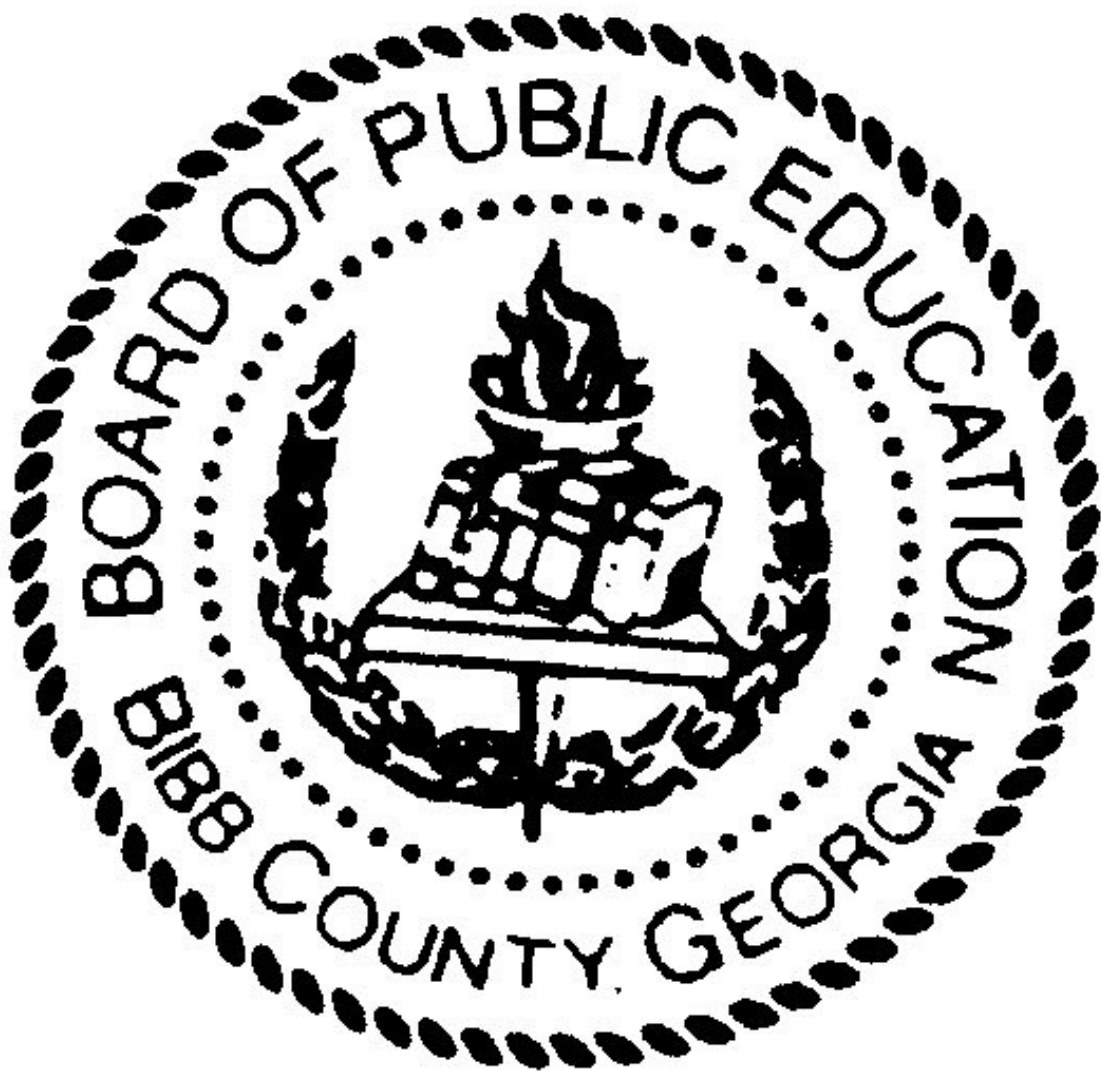


The Board Brief

March 21, 2024



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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 our Bibb County Board of Education members! Each March, Georgia School Boards Association recognizes Board members for their service to public education. They give their time and consideration to ensure our students and staff have the best instructional materials and resources. Board members, thank you from all of us!
- There has been so much to celebrate and commemorate this month! We celebrated Maintenance/Grounds Worker Appreciation Day by honoring and thanking the outstanding members of the Facilities and Maintenance Team and Operations Division. March is also National Procurement Month, and School Social Workers Month. Schools also celebrated National School Breakfast Week this month. Thank you to everyone who made each of these recognitions possible!
- This month, we are celebrating Donna Jackson for 30 years of service to public education! Mrs. Jackson is retiring as Executive Officer – a position in which she has provided support and guidance to many instructional and school leaders over the last few years. We are so appreciative to Mrs. Jackson for her dedication to students and staff, and we wish her all the best in retirement.
- March is Youth Art Month! Congratulations to our student artists whose works are on display through March 26 at The 567 Center for Renewal. A special reception to honor Youth Art Month was held on First Friday, March 1, and many of our student artists were on hand to celebrate at this opening reception of the 11th Annual Bibb County Schools Student Art Show.
- The Pinkest Party is under way! Our students and staff are celebrating Cherry Blossom Festival with music, art, dance, performances, pink flair, and much more. BCSD will host a PINK OUT on March 22 and we encourage everyone to wear their pink in honor of the festival's final weekend!
- C-O-N-G-R-A-T-S to fifth-grader Erik Wang of Springdale Elementary School! Erik was honored last month as a finalist in the Bibb County Spelling Bee. Upon competing at the Region 6 Spelling Bee, he earned a place in the state competition, where he placed seventh.
- Schools across the District participated in Data Day 2024 B4B: Staff Voice for Student Impact. Thank you to our teachers and staff members for embracing this opportunity to dig in to their student data in ways that will benefit student achievement through their school Continuous Improvement Plans next school year.
- Congratulations to Window Magic on being selected the 2024 Bibb County FLEX Competition Winner! The 2024 Bibb County FLEX Competition was held March 13, at Emerson on Plum, where students in the final round pitched their business proposals in a Shark Tank style event. The student-run business of Window Magic, run by Rick Canosa, Finn Wakefield, and Jaden Adler of Howard High School, moves forward to the Georgia FLEX Competition with a chance to earn \$10,000 in start-up funds! Thank you to the Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce, Griffith Foundation and Macon-Bibb County Industrial Authority for supporting this 4ME program.
- Introducing the Mac Shack! The Mac Shack is a mobile learning lab for the Culinary Arts Pathway at Hutchings College and Career Academy and will serve gourmet macaroni and cheese options. BCSD staff and community partners were able to sample the food following a

ribbon cutting this month. For more information about how you can book the Mac Shack, visit www.compassrosecafe.com/food-truck.

- On March 2, the Bibb County School District held our annual Teacher Recruitment Fair! We had a great morning meeting with potential teachers for our district. Thank you to everyone who made this event a success. It's not too late to join our team! If you are interested in joining BCSD, visit www.bcsdk12.net/careers to apply.
 - Thank you to all of our incredible business and community volunteers who participated in Principal For a Day on March 7! We appreciate you taking the time to step into our schools to get a better understanding of the day-to-day operations, as well as how our staff and principals are supporting student achievement.
 - On the Horizon: Bibb County School District has designated next week, March 25-29, as Mental Health Awareness Week. When I met with the Superintendent's Student Advisory Committee this school year, the feedback I received was an overwhelming request to provide more supports for students, staff and parents around mental health awareness and wellness. This request led to the beginning of a student-driven approach for mental health awareness and wellness activities, all kicking off with Mental Health Awareness Week around the theme Start the Conversation. Throughout the week, our Student Advisory Committee will Start the Conversation on mental health. I am so proud of our students and honored to support them as they lead this effort!
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Actions

Administrative Appointments, Personnel Items Approved

Board members approved administrative appointments, the creation of a new position of Associate Superintendent to be reflected in the District's organizational chart, and various personnel actions during the monthly meeting.

- Dr. Chara Willaford, Executive Officer
- Jennifer Sheetz, Executive Director of Accounting

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

Former Appling Middle School Renamed Harry Thompson Sports Complex

Board members approved renaming the former Appling Middle School site as the Harry Thompson Sports Complex. In fall 2020, the former Peter G. Appling School was consolidated on the Northeast High School campus with the name and historical contents located at the new site. As part of the 2021 Education Special Purpose Local Options Sales Tax (ESPLOST), the Bibb County Board of Education approved renovations to the former Appling Middle School site. To provide consistency with the Ed DeFore Sports Complex, Board members approved renaming the former Appling Middle School site as the Harry Thompson Sports Complex and maintaining the current name for the Harry Thompson Stadium. The updated complex features synthetic fields, additional seating, sports lighting, parking, new concessions, home field plaza and ticket booth, and new Athletic Offices, space for Campus Police K-9 units, and Professional Learning and Training Facilities. For more information, [click here](#).

Renovations Complete at Heritage and Ingram-Pye

Board members approved the FY 2023 Capital Outlay Application resolution to close out construction projects at Heritage and Ingram-Pye Elementary Schools. The renovation projects are complete and all labor, materials, and services for the renovations have been paid in full. For more information, [click here](#).

Board Members Approve Springdale Elementary Technology, Playground Equipment

Board members approved the purchase of new ClearTouch panels for the new Springdale Elementary School. This will be funded by 2021 Education Special Purpose Local Options Sales Tax (ESPLOST). The new school building will open in August 2024. For more information, [click here](#).

Board members also approved new playground equipment to be purchased for the new Springdale Elementary construction. This includes playground equipment and installation. Two installations will provide independent, handicap-accessible playgrounds for grades K-2 and 3-5 school-aged students and will be ASTM and CPSC approved. For more information, [click here](#).

Surplus and Sale of District Vehicles Approved

Board members approved for the surplus and sale or disposal of 60 vehicles that are inactive and no longer operable or necessary for school purposes. The estimated value of these vehicles is approximately \$76,034. These vehicles have been replaced with newer vehicles and they are no longer operable or necessary for school purposes. Upon approval, they will be sold or disposed of in accordance with Board Policy DO, School Properties Disposal Procedures and Regulation DO-R(1), School Properties Disposal Procedures. For more information, [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 Policy CJ, Administrative Consultants (ACTION - Second Reading)
- Policy Policy BBH, Awards, Recognition, and Certificates (ACTION - Second Reading)
- Policy FDC, Naming Facilities (ACTION - Second Reading)
- Policy FHCA, Names on Building Plaques (ACTION - Second Reading)
- Policy BD, Policy Development (INFORMATION - First Reading)
- Policy GBRL, Employee Dress Code (INFORMATION - 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

Update on Performance of Federally Identified Schools

Board members heard a presentation that provided an understanding of the criteria for federally identified schools, as well as the state identification of each school. Additionally, it outlined the

District's plan of support to ensure that the schools receive the necessary assistance to meet federal and state standards. To view the presentation, [click here](#).

Board Members Learn About Fiscal Audit Report

Board members learned of the 2023 Fiscal Year Audit, which was conducted by Mauldin & Jenkins. This annual Independent Auditor's Report requested by the District reviews all financial documents and practices for a fiscal year. To read the report, [click here](#).

Name, Image and Likeness Guidelines

The Georgia High School Association (GHSA) now allows students to receive money for the use of their name, image, and likeness. GHSA has also set forth guidelines to allow student athletes to engage in such commercial activities without putting their amateur status at risk. Given these updates, the District has also established its own name, image, and likeness guidelines. The BCSD NIL Guidelines contain the same requirements as the GHSA NIL Guidelines but are specific to the District and to its student athletes.

For more information, [click here](#).

Deputizing Campus Police

The Bibb County Sheriff's Office and the Bibb County School District Campus Police Department have determined that it is in the best interest of the Bibb County community and the District students, to deputize Campus Police Department (CPD) officers so that they may continue to serve the BCSD community beyond their current jurisdiction, as it relates to working with students. This Intergovernmental Agreement will enable CPD officers to address school related situations occurring beyond BCSD property, which can enhance BCSD officers' ability to address issues that may affect students outside the school environment and promote a safer community overall.

For more information, [click here](#).

Update to Cenergistics Contract

Negotiations with Cenergistics have been made which will reduce the School Districts cost to Cenergistic. The contract amendment moves from two (2) energy specialists to one (1) energy specialist. The annual EnergyCap software fees currently paid will now be absorbed by Cenergistics, and the fees will no longer be a percentage of savings. The School District has averaged \$350,000.00 annually in contract costs, plus \$30,000.00 annually for software. The new fee will be set at \$240,00.00 annually all inclusive. The Facilities and Maintenance department has assigned personnel to assist with the loss of the one (1) energy specialist in order to maintain all services currently being provided by this contract. The current contract will expire March 31, 2024. For more information, [click here](#).

Highlights

GSBA School Board Appreciation Week

We'd like to thank our board members for their dedication to public education and continuing service for children in our school district. Our schools have shared tokens of appreciation with each board member to honor the occasion.

James M. Freeman, District 6, President

Dr. Sundra M. Woodford, District 5, Vice President
Mr. Daryl J. Morton, At-Large, Post 7, Treasurer
Mrs. Myrtice C. Johnson, District 1
Dr. Thelma D. Dillard, District 2
Mrs. Kristin C. Hanlon, District 3
Dr. Juawn A. Jackson, District 4
Dr. Lisa W. Garrett-Boyd, At-Large, Post 8

Meet the Leaders

New Leaders in BCSD were honored during the board meeting. We are excited to see continued growth with your leadership, and we thank you for being #Built4Bibb! Meet the new leaders below:

Eric Bush, Chief Financial Officer
Betty Anderson, Principal, Ingram-Pye Elementary School
Dr. Berina English, Principal, Porter Elementary School
Dr. Shavone Laney, Principal, Southfield Elementary School
Shandreka Gibson, Principal, Miller Magnet Middle School
Joshua Moneypenny, Director of Technology Services
Jessie Porter, III, Head Football Coach, Howard High School

State AA Athletic Director of the Year

Andre Taylor, Central High School

Our athletic directors take on a great deal of responsibility, much of which goes unseen. In addition to coaching his or her own sport, each school AD is responsible for making sure student-athletes in every sport are safe and in compliance with Georgia High School Association rules. Each year, each region recognizes its Athletic Director of the Year, followed by state awards in each classification. After being named the Athletic Director of the Year by Region 2-AA, Coach Taylor went on to be recognized as the state-wide Athletic Director of the Year for Class AA by the Georgia Athletic Directors Association.

GHSA State Basketball Playoffs

The District prioritizes supporting students in all of their endeavors, including interscholastic athletics. This basketball season, we had six teams advance to the Georgia High School Association playoffs for their classification, but we'd like to recognize two in particular.

Central High School Girls' Basketball Team, Coach Tamara Bolston-Williams

The Lady Chargers went 26-5, and went 14-0 in region play to finish as the Region 2-AA champions for the second consecutive year. In the Class AA Playoffs, the Lady Chargers defeated Toombs County, Sumter County and Columbia to advance to the Final Four, where they fell to Josey. Congratulations on a successful season!

Southwest Boys' Basketball Team, Coach Monquencio Hardnett

This season, the Patriots went 19-9, including 12-1 in Region 2-AA, and finished as region runners-up heading into the state playoffs. There, they defeated Brantley County and Sumter County before falling to Columbia in the Elite Eight of the Class AA Playoffs. Congratulations, Patriots, on an exciting season!

1st Place Honors at 47th Regional Science Fair & Invitation to Georgia Science & Engineering Fair

The science fair is a traditional opportunity for students of various age and grade levels to showcase their knowledge of the scientific method. Students design and implement their own experiments before displaying their results to be judged. This year, several of our students won first place honors at the region level of the Georgia Science & Engineering Fair to advance to the state competition in April.

Steven Tillery, Miller Magnet Middle School

Emma Tillery, Central High School

Jayme Heath, Northeast High School

Hannah Liles, Rutland High School

RayAnna McCranie, Rutland High School

Remiyah Stephens, Rutland High School

2024 STAR STUDENTS

PAGE Student Teacher Achievement Recognition, or STAR program. These students scored the highest on the SAT in their school while also meeting other academic standards, and then they selected a teacher that has had a remarkable impact on their success. Bibb County STAR Students and STAR Teachers were recognized in a ceremony by PAGE and Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce in February.

Kenady Snead, Central High School, and Jennifer Tillery, STAR Teacher

Lillian Harper, Howard High School, and Deloris Mercer, STAR Teacher

Keadence C. Williams, Northeast High School, and Dr. Suneetha Panda, STAR Teacher

Imanol Pizana-Hernandez, Rutland High School, and Andrew Reeves, STAR Teacher

Jordan Isaiah Smith, Southwest High School, and Willie Hollins, STAR Teacher

Seeya Sanjaybhai Patel, Westside High School, and Dr. Demetria Risper, STAR Teacher

2023-2024 Young Georgia Authors District Winners

Each year, District students participate in the Young Georgia Authors competition, beginning with competition here against other Bibb County students. From there, the best written works advance to the regional competition.

Kindergarten: Zachary Licay, Springdale Elementary School

1st Grade: Elianna Wang, Springdale Elementary School

2nd Grade: Paige Monts, Hartley Elementary School

3rd Grade: Rexford (Trey) Caldwell III, Skyview Elementary School

4th Grade: Hannah Kim, Springdale Elementary School

5th Grade: Addyson A. Meridy, Lane Elementary School

6th Grade: Felicity S. Lazenby, Ballard-Hudson Middle School

7th Grade: Elana Evans, Miller Magnet Middle School

8th Grade: Paris Harvey, Appling Middle School

9th Grade: Jayla Curry, Howard High School

10th Grade: Serenity Parks, Howard High School

11th Grade: Morgan Pugh, Central High School

12th Grade: William Spikes, Northeast High School

2023-2024 Young Georgia Authors Regional Winners

Felicity S. Lazenby, Ballard-Hudson Middle School, 2nd Place

Jayla Curry, Howard High School, 2nd Place

Elianna Wang, Springdale Elementary School, 3rd Place

Rexford Caldwell, Skyview Elementary, 3rd Place

Elana Evans, Miller Magnet Middle School, 3rd Place

*Paris Harvey, Appling Middle School, advanced to State Level

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

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alexandria Habersham, Alexander II Magnet School, and Beau Mote, Vineville Academy of the Arts, Little Ms. and Mr. Cherry Blossom 2024.

Board Members

The following Board Members were present at this meeting:

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Mr. Daryl J. Morton, At-Large, Post 7 - Treasurer

Mrs. Myrtice C. Johnson, District 1

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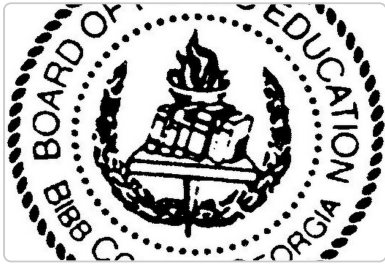
Mrs. Kristin C. Hanlon, District 3

Dr. Juawn A. Jackson, District 4

The following Board Members were not present at this meeting:

Dr. Lisa W. Garrett-Boyd, At-Large, Post 8

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