

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 Meeting and Board Work Session on April 18, 2013.

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Information Presented

Interim Superintendent Search Process Continues

Acting Board President Susan Sipe updated Board members on the search for an interim superintendent. Board members agreed to send suggestions for a process of selecting an interim superintendent to Mrs. Sipe and Board member Dr. Wanda West.

A vote on the process for selecting an interim superintendent will take place during the Board Meeting/Work Session scheduled for Thursday, April 25.

Board Participates in Work Session Led by GSBA Official

Board members participated in a Board Work Session led by Tony Arasi, Georgia School Boards Association (GSBA) Director of Board Development.

The Work Session allowed Board members to complete the three hours of Whole Board Governance Training required of Georgia's Board of Education members each year. Veteran Board members are required to complete nine hours of training each year. New Board members are required to complete 15 hours of training within the first year of office. Three of those hours must be Board Governance Training and three hours must be orientation led by the local school district.

The purpose of the Whole Board Governance Training session on Thursday was for Board members to learn how to work together as a team, Mr. Arasi said. Topics of discussion included what the Board can do to serve its District better, developing a communications protocol, and following a code of ethics.

Acting Board President Susan Sipe also informed Board members that she will look for a sponsor to cover the cost of the training session with Mr. Arasi.

Opportunity for Further School Improvement Grant Funds

Acting Superintendent Susanne Griffin-Ziebart informed Board members of the potential to apply for additional School Improvement Grant (SIG) funds. Westside High School and possibly some elementary schools would fall under the scope of this SIG funding opportunity.

Mrs. Griffin-Ziebart told Board members the District intends to file a notice of intent to apply for this additional SIG funding. Further information will be brought to the Board at a later date.

Actions Taken

Board OKs Contract with University Instructors to Staff Flexible Learning Program

The Board authorized a contract with University Instructors to provide educational staffing for the Flexible Learning Program (FLP), a required program that is federally funded and scheduled for this summer. On Thursday, April 11, representatives from Title I updated Board members on the FLP. Board members voted then to approve University Instructors as the sole provider for educational staffing for the FLP and to allow the superintendent to negotiate a contract with University Instructors.

To learn more about the Flexible Learning Program through a PowerPoint presented at the April 11 meeting, [click here](#).

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

To learn more about University Instructors, [click here](#).

Law Firm to Sponsor Luncheon Honoring Valedictorians, Salutatorians

The Board approved a resolution to accept a \$700 donation from law firm Hall, Booth and Smith to sponsor a luncheon honoring the District's valedictorians and salutatorians of the 2012-2013 graduating class. The resolution was presented to the Board pursuant to Board Policy DFF. To view Board Policy DFF, [click here](#).