

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 May 19, 2016.

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Highlights and Recognitions

District Recognized as Georgia Grown System of Distinction

The Bibb County School District is one of three school systems statewide to receive recognition from the Georgia Department of Agriculture. This award was established to recognize nutrition directors and schools for being the "first to the plate" on developing superior farm-to-school programs on the state and national level.

The District's School Nutrition Program received this award for offering first-rate insight, abundant student involvement and stellar farm-to-school events that has led to further development of the Georgia Department of Agriculture's multiple farm-to-school efforts. Agriculture Commissioner Gary Black has said that Bibb County is on the forefront of the farm-to-school movement in the state and key to the success of the 20/20 Vision for School Nutrition in Georgia, which aims to have at least 20 percent of every meal in every Georgia public school every day to be comprised of Georgia products by the start of the 2020 school year.

Graduating Senior Honored for Perfect Attendance in School Career

Southwest High School Senior Timonte Lee was honored for never missing a day of school during 13 years of school. That means he attended 2,340 days of school without one absence.

Westside Principal Named Joe Richardson Award Winner

The Principals Center at Georgia State University in Atlanta named Westside High School Principal Dr. Julia Daniely as the 2016 Joe Richardson Award Winner for outstanding work.

Dr. Daniely has been principal of Westside High School since 2012. Under her leadership, Westside High School has gone from a 46.1 percent graduation rate in 2012 to a graduation rate of 71.687 percent in 2015. While she has been at Westside, the school received a competitive three-year School Improvement Grant Award in 2013; the National Beta School of Distinction Award three years for increasing membership by 100 percent each year; the SSTAGE Rising Award in 2015 for promising practices in developing the Response to Intervention (RtI) framework, process and procedures; and the Governor's Office of Student Achievement (GOSA) two-year Innovation Fund Grant in 2015 to enhance innovative practices for school improvement.

Ballard-Hudson Middle School Wins Middle School Quiz Bowl Title

Quiz Bowl is an opportunity for students to showcase their academic knowledge. All middle schools compete in two practice rounds and the semi-finals competition. The five winning teams in the semi-finals compete for a chance at the championship match.

In the competition, two teams of four face off across a table, answering 10 toss-up questions and 10 bonus questions. Between the fifth and sixth question, the team completes a written worksheet together. It is a game of knowledge, of skill, and of speed, and it helps better prepare students for high school.

This year's Bibb County Quiz Bowl Championship team was from Ballard-Hudson Middle School: Stantagious Alford, Channing Byrd, Summer Hodge, Jasmine Martin, Eduardo Montero, Altanese Palmer and Altaron Palmer.

District and State Student Media Festival Winners Announced

Student Media Festival winners who placed at the District level went on to compete at the state level. The annual festival allows students to show an audience their work, have their work critiqued by a panel of judges. Media projects can include video, website design, animation, and photography.

From Alexander II Magnet School:

- Julia Byron won Superior on her project, The Blender Buddy Commercials
- Layla Floyd, Merit, The Robbasage
- Lillian Harper, Merit, Spicy Sprinkle
- Hannah Mayfield, Superior, Bully Band
- Owen Mayfield, Merit, Crumb Catcher Table
- Aiden Roberson, Superior, Helping Hand 2000
- Skylar Stephens, Superior, Ooh-La-La Freshing Breath Kit
- Ramaj Weathersbe, Superior, Time Machine

From Barden Elementary School:

- Lacie Kitchens, Superior, What the Dog Knew
- Kyra Spencer, Superior, Horror in the Making

From Bernd Elementary School:

- Destiny Wilson, Merit, My Pet

From Burdell-Hunt Magnet School:

- Donnie Henry, Merit, The 7 Habits
- Makyala Brown and Jamiah Waller, Superior, The Water Cycle
- Paris Goolsby and Angela Lott, Superior, Welcome to Our School
- Kemille Moore and A'Jai Williams, Superior, Pony Life

From Howard High School:

- Cameron Arnett, Merit, Why You Should Use GALILEO
- Mackenzie Lasker and Mary Ellen Smith, Merit, Ebooks

From Lane Elementary School:

- Donovan Carter, Merit, Things Not To Do In The Library
- Anthony Hughes, Merit, Police Chase

- Kaleigh Borck and Kyla McWhite, Superior, The Messed Up Prank
- Kobe Dixon and Pratham Patel, Participation Award, Cars
- Londy Ramirez-Perez and Cyan Vaughn, Merit, Participation Award, School Safety
- Jaden Veal and Johnathan Watson, Participation Award, New York Giants

From Springdale Elementary School:

- Kaden Jones, Best of Show, The Cherokee Indians
- Ms. Johnston's Class, Best of Show, Leprechauns
- Ms. Sill's class, Superior, The Life Cycle of Fish

From Taylor Elementary School:

- Malik Bell and Ethan Zebley, Superior, Safety Rules

From Vineville Academy of the Arts:

- Daniel Biek, Superior, Macon Undercover
- Christian Billingslea, Superior, Vineville News
- Henry Jennings, Superior, The Three Pigs
- Ulric Bellaire and Romantez Mitchell, Best of Show, Duties and Responsibilities of BOE Campus Police

National History Day Winners Announced

National History Day is an academic competition where students conduct extensive research on a historical topic of their choice based on the year's theme. Through their research, students must compile analysis and conclusions about the historical significance of the event they have chosen into one of five categories: papers, websites, exhibits, performances, and documentaries. Students compete in National History Day on local, state, and national levels.

The following students won first place at the regional National History Day competition at Fort Valley State University. They advanced to the state competition at Mercer University.

From Howard Middle School:

- Alexis Alexander and Aiden Cannon, Junior Group Performance
- Samyia McCane and Shahara Brown, Junior Group Website
- Zachary Ferguson, Eric Woodford and Palmer Braunstein Jr., Junior Group Documentaries

From Rutland Middle School:

- Audry Wallace, Junior Historical Paper

From Howard High School:

- Maddie Jackson, Senior Historical Paper
- Eliza Thigpen and Chandler Harris, Senior Group Exhibit
- Makayla Elliot and Jada Pemberton, Senior Group Website

District Honors Retirees with More Than 25 Years of Service

Educators with more than 25 years of service were recognized and celebrated for their dedicated service to education in Bibb County. Those honored for their contributions to education included:

- Queen Adeboyejo, Teacher at Southwest High School, 27 years in Bibb, 28 years total
- Eva Allen, Teacher at Appling Middle School, all 28 years in Bibb County.
- Sanford Ashley, Teacher at Morgan Elementary School, all 26 years in Bibb.
- Mattie Bennett, Nutrition Services, Southwest High School, all 29 years in Bibb.
- Snester Bivins, Nutrition Services, Central Kitchen, all 28 years in Bibb.
- Linda Blassingame, Custodial Services, Hartley Elementary School, all 32 years in Bibb.
- Cheryl Brickle, Benefits Supervisor, Central Office, all 34 years in Bibb.
- Pamela Cannon, Paraprofessional at Southwest High School, all 30 years in Bibb.
- Shyelma Collins, Teacher at Weaver Middle School, all 40 years in Bibb.
- Melva Crumbley, Nutrition Services at Rutland High, all 27 years in Bibb.
- Margaret Daniel, Teacher at Heritage Elementary School, all 30 years in Bibb.
- Glenda Davidson, Teacher at Morgan Elementary School, all 30 years in Bibb.
- Mary Louise Dykes, Paraprofessional at Morgan Elementary, 31 years in Bibb.
- Brenda Edwards, Assistant Principal at Ballard-Hudson Middle, 32 years in Bibb, 37 years total.
- Catharine Ely, Teacher at Heritage Elementary School, all 35 years in Bibb.
- Janet Fluellen, Teacher at Burdell-Hunt Magnet School, all 30 years in Bibb.
- Kathy Gabriel, Accounting Secretary, all 29 years in Bibb.
- Patricia Graham, Treatment Coordinator at Elam at Northeast, 28 years in Bibb, 30 years total
- Antilia Haley, Teacher at Central High, 28 years in Bibb, 30 years total.
- Stanley Haley, Teacher at Southwest High, 25 years in Bibb, 30 years total
- Gina Harris, Teacher, Heard Elementary School, all 30 years in Bibb.
- Carol Henneberry, Teacher at Morgan Elementary, all 30 years in Bibb.
- Cheryl Hitchcock, CTAE Teacher, Hutchings College & Career Academy, 26 years in Bibb, 31 years total.
- Pecorlia Johnson, Teacher at Rutland Middle, 26 years in Bibb, 27 years total.
- Paula Johnson, Teacher at Hartley Elementary, all 30 years in Bibb.
- Carla Jones, Teacher at Heard Elementary, all 31 years in Bibb.
- Wanda King, Teacher at Porter Elementary School, all 32 years in Bibb.
- Katrina Knight, Teacher at Rutland Middle School, all 30 years in Bibb.
- Diane Mathews, Paraprofessional at Weaver Middle, all 28 years in Bibb.
- Barbara Moreland, Custodial Services at Southwest High, all 28 years in Bibb.
- Beverly Roberts, Teacher at Alexander II Magnet School, all 37 years in Bibb.
- Kathy Rogers-Martin, Teacher at Lane Elementary School, 37 years in Bibb, 38 total.
- Janice Scott, Family Engagement Facilitator at Williams Elementary, 30 years in Bibb.
- Sandra Stanley, Principal at Heard Elementary, 32 years in Bibb, 42 years total.
- Brenda Thompson, Teacher at Lane Elementary, all 31 years in Bibb.
- Willett Waller, Teacher at Rutland Middle School, all 41 years in Bibb.
- Gail Willis, Teacher at Porter Elementary School, all 29 years in Bibb.
- Terry Wilson, Teacher at Porter Elementary School, all 30 years in Bibb.

Central High Seniors Named 2016 Gates Scholars

Central High School seniors Tamia Middleton and Ira Moore have been named Class of 2016 Gates Millennium Scholars. Only 1,000 students are selected each year to receive the Gates Millennium Scholarship and more than 53,000 students applied for assistance from the program this year. The scholarships support students' pursuit of higher education by covering unmet need and self-help aid in the amount of up to \$250,000. This is the fifth year Central High School students have been named Gates Millennium Scholars.

Actions Taken

Administrative Appointments Approved

On Thursday, May 19, Board members approved the following appointments:

- Dr. Danielle Howard, Principal of Ingram-Pye Elementary School. Dr. Howard is Assistant Principal at Ingram-Pye currently. She has been in education for more than 17 years and has been with the District since 2005.
- Cami Hamlin, Principal of Porter Elementary School. Ms. Hamlin is Assistant Principal at Springdale Elementary currently. She has been in education for more than 18 years and has been with the District since 2003.
- Dr. Barbara Brown, Assistant Principal of Westside High School. Dr. Brown is currently an Academic Coach at Westside High. She has been in education for more than 13 years and has been with the District since 2015.
- Christopher Carr, Assistant Principal of Carter Elementary School. Mr. Carr is currently the Director for Alternative Education for Seminole County Schools in Donalsonville. He has more than 19 years of experience in education.
- Karen Cromer, Assistant Principal of Hartley Elementary School. Ms. Cromer is currently the RTI Coach at Hartley Elementary. She has been with the District since 1991.
- Lisa Thompson, Assistant Principal of Westside High School. Ms. Thompson is currently an Academic Coach at Rutland High School. She has been in education more than 17 years and has been with the District since 2009.
- Brian Butler, Science Coordinator. Mr. Butler is currently a high school science teacher at Rutland High School. He has been in education for more than 9 years and an employee with the District since 2007.
- Adrienne Hurley, Social Studies Coordinator. Ms. Hurley is currently an economics and American government teacher at Warner Robins High School. She has been in education since 2013.

To view personnel items approved by the Board, [click here](#).

Architectural Firm Selected for Northeast/Appling, Transportation/Police Facilities

On Thursday, May 19, Board members authorized the District to enter into two contracts with WM2A to provide design services for the Northeast High/Appling Middle replacement facilities and for the Transportation/Campus Police replacement facility. Both projects will be funded by the 2016 ESPLOST (Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax), a one percent sales tax approved by voters in November 2015.

For the Northeast/Appling project, the estimated construction cost is \$35,000,000. Construction is expected to begin in June 2017 and to be complete by August 2019. The community will be invited to participate in the design of the project. For more information, [click here](#).

As part of the 2016 ESPLOST building program, the Board approved the construction of a new replacement facility for the Transportation and Campus Police Departments. Estimated construction cost for this project is \$4,500,000. Construction is expected to begin in November 2016 and to be complete by June 2017. For more information, [click here](#).

Improvements to Classroom Technology Approved

On Thursday, May 19, Board members authorized the District to issue a purchase order to Progressive Communications to provide classroom cameras and audio enhancement equipment for five District middle schools and Veterans Elementary. Classroom cameras and audio enhancement equipment were installed at Ballard-Hudson Middle School and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School this year as part of a pilot for the program to test functionality and compatibility with the existing network infrastructure. To watch a video about how the cameras and audio technology are being used to provide security and instructional support, [click here](#).

Additionally Thursday, Board members authorized the District to issue a purchase order to LeCroy Educational Technology to provide interactive panels for all remaining classrooms in the District that have yet to receive upgrades to ensure all classrooms have equitable technology. The interactive touch panels have been installed in 13 District schools.

Both projects, designed to improve classroom technology and security, are being funded by the 2016 ESPLOST (Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax), a one percent sales tax approved by voters in November 2015. To view the action item for classroom cameras and audio enhancement equipment, [click here](#). To view the action item for the interactive panels, [click here](#).

Board Authorizes Renewal of Assessment Platform

On Thursday, May 19, Board members authorized the renewal of the assessment platform School City for the implementation of a formative assessment process for fiscal year 2016-2017. The Georgia Milestones Assessment System results in 2015 indicated a need to utilize a formative assessment process to provide teachers with data to drive instructional practices. Without a formative assessment process, schools would not have data to determine students' mastery of standards prior to the spring administration of standardized tests. In July 2015, the Board of Education approved the school system entering into contract negotiations with School City for the formative assessment plan for fiscal year. To view the action item, [click here](#).

Porter Renovation Work, Classroom Furniture Bid Approved

On Thursday, May 19, Board members authorized the District to enter into a contract with Chris R. Sheridan Construction to provide renovation work at Porter Elementary School. As part of the 2011 ESPLOST (Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax) building program, the Board approved renovation work at Porter Elementary. Some renovation work at Porter took place last summer and this phase of work, which will include new paint, carpet, a secured entry and access control doors, is expected to be complete by August 2016. For more information, [click here](#).

Additionally Thursday, Board members authorized the District to issue a purchase order to Georgia Specialty Equipment to provide classroom furniture for Porter, Carter and Williams Elementary Schools. The purchase will be funded by the 2016 ESPLOST (Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax), a one percent sales tax approved by voters in November 2015. For more information, [click here](#).

Renewal Agreements for Microsoft Licensing, Cox Services Approved

Board members on Thursday, May 19, approved a renewal agreement with Dell for continued services for the fiscal year 2016-2017. The District is currently in a three-year contract with an annual renewal option for district-wide licenses of Microsoft for BCSD servers, desktops, laptops and devices. This provides the District with licensing for the following software – email, IM, Lync, Sharepoint, MS Office for faculty and staff, Windows OS, DataCenter applications, O365 and MS Office Pro Plus. To view the action item, [click here](#).

Also on Thursday, Board members approved renewals for the Master Retail Services Agreement and Equipment Collocation Agreement with Cox Communications for the fiscal year 2016-2017 at \$136,900 per month. The District is currently in a five-year contract with an annual renewal option with Cox Communications services. Cox provides WAN Internet connectivity for all District sites, as well as redundancy at the District's offsite COLO (Collocation Facility). To view the action item, [click here](#).

Board Moves Forward with Second Reading on Policies

Board members reviewed three policies for second reading on Thursday, May 19. Policies must be read twice before they may be voted on.

- Policy GBA, Personnel Compensation Guides and Contracts
- Policy GBB, Personnel – Position Management
- Policy IBB, Charter Schools

To review the policies, [click here](#).

Information

District Offering Summer Opportunity Program

The District is providing a free Summer Opportunity Program for third, fifth and eighth grade students who have scored at the "Deficient" level on the Reading-Curriculum Based Measurement. One of the District's strategic priorities is to ensure students are reading on grade level, and the purpose of the Summer Opportunity Program is to help all children succeed at the next grade level. The program will run June 6-30 at Southfield and Union Elementary Schools and Miller Magnet Middle School.

The District is also providing a Summer Opportunity Program for high school students interested in credit repair, credit recovery and credit accrual opportunities. Students who wish to attend need

to complete an application and return it to their high school counselors. The program will be held June 13-July 14 at Central High School.

To view the presentation about the District's Summer Opportunity Program, [click here](#). To register a student for the Summer Opportunity Program, visit www.bcsdk12.net.

Truancy Task Force to Meet Twice a Month Next Year

Assistant Superintendent of Student Affairs Jamie Cassady provided Board members with an update on attendance and the District's Truancy Task Force work. Attendance is one of Superintendent Dr. Curtis L. Jones Jr.'s four focus areas, which also include reading, enrollment and discipline.

In an effort to reduce truancy at the individual, family and community levels, a task force was created this school year. This task force consists of the following entities: Bibb County Superior Court, Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), DFACS, Bibb County School District, Bibb County Sheriff's Office, Bibb County Campus Police, legal representatives and mental health system representatives. The Truancy Task Force meets once a month, usually the first Tuesday, to discuss students who are under 16 years of age and have missed more than 10 days.

To date, 94 cases have been heard and the Truancy Task Force has seen a 49 percent improvement in attendance among students who have come before the task force. Moving forward, the Truancy Task Force will begin meeting twice a month next school year to increase its caseload.

To view the presentation, [click here](#).

GEAR UP Providing Summer Opportunities for High School Students

The District's GEAR UP program is working with Public Consulting Group (PCG) for services in core credit math areas for a high school summer credit recovery, repair and accrual programs at Howard, Central, Northeast and Rutland High schools and the Hutchings College and Career Academy for the 2015-2016 school year.

During the 2011-2012 school year, the District received a federal partnership grant from the U.S. Department of Education called Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP). GEAR UP ~ Create Your Future is composed of District and local organizations from the community. The project serves a cohort of 3,600 students, who are presently enrolled in tenth and eleventh grades at District high schools.

Services this summer will include the items listed below.

GEAR UP Credit Repair will provide additional instruction using Edgenuity (E2020) for students in Grades 10 and 11. Courses will include Analytic Geometry, Advanced Algebra, Literature and Composition, Biology 1 and World History. Course offerings may change to reflect student needs after Georgia Milestones results are received. Credit Repair will be held at each high school.

GEAR UP Summer Credit Recovery will provide additional instruction using Edgenuity (E2020) for students in Grades 10 and 11 for a longer period of time. The GEAR UP Summer Credit

Recovery will coincide with that of the District and be held at Central High School. GEAR UP students will attend at no cost.

GEAR UP Summer Credit Accrual will provide academic opportunities for students to “move on” by offering core content courses. The GEAR UP Summer Credit Recovery will coincide with that of the District and be held at Central High School.

Board Receives Update on Macon Charter Academy

Superintendent Dr. Curtis L. Jones Jr. provided Board members with a brief update on Macon Charter Academy. The charter school is currently on probation.