District has compiled a list of tribunal members who have agreed to serve. The list includes former Superintendents, retired educators and school administrators.

Board Reviews Policy

Board members reviewed a policy for second reading on Thursday, August 16. 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, August 16, Board members approved personnel items for the month. To view personnel items, [click here](#).

Food Vendors Approved for FY 2019

On Thursday, August 16, Board members authorized the District to enter into a contractual agreement with five food vendors for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019. For more information, including the list of vendors, [click here](#).

Continued Use of Munis Financial System Approved

On Thursday, August 16, Board members authorized the District to issue a purchase order to Tyler Technologies to provide continued service of the Munis financial application for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019. For more information, [click here](#).

Information

Board Receives Back-to-School Update

Board members received an update on back-to-school efforts throughout the District. The presentation included information on focus areas for the school year, current enrollment trends and more. To view the presentation, [click here](#).

Board Receives Update on Metal Detection Pilot at Westside

Board members received an update on a pilot program of metal detection units at Westside High School last spring. As part of the pilot, five metal detection walk-through units were placed strategically throughout the school where stakeholders were most likely to enter. To view the presentation, which highlights pros and cons of the pilot program, [click here](#).

Board Reviews Summer Opportunity Program Data

Board members received an update on the District's Summer Opportunity Program for students in third, fifth and eighth grades who were not successful on the Georgia Milestones test, as well as the summer program offered to high school students for credit recovery, credit repair and summer acceleration. To view the presentation, [click here](#).

District Testing Use of P-Cards with Maintenance Department

Board members received information about the Procurement Department's plans to issue Purchasing Cards (P-Cards) also known as Operational Credit Cards to be used by Maintenance Department employees beginning in the month of September.

Maintenance Department employees requested a more efficient process for purchasing supplies outside of the purchase order process. The Procurement Department researched an alternative solution for purchasing goods on an as needed basis by utilizing P-Cards. The P-Cards are bank-issued credit cards that the Procurement Department has the capability of issuing and monitoring on a daily basis in real time.

Implementing the P-Cards for operational use by the Maintenance Department will allow employees to be more effective in their daily duties. This will also allow vendors to be paid immediately upon the completion of the sale. The cards are issued by Bank of America and monitored in real time by the Procurement staff. The Maintenance Department will be utilized as a trial run for the District and will be issued 20 cards to various supervisors, assistant supervisors and lead personnel staff.

Training will be provided to employees before they are issued a P-card. All cards will be accepted by approved MUNIS vendors only.