

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 December 13, 2018.

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Highlights and Recognitions

Skyview Elementary Chosen for National Title I Honor

After being selected as Distinguished Schools across the state, Title I schools have the opportunity to be considered for the National ESEA Distinguished School Award. This award is given to just two schools in each state.

Based on 2016-2017 College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) data, Skyview Elementary has been chosen as one of two schools for Georgia for the award. Skyview's CCRPI increased by 20.7 points for the 2016-2017 school year, reaching at total score of 91.2.

Two Schools Chosen for State Title I Honor

Two District schools – Alexander II Math and Science Magnet School and Carter Elementary School – have been recognized as being Title I Distinguished Schools for scoring in the top 5 percent of the state in the 2018 College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI). These schools also will be in consideration for national awards.

Vineville Academy Panda Players Receive School Bell Award

Every year, the Georgia Association of Elementary School Principals presents the School Bell Award to no more than 10 schools across the state. These schools are recognized for having innovative programs in the area of curriculum and organizational leadership. For the third consecutive year, Vineville Academy of the Arts was chosen as one of these schools, this time for its Panda Players theater program.

Dr. Wanda West Honored for Board Service

After two terms as the At-Large Post 8 representative for the Bibb County Board of Education, December 13 marked the final Board of Education meeting for Dr. Wanda West. Her service to the Board of Education and experience as a former educator and administrator have been extremely valuable. As such, the District presented her with a resolution in her honor.

Actions Taken

Calendar of 2019 Meeting Dates Approved

Board members approved the schedule of regular Committee/Board Meetings for the Bibb County Board of Education for the 2019 calendar year and January 2020. The meetings will be on the third

Thursday of the month with the exceptions of the February and December meetings. Committee Meetings will begin at 4 p.m., followed by the Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Committee/Board Meeting dates are: January 17, February 22-23 (Board Retreat), February 28, March 21, April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, August 15, September 19, October 17, November 21, and December 12; and January 16, 2020.

District Receives Offer to Purchase Hall Elementary

On Thursday, December 13, Board members authorized the Board President and Superintendent to sell the former Hall Elementary School, District surplus property located at 2312 Shurling Drive in Macon. Hall Elementary has been out of service since 2015. For more information, [click here](#).

Board OKs Contract for Fresh Produce

On Thursday, December 13, Board members authorized the District to enter into a contract with Bi-City Produce to provide produce items for FY 2019. The award will take place January 1, 2019. For more information, [click here](#).

District Continues Ricoh Lease Agreement

On Thursday, December 13, Board members authorized the District to enter into a contractual agreement with Ricoh America for managed print services through WiSH Printing for one year with the option for renewal for the next four years. The Bibb County School District's partnership with Ricoh, approved in November 2014, allows students in the Graphic Arts Pathway to operate the District's Print Shop by doing jobs for a variety of internal and external clients. This provides the students the opportunity to apply and develop the skills they have acquired within the classroom to a practical learning setting while gaining real world experience. For more information, [click here](#).

Central Office Technology Infrastructure to be Upgraded

On Thursday, December 13, Board members authorized the District to issue a purchase order to Bridgetek Solutions LLC and to Datacomm Professionals Inc. to replace substandard cabling and switches to provide for a more reliable infrastructure to support and increase the performance of departments located at the Central Office, 484 Mulberry St. For more information, [click here](#).

Board OKs Renewal of Worker's Compensation Insurance Policy

On Thursday, December 13, Board members authorized the renewal of the Excess Worker's Compensation Insurance Policy with Safety National Casualty Corp. for the period from January 1, 2019 to January 1, 2020. This is the second year of a three-year insurance policy award. Solomon, Deaton & Buice Insurance is the current insurance agency of record for this school district insurance policy. For more information, [click here](#).

Board Reviews Policies

Board members reviewed various policies for first or second reading on Thursday, December 13. Policies must be read twice before they may be voted on for final action. To review the policies, [click here](#).

- Policy CGPE – Administrative Personnel Non-School Employment (second reading)

- Policy CI – Administrative Intern Program (second reading)
- Policy KHD – Gifts to Staff (second reading)
- Policy MFB – Student Teaching Internships (second reading)
- Policy JBC(1) – Homeless Students (first reading)
- Policy KC – Board-Community Relations (first reading)

Personnel Items Approved

On Thursday, December 13, Board members approved personnel items for the month. To view personnel items, [click here](#).

Information

High School Students Participate in Annual Light Show

Students from all six Bibb County high schools and Hutchings College and Career Academy participated in the 11th annual Light More Homes benefit for Macon Area Habitat for Humanity. Winners of the annual programming contest were announced Wednesday, December 12, at Chick-fil-A on Tom Hill Sr. Boulevard, with Howard High taking the Grand Champions prize, Northeast High taking first place, Westside High taking second place, and Hutchings College and Career Academy taking third place.

Last year Macon Area Habitat for Humanity partnered with the Mercer University Computer Science Department to host a programming contest, which allowed students to learn how to use the Light O’Rama software which synchs the 65,000 Christmas lights around Chick-fil-A to music. Students then selected a song and created their own program. In 2018 the contest was opened to Bibb County high school students. The partnership between Light More Homes, Mercer University and Bibb County Schools presents an opportunity for students to experience programming technology and then truly see their work in lights.

The 2018 Light More Homes display includes 2 other new additions. The display includes “Habitat Houses” built by students in the Hutchings College and Career Academy Construction Program. The houses remind spectators of the connection between the light display and Macon Area Habitat for Humanity. The other new addition is a text-to-donate option. Guests are invited to text MACONHABITAT to 77948 to make a donation directly to Habitat’s mission in Macon-Bibb and Jones Counties.

For highlights of from the light show, [click here](#).

Intent to Apply for 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant

On Thursday, December 13, Board members received information about an upcoming grant opportunity, the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) Grant Competition. The Bibb County School District intends to submit grant proposals to fund five school sites: Ballard-Hudson Middle, Brookdale/Riley Elementary, Bruce Elementary, Hartley Elementary and Union Elementary. For more information, [click here](#).