

The Board Brief

This edition of *The Board Brief* is a summary of the information presented and actions taken at the Board of Education's Called Board Meeting on April 8, 2013.

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Information Presented

Board Receives Update on Superintendent Search

Interim Board Chair Susan Sipe presented Board members with an update on the search for an interim superintendent. Five people had submitted applications for the position of interim superintendent as of Friday, April 5, she said. The deadline for applications is Friday, April 12.

Mrs. Sipe told Board members they would receive the applications and résumés of those who apply as soon as she receives them from the Georgia School Boards Association (GSBA). Board members said they would discuss on Thursday, April 18, a date to interview applicants for the interim superintendent position.

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

Acting Superintendent Presents Update to Board

Acting Superintendent Susanne Griffin-Ziebart provided Board members with a quick summary of pressing issues. Topics of discussion included preparing for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 Budget, which is scheduled to be approved on Thursday, June 20, and the tough decisions that would come with budget planning, such as the possibility of a Reduction in Force (RIF); establishing a common message for communication among administrators, employees, and Board members; preparing for accreditation; and more.

As part of the accreditation process, Board members were made aware of the need for a Called Board Meeting on Wednesday, May 1, at 3 p.m. At that time, an External Review Team will present Board members and the District with a preliminary report based on its findings. The final report will come in late June or early July, Mrs. Griffin-Ziebart said.

As part of the discussion on budget planning, Mrs. Griffin-Ziebart told Board members they would begin to discuss the possibility of a RIF at the planned Budget Work Session on Tuesday, April 16. Board members also requested that the planned Budget Work Session for Thursday, June 13, be rescheduled to Thursday, June 20, as members will be out of town for a required Georgia School Boards Association (GSBA) conference on June 13.

During the budget planning process, Mrs. Griffin-Ziebart also reminded Board members they would need to consider any technology needs anticipated during the 2013-2014 school year. They will also need to review the Local Facilities Plan developed in 2009, and assess any changes that may be necessary.

In preparation for budget planning, Mrs. Griffin-Ziebart also provided Board members with information about a PowerPoint presentation on the FY 2014 Budget so they may familiarize themselves with the issues at hand prior to the upcoming Budget Work Session on Tuesday, April 16. To view the District Budget Presentation, [click here](#).

Action Taken

Board Adds Meeting Dates Through June

Board members voted to plan to meet each Thursday between April 16 and June 20, except for the week of June 13 when Board members will be at a required Georgia School Boards Association (GSBA) conference. As needed, Committees Meetings will begin at 4 p.m. and Board Meetings will begin at 6 p.m.

The Board also agreed that the 6 p.m. meeting on Thursday, April 18, would serve as a work session to address Board functions. The scope of topics will include teamwork, board organization, Board Committees, Board Meetings, and community advocacy.

Board Members Vote to Adopt Censure Statement

The Board voted to adopt the Censure Statement labeled Attachment A. To view the statement, [click here](#).

Board Tables Election of Board Officers

Board members voted to table the election of Board officers until Thursday, April 25.