

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 October 18, 2018.

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Highlights and Recognitions

Three District Students Named to State Council

State Schools Superintendent Richard Woods selects students from across the state each year to serve on his Student Advisory Council. The members of this group serve as a liaison between their schools and state-level administrators, and they can help shape policy decisions.

This year, the District had three students chosen for this honor: Howard Middle School's Sofia Ali, Academy for Classical Education's Ben Trofemuk and Judy Charles of Hutchings College and Career Academy and the Georgia Academy for the Blind. They will attend meetings throughout the year in Atlanta.

Williams Elementary Parent Named to State Council

State Schools Superintendent Richard Woods selects a group of parents each year to serve on his Parent Advisory Council. The members of this group serve as a liaison between their schools, communities and state-level administrators.

This year, L.H. Williams Elementary School parent volunteer Sherri English was selected for the Parent Advisory Council. She will attend meetings in Atlanta throughout the year.

Retired Educators Adopt Two District Schools

The Bibb Retired Educators Association (BREA) recently held an application process for the group's Adopt-a-School Partnership Program. Once selected, a school will receive \$1,000 a year for three years from BREA, as well as volunteer support from BREA members. This year, two District schools were selected after BREA's Executive Board decided their applications were both so compelling: Ingram-Pye Elementary and Southfield Elementary.

Board Recognizes Retired Educators Day

The members of the Bibb Retired Educators Association represent a valuable asset to Macon-Bibb County. Not only are they formerly classroom educators, but their continued commitment to volunteer efforts in schools is crucial to the District's "Victory in Progress." As such, the Bibb County School District and Board of Education recognized the forthcoming Retired Educators Day in Bibb County and Retired Educators Month in Georgia.

Schools Deemed Distinguished, Operational in PBIS

District schools have implemented the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports system in cohorts over the last few years. This allows the system's values and practices to be implemented with fidelity at each school.

As these schools achieve certain levels of implementation, they are recognized for their achievements. Several District schools reached the Distinguished level for the 2017-2018 school year: Elam Alexander at Burke and Elam Alexander at Southwest, Rutland High School and Howard Middle School. Elam Alexander's two sites were the only Georgia Network for Education and Therapeutic Support sites to receive this honor, and Rutland was the only high school in the state to do the same.

The District also had several schools deemed Operational status. These schools included Alexander II Magnet School, Ingram-Pye Elementary, Porter Elementary School, Miller Magnet Middle School, Northeast High School, Southwest High School and Westside High School.

Actions Taken

Roof to be Replaced at Hutchings Building on Riverside

On Thursday, October 18, Board members authorized the District to issue a purchase order to Skyline Construction Services Inc. for the roof replacement project for the Hutchings Building at the Martin-Whitley Educational Complex. For more information, [click here](#).

Audio, Video and Safe Alert Systems Approved for Northeast, Weaver

On Thursday, October 18, Board members authorized the District to issue a purchase order to Audio Enhancement for the Audio/Video/EPIC Safe Alert systems for Northeast High School and Weaver Middle School using 2016 Education Special Local Options Sales Tax (ESPLOST) funds. During the renovations of these two campuses, existing technology was pulled and redistributed to other schools. Once renovations are complete for these buildings, new equipment will be purchased using ESPLOST funds. For more information, [click here](#).

Board Approves Network Upgrade for Central High

On Thursday, October 18, Board members authorized the District to issue a purchase order to Bridgetek Solutions LLC to upgrade the network for Central High School. After this project, all high schools will be upgraded to 10 gigabytes of bandwidth. For more information, [click here](#).

FY 2019 Local Board Training Plan Approved

On Thursday, October 18, Board members adopted the Fiscal Year 2019 Local Board Training Plan for submission to the Georgia Department of Education. This plan allows Board members to obtain the required number of training hours set by the Georgia State Board of Education. For more information, [click here](#).

Board Reviews Policy

Board members reviewed several policies for first reading on Thursday, October 18. Policies must be read twice before they may be voted on for final action. To review the policies, [click here](#).

- Policy BCBK – Executive Session (first reading)
- Policy DJE – Purchasing (first reading)

- Policy DJED – Bids and Quotations (first reading)
- Policy DJEAA – Board Approval (first reading)
- Policy DJEAC – Purchasing or Credit Card Use (first reading)

Personnel Items Approved

On Thursday, October 18, Board members approved personnel items for the month. To view personnel items, [click here](#).

Information

Assessment and Accountability Update

In advance of the forthcoming release of CCRPI data, Board members received an update from the Department of Research, Evaluation, Assessment and Accountability (REAA). To view the presentation, [click here](#).

Capital Programs Provides Update on ESPLOST Projects

Board members received an update on the projects managed by Capital Programs, including those funded by the 2016 Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax – a one-penny sales tax approved by voters in 2015. The update included construction progress at Northeast High and Appling Middle, construction of the new Transportation and Campus Police facilities on Cavalier Drive, the status of renovation projects on various buildings through the district, furniture and technology upgrades, and timelines for building auditoriums at Rutland High and Westside High. To view the presentation, [click here](#).