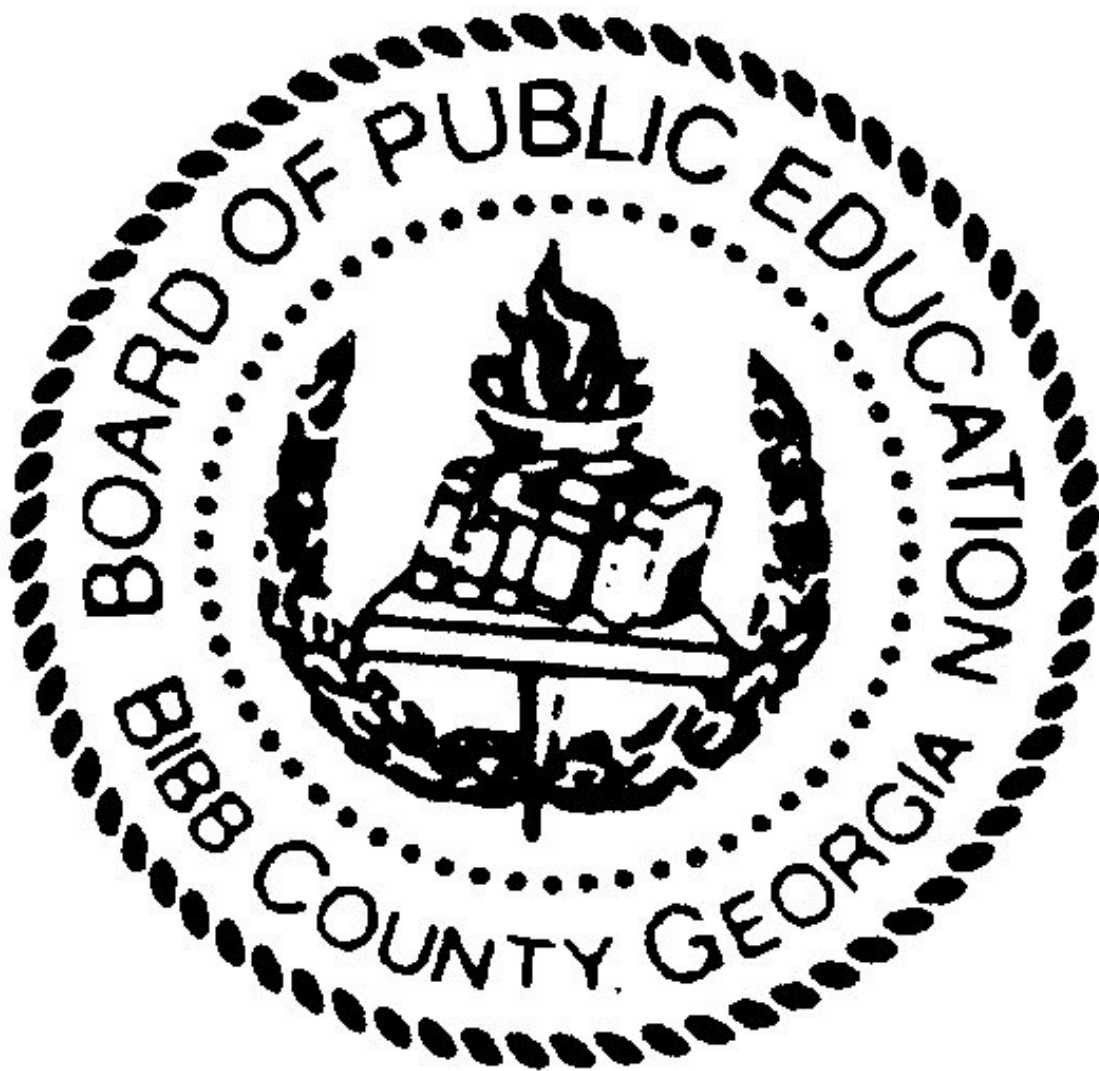


The Board Brief

January 18, 2023



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The Board Brief newsletter is a summary of the information presented and actions taken at Bibb County Board of Education meetings for Bibb County School District in Macon, Ga. Review meeting agendas, district policies, Board member contact information and more on Simbli at

<https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/Index.aspx?S=4013>.

Superintendent's Report

Each month, Superintendent Dr. Dan A. Sims presents highlights happening within schools and the District. Here are just a few of the recent highlights from the past month.

- Thank you to Vineville Academy of the Arts for providing the artwork for this month's Board meeting. Artwork was coordinated by teacher Toni Siebenmorgan, who shared the following: Welcome to an Evening in Monet's Garden. Students from Vineville Academy of the Arts studied the French Impressionist Claude Monet. Using Monet as their inspiration, they created paintings of sunrises, waterlilies, and Japanese bridges. Paintings were matted and labeled, and table decorations were prepared by the Backdrop Design Club from Vineville Academy.
- Congratulations and thank you to Dr. Nancy Thorne Forde for her years of service in public education. Dr. Forde retired last month as the Executive Director of Supplemental Services! We wish you much joy in your retirement!
- January brought with it the annual commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life and legacy. Did you know that MLK Day is the only federal holiday designated by Congress as a National Day of Service? As such, students and staff were encouraged to give back to their community during the long weekend. Photos highlight celebrations at Hartley Elementary, where students participated in an assembly and school march to commemorate Dr. King, as well as some Howard High School students and staff participating in the Day of Service with Keep Macon-Bibb Beautiful's Community Cleanup in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. Students and staff from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School in east Macon have been celebrating all week and they are pictured in their blue this week to represent Dr. King's dreams. The community is invited to join in the culmination of the school's weeklong celebration with a neighborhood parade from the school this Friday at 11:30 a.m.
- This month, BCSD's Human Resources Department hosted its 3rd annual Bears in Bibb school tour! Mercer University students had the opportunity to tour each school level in the Northeast Zone as well as a specialty program, meet students, and listen to a panel of current educators. For more information about job opportunities and resources in BCSD, visit www.bcsdk12.net/careers.
- Staff members at Bruce Elementary School showed their competitive spirit this month as they engaged in teambuilding activities with the first leg of The Amazing Race: Bruce Eagles Soaring to the Finish Line. The Yellow Jackets won this leg, but there will be more challenges to come. Way to soar TOGETHER, Eagles!
- The students at [Vineville Academy of the Arts](#) enjoyed Hour of Code so much in early December that team members from BCSD's Instructional Technology joined the school's Media Specialist in setting up additional coding and robotics experiences for students. Students turned into mathematicians and engineers using Sphero robots! These little tech wonders are not just toys – they're educational tools sparking creativity and critical thinking. Imagine the joy of learning while maneuvering Spheros to measure distances and explore angles!
- January is National Mentoring Month and The Mentor's Project of Bibb County kicked it off with a press conference just after the New Year to highlight the importance of mentoring our students. "We all need mentors," said June O'Neal, Mentor's Project director. "In just 4 hours a month, you can add a lifelong impact in the life of a child." Macon-Bibb County Commissioner

Elaine Lucas was also in attendance as a representative of the Dr. Martin Luther King Commission. She recognized the Mentor's Project as an Organization of the Year for the Dr. Martin Luther King Commission.

- Last week, students, faculty and staff at Weaver Middle School celebrated Georgia Milestones success and coming off the state's Promise School list. With the help of Faith Walk Community Trust The Process and other partners, students received gift cards and iPads for their individual successes on the Milestones. Thank you to the amazing community partners who made this recognition of student achievement possible!
- This month, the faculty and staff of Springdale Elementary School, as well as members of BCSD's Capital Programs staff and representatives of ICB Construction Group, "signed the beam" for the new Springdale building during a Topping Off Ceremony. After signing the beam, staff then watched as the beam was hoisted into place as part of the new building's construction work. We are so excited to see this school when it opens in August!
- Last week, Southwest High School alumna Dr. LaShanda T.J. Korley was the latest lecturer in the Hutchings College and Career Academy "On the Menu" Masterclass Series. Dr. Korley currently serves as a distinguished professor and U.S. Science envoy. A chemical engineer, Dr. Korley graduated from Southwest in 1994 before going on to achieve degrees from Clark Atlanta University, Georgia Tech, and Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). "When you're thinking about college, are you someone who just wants to be in a classroom, or do you want to have experiential opportunities?" Dr. Korley asked the group of high school students as she encouraged them to think about all of their options. She also told her students about the numerous stops in her path, from what she learned in her studies to her experiences in countries across the world as a science envoy. In that role, Dr. Korley has discussed important topics like plastics recycling and water access in Europe, Asia and Africa. In addition, she urged students to think about their own well-being beyond their academic and professional endeavors.
- If you've listened to my Superintendent's Wish List, you'll know that among the top things so important for parents to know and help us with is student attendance. We are hyper-focused on creating engaging learning experiences for our students, but we can't do it alone. We need parents to help students get to school on time, every day, prepared to learn and to have a successful day. Here, students in kindergarten classes at Northwoods Academy celebrated the New Year AND their perfect attendance for the first day of second semester! If you want to listen to the Wish List, visit www.youtube.com/bibbschools or my Superintendent's Facebook page. Let's do this, TOGETHER!
- I just want to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our student athletes who continued to practice and play throughout the holiday break. They are grinding for success on the court and in the classroom, and I want to thank them for all they do. Way to go, Bibb athletes!
- I am excited to host the State of the District on January 25. Wesleyan College has so graciously offered to host us on campus to highlight how our partnerships with colleges and universities can benefit our students right here in Macon-Bibb. The event will feature student performances and an update on our Strategic Plan, #Built4Bibb: More Victory Planned. We will share video of the event at www.youtube.com/bibbschools as well. Please join us virtually, or you can still register to attend in person, as we work 2GETHER 4 ACTION FOR BIBB.

Click here to watch the Superintendent's Wish List!

Actions

Board Elects Officers for 2024

On Thursday, Board members elected new officers for the 2024 calendar year. New officers for 2024 are: James Freeman, President; Dr. Sundra Woodford, Vice President; and Daryl Morton, Treasurer. Outgoing officers for 2023 include Dr. Juawn Jackson, President; Myrtice C. Johnson, Vice President; and Kristin Hanlon, Treasurer.

BOARD OFFICERS

Congratulations to these individuals for being selected as officers for the Bibb County Board of Education for 2024.



James Freeman
President



Dr. Sundra Woodford
Vice President



Daryl Morton
Treasurer

Personnel Items Approved

Board members various personnel items. To view all personnel items, [click here](#).

Budget Amendment for FY 2024 General Funds Approved

The General Fund Budget is a fluid document that requires revisions as new data is received from federal, state, and local agencies, as well as from the Bibb County School District expenditure and the beginning fund balance projections. Board members approved Budget Amendment #2 for the FY 2024 General Fund budget with a revised projected ending fund balance of \$58,889,392. To learn more, [click here](#).

Board Approves Technology and Software Equipment for New Springdale Elementary

Board members approved a contract with Audio Enhancement to provide technology, equipment, services, software licensing, and training for the new Springdale Elementary School. This project

will be funded with 2021 Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (ESPLOST), a one percent sales tax approved by voters. To learn more, [click here](#).

Process for Renovations to Rutland Middle and High School Moves Forward

Board members approved a contract with International City Builders to provide renovations to Rutland Middle and High School with a Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$9,525,392.63. These renovations include flooring, painting, and HVAC services. This project will be funded by the 2021 ESPLOST. To learn more, [click here](#).

Social Studies Instructional Materials Approved

Board members approved the purchase of Social Studies textbooks and instructional materials for 2024-2025. The funds will be paid out of FY 2024 general funds. Social Studies textbooks and instructional resources are adopted by the District every six years. The current Social Studies textbook and resource adoption expires at the conclusion of the 2023-2024 school term. To learn more, [click here](#).

Board Reviews Policies

Board members reviewed various policies for first or second reading. Policies must be read twice before they may be voted on for final action. For more information, [click here](#).

- Policy DFLA, General Fund Investment (ACTION - Second Reading)
- Policy DFN, Property Sales (ACTION - Second Reading)
- Policy IDCH, Dual Enrollment (ACTION - Second Reading)
- Policy CJ, Administrative Consultants (First Reading)
- Policy LA - Inter-Organizational Goals and Objectives (First Reading)
- Policy IDFA, Gender Equity in Sports (First Reading)

Stakeholders are encouraged to review policies posted after first reading and make public comment via Simbli before the proposed policies are brought back before the Board for action the following month. Simbli may be accessed through the District's website, www.bcsdk12.net, under "About Us" and "Simbli." On [Simbli](#), "Pending Policies" will appear on the right side of the screen.

Information

Overview of New K-12 Math Standards

Board members heard a presentation about the Georgia K-12 Mathematics standards. The purpose of the presentation was to provide an overview for the implementation of Georgia's K-12 Mathematics Standards in Bibb County Schools and supports provided for teacher development that will increase student achievement. Georgia's new K-12 Mathematics Standards focus on equipping students to persevere through the solving of real world math problems and the District is supporting students, teachers, and administrators in pursuit of this goal. To view the presentation, [click here](#).

Highlights

Board President Honored with Commemorative Gavel

Outgoing Board of Education President Dr. Juawn Jackson was presented with a commemorative gavel in recognition of his service as Board President for 2023.

Region 2-AA Athletic Director of the Year

Central High School's Andre Taylor was recognized as the Region 2-AA Athletic Director of the Year for his leadership with the Chargers' athletic programs.

SIFMA Foundation's Stock Market Game

Each year, students across the country participate in the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association's Stock Market Game. This competition provides students with a simulated investment experience that exposes them to important real-world decisions that would be difficult to encounter otherwise.

Elementary

Rayleen Tajirian , John R. Lewis Elementary School, New Teacher Winner

John R. Lewis Elementary School, Rural Division Winner

Akayla Burkes, Ivyana McLaurin, Jayleen Brown, Kaylee Windham – Rockstars

Middle

Miller Magnet Middle School, 2nd Place Winner

Zoey Adams, JaLexis Butler, J'Long Williams, Asheli Sands, Michael Bond

Miller Magnet Middle School, 3rd Place Winner

Charity Harper, Alexander Edwards, Dulcie Vanderhoek, Carys Thompson, Henry Bridges

High

Rutland High School, Winner

Braylan Mann, Ryan Rodgers, Tylan Tharpe, Haven Howard, Stuart Butts - Teacher

Special Proclamation Presentation Honoring Dolores Jones Cook

Dolores Jones Cook was first elected to the Bibb County Board of Education in 1972. This landmark election made her the first Black elected official in the history of Bibb County. Mrs. Cook's family was honored with a proclamation.

Dolores Jones Cook

1928 - 2023



Visit www.facebook.com/bibbschools for photos of highlights and recognitions.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Grayson Harden, a Kindergarten student at Rosa Taylor Elementary School.

Board Members

The following Board Members were present at this meeting:

Dr. Juawn A. Jackson, District 4 - President

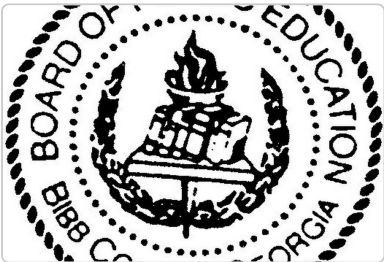
Mrs. Myrtice C. Johnson, District 1 - Vice President

Mrs. Kristin C. Hanlon, District 3 - Treasurer

Dr. Thelma D. Dillard, District 2

Dr. Sundra M. Woodford, District 5
Mr. James M. Freeman, District 6
Mr. Daryl J. Morton, At-Large, Post 7
Dr. Lisa W. Garrett-Boyd, At-Large, Post 8

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