



## Board Brief for Board Meeting on Wednesday, January 24, 2024

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The January board meeting began with a welcome and the call to order, with Zoom meeting information provided. The adoption of the agenda (Policy BDDB-2) was then confirmed through a roll call. Consent items, including the approval of minutes (Policy BDDG), were discussed and approved.

### **Pillar A - Our District:**

**4.1** – Superintendent Yaw Obeng provided comments (Policy CBG) highlighting HMC-1 success.

- National School Board Recognition Month
- HMC One Wireless Campaign
- Winter Summit
- Lego League
- Above and Beyond Award Winner – HMMS 7th Grade student Essynce Love
- Neil Smith Community Service Award – Ruskin High School Sr. Camille Long

### **Pillar B - Our Schools:**

**5.1** - Assistant Superintendent of Academic Services Katie Roe presented on 8th Grade Center Data in Action (Policy FB).

- Approximately 90 students participated in this new elective class at the 8th Grade Center, led by Teacher Denise Stafos.
- The class involved interaction with industry professionals; notably, 34 students earned their NC3 certification (MVA) in Data Science.

**5.2** - Superintendent Yaw Obeng, Assistant Superintendent of Academic Services Katie Roe, and Assistant Superintendent of Operations Kevin Robinson provided an update on the HMC-1 Middle School redesign plan. This comprehensive plan responds to the pressing need for immediate change in our district's middle school program, focusing on providing improved programming, investing in our students, strategically growing our district, and committing to building the future we envision.

**Plan Timeline:**

- January 2022: BOE Meeting - Initial approval for middle school redesign.
- August 2022: Opening the 6th Grade Center (Phase 1).
- February 2023: BOE Meeting - Approval for Phase 2 (6th/7th Center and 8th Center).
- April 2023: Parent/Community Meeting & Surveys.
- November/December 2023: Staff Meetings/Middle School Redesign Committee.
- Ongoing: Consultation with DESE Supervisors.

**Key Highlights of the Plan:**

- The current Ervin building returns to being a middle school to be named by the BOE.
- The newly renovated Burke Building transitions into the new home of Ervin Elementary School.
- Current Ervin Elementary students and staff stay together in the new building.
- In the 2024-2025 school year, HMC-1 will have TWO Middle School buildings, both hosting 6th through 8th graders.
- DESE removes Comprehensive/Unaccredited status for both Middle Schools.
- Ervin Pre-K remains at its current site as a standalone school, to be named by the BOE.

**Pillar C - Our Community:**

Director of Communications and Community Engagement Justin Robinson provided an update on the Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP), focusing on communications and community engagement (Policy CH). The report highlighted:

- HMC One Square
- Around the Mill Magazine
- HMC One Equity Calendar
- Social Media Growth
- Earned Media Growth
- SY 2023-2024 Highlights

Additionally, there was an update on the board election (Policy BBB-1) and an opportunity for audience comments (Policy BDDH-1).