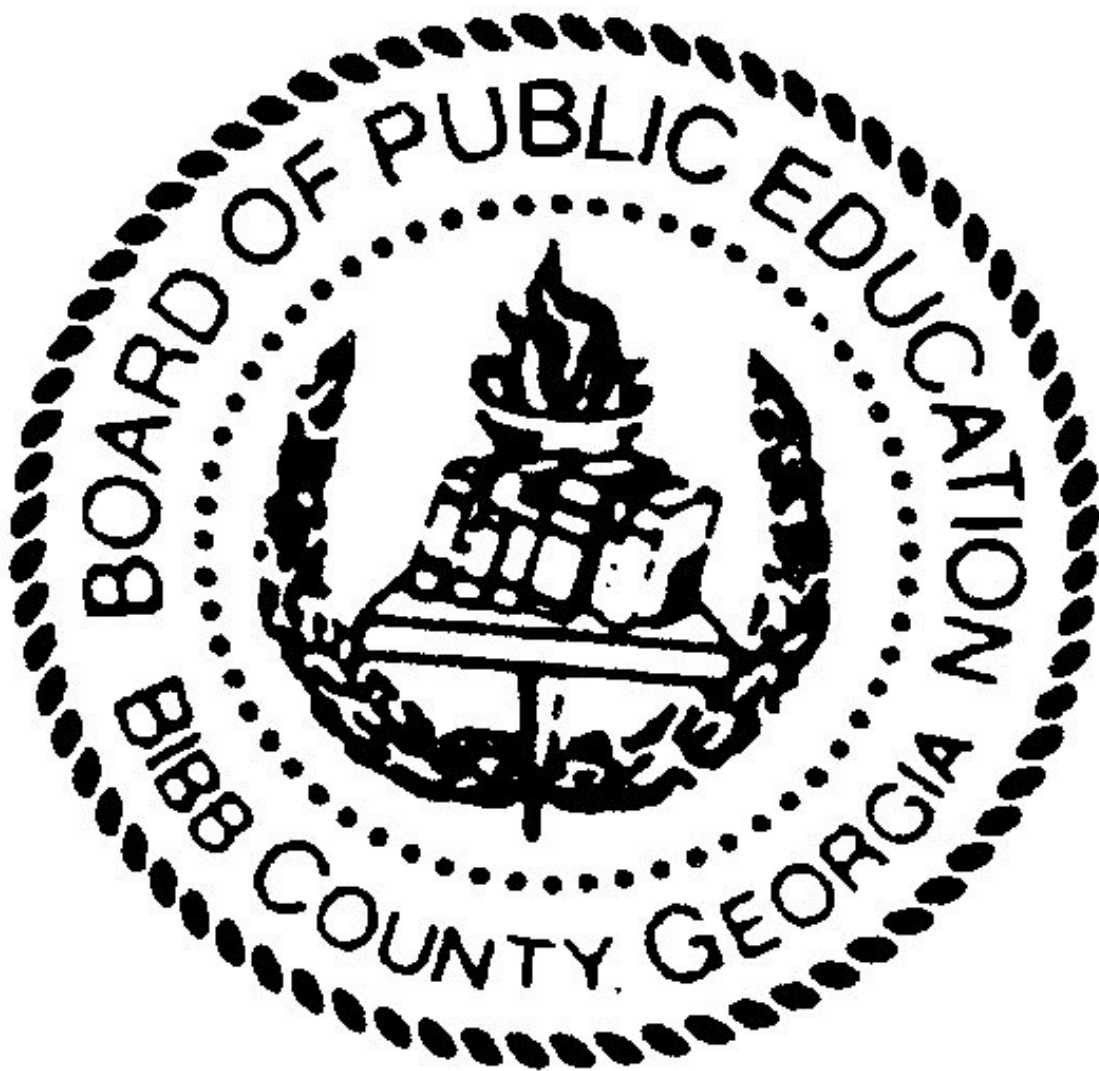


The Board Brief

July 17, 2025



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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>.

Actions

Personnel Items Approved

Board members approved various personnel items, including administrative appointments.

- Dr. Eric Fuller, Rosa Taylor Elementary Principal

To view personnel items, [click here](#). *(Note: Some items may be delayed in posting. Return soon for updates.)*

Education Special Local Option Sales Tax (ESPLOST) Approved for November Vote

Board members approved reauthorization of the Education Special Local Option Sales Tax (ESPLOST) and a call for November 4, 2025 elections. The ESPLOST is a one percent sales tax approved by voters. Revenue has historically funded much needed capital improvements for the District such as new schools, school renovations, student technology, school buses, safety and security systems, athletic facility improvements, and many other educational capital improvements. Most recently, ESPLOST was used to fund technology infrastructure and resources throughout the pandemic; new facilities, including Northeast High and Appling Middle, John R. Lewis Elementary, and Springdale Elementary; and renovation and expansion of Harry Thompson Stadium/Complex. To view more information, [click here](#).

Board Approves Tentative Adoption of Millage Rate for CY 2025/FY 2026

The Bibb County Board of Education tentatively adopted a millage rate, which will require an increase in property taxes by 4.65 percent. All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearing on this tax increase to be held at the Professional Learning Center at the Martin-Whitley Educational Complex, 2007 Riverside Drive, Macon, Georgia on July 31, 2025, at 11:00 A.M. and at the second public hearing at the same location and date at 6:00 P.M. Times and places of additional public hearing on this tax increase are at the Professional Learning Center at the Martin-Whitley Educational Complex, 2007 Riverside Drive, Macon, Georgia on August 14, 2025, at 5:00 P.M. This tentative increase will result in a millage rate of 14.674 mills, an increase of .652 mills above the roll-back rate. Without this tentative tax increase, the millage rate will be no more than 14.022 mills. The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of \$200,000 is approximately \$47.60 and the proposed tax increase for non-homestead property with a fair market value of \$200,000 is approximately \$52.16. To view more information, [click here](#).

Board Denies Infinity Academy Charter School Petition

Board members voted to deny the charter petition submitted by The Infinity Academy. Deputy Superintendent Dr. Katika Lovett explained the petition in its current form fails to demonstrate operational readiness, statutory compliance, effective governance practices, and legal sufficiency. To view more information, [click here](#).

Renewal of Renaissance Suite Approved

Board members approved the renewal of Renaissance Suite for Fiscal Year 2026. Renaissance is a Pre-K–12 digital learning and assessment platform offering a range of tools that provide insight into student learning, progress, and instructional needs. Through brief, adaptive assessments and

targeted resources, Renaissance supports real-time instructional decision-making and progress monitoring across core subjects. To view more information, [click here](#).

School Nutrition Contracts, Requisition Approved for 2025-2026

Board members approved the School Nutrition Department to enter into contracts for chemical products, paper products, and produce for the 2025-2026 school year. Board members also approved a staffing services contract. Qualified Staffing and Open Work will work with the School Nutrition Department for staffing on an as-needed basis. Lastly, Board members approved a contract to Gordon Food Service for school nutrition food items on an as-needed basis.

Other Board action included approval of a requisition for Smart Mouth Pizza. Smart Mouth Pizza is a sole vendor offering an all-inclusive package that provides equipment, training, and products to the district while providing a product that meets all new USDA National School Lunch Program nutritional requirements. It is also the only "branded" pizza program using freshly made personal pan-style pizza.

To view more information about each of these actions, [click here](#).

District Contract for Copiers Moves Forward

Board members approved a multi-functional copier contract to Superior Document Solutions for district-wide copier services for 2025-2026. To view more information, [click here](#).

Custodial Supplies Contract Approved

Board members approved a contract with Southeastern Paper Group for all custodial supplies as needed throughout the 2025-2026 school year. To view more information, [click here](#).

Contract Supports for PEC Students Approved

Board members approved contracts for Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Interpreters, speech therapists and other therapists to support PEC students during the 2025-2026 school year. To view more information, [click here](#).

Board OKs Contract for Tyler Technologies Student Transportation Software

Board members authorized a contract with Tyler Technologies for Tyler Student Transportation software suite. These products include routing, field trips, vehicle location, parent applications, dispatch, and route navigation platforms. To view more information, [click here](#).

Gas, Diesel Fuel, and Propane Purchases Approved

Board members approved a purchase order for propane fuel purchases from Walthall Oil Co., Mansfield Oil Co., and Boswell Oil Co. Board members also approved a purchase order for propane fuel purchases from Ferrellgas. To view more information, [click here](#).

Board OKs Transportation Parts and Supplies from Yancey

Board members authorized the Transportation Department to move forward with a contract to purchase parts and supplies from Yancey Brothers Co. for the maintenance and repair of the district's fleet of school buses. To view more information, [click here](#).

Tyler Technologies – Munis ERP and Time and Attendance Renewal Approved

Board members approved a contract to Tyler Technologies for the renewal of contracted services of the Munis Financial, Human Resources, Procurement and Time and Attendance tracking software applications for Fiscal Year 2026. The Bibb County School District has utilized Tyler Technologies' Munis Enterprise Resource Platform since 2016. Tyler Time and Attendance was implemented in February 2021. The cost of the ERP system includes: Financial, Payroll, Accounts Payable, Inventory, Fixed Assets, Student Activities, Procurement, Human Resources, Time and Attendance, Project and Grant Accounting, Employee Self Service, and Treasury Management modules. To view more information, [click here](#).

Kelly Services Contract Extension Authorized

Board members approved a contract extension for Kelly Services for 2025-2026. Kelly Services provides substitute management services across various positions, including paraprofessionals. Kelly Services also assists in providing custodial services. To view 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. To review the policies, [click here](#).

- Policy DJED - Bids and Quotations (ACTION - Second Reading)
- Policy KBF - Use of Students for Public Information Programs (ACTION - Second Reading)
- Policy KI - Free Materials Distribution in Schools (ACTION - Second Reading)
- Policy GBRJ - Arrangement for Substitutes (ACTION - Second Reading)
- Policy JBC - School Admissions (INFORMATION - First Reading)
- Policy LEBA - Parental Involvement in Education (INFORMATION - First Reading)
- Policy ML - Professional Visitors and Observers (INFORMATION - First Reading)
- Policy JCDAG - Bullying (INFORMATION - First Reading)
- Policy FGC - Bids and Quotations (INFORMATION - First Reading)
- Policy IFBG - Acceptable Use (SB 351- Protecting Georgia's Children on Social Media Act) (INFORMATION - First Reading)
- Policy JRB - Parents Bill of Rights (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

Board Receives Update on Bibb County Education Foundation

Dr. Lori Rodgers, Assistant Superintendent of District Effectiveness and Federal Programs, presented Board members with an update on the Bibb County Education Foundation. The Bibb County Education Foundation was established in 2021. The foundation works to enhance educational opportunities for students and staff within the Bibb County School District. Various community events are held throughout the year to support these efforts. To view the presentation, [click here](#).

Board Members Discuss Federal Funding Freeze

Board members discussed the federal funding freeze and how it could potentially impact Bibb County School District funding. The District is working collaboratively with state and national partners to follow updates and guidance that could impact funding for 2025-2026.

Superintendent's Highlights

- **DISTRICT ACHIEVES ACCREDITATION:** The Bibb County School District received notification that the District earned the distinction of accreditation from Cognia, with an Above Average rating for overall performance. Cognia is a widely recognized non-profit, non-governmental organization that accredits primary and secondary schools throughout the United States and internationally. Accreditation is pivotal to leveraging education quality and continuous improvement.
- **CELEBRATING EXCEPTIONAL PROGRESS:** The Georgia Department of Education celebrated schools making exceptional progress during this summer's federal schools conference in Atlanta! Congratulations to Bernd, Bruce, Hartley, Southfield, Union, Williams, and Ballard-Hudson!
- **DUAL ENROLLMENT TRIP TO IRELAND:** Bibb County students in the Central Georgia Technical College Dual Enrollment Study Abroad Program spent several weeks immersed in an amazing educational experience with the Institute of Study Abroad Ireland and Gartan. This opportunity is part of a dual enrollment partnership for humanities course credit. Coming this year, Bibb County Schools is excited to expand our dual enrollment options available to students, allowing them to take part in dual enrollment classes in colleges and universities across the country!
- **CLEARING THE PATH FOR TEACHING & LEARNING:** Our dedicated employees continue to work together to improve outcomes for our students. The Teaching and Learning Department recently engaged in professional learning on effective coaching and feedback preparing to support our schools by clearing the path for effective instruction for the upcoming school year.
- **SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM ENRICHMENT:** Bibb County Schools hosted a variety of summer enrichment and intervention opportunities for students, including the Summer Transition Program at Northwoods Academy, 21st Century Summer Camps, and the BCSD Summer Opportunity Program. Thank you to all of the employees, parents, and volunteers who supported these camps and ensured students had the opportunity to engage in meaningful learning during the summer!
- **SUMMER SAFE CAMP:** The Bibb County Sheriff's Office and Bibb County School District Campus Police led the Summer Safe Camp for three weeks this summer for students between the ages of 8 and 14. From high-energy workouts to teamwork, games, and life lessons, students showed up and showed out! We're proud of the effort, attitude, and energy every camper brought to the table!
- **SOUTHWEST MOCK TRIAL CAMP:** This summer, students at Southwest High School participated in the Law Academy Camp, where they studied and prepared to present a mock trial at the end of the week!
- **CLEARING THE PATH FOR EXCELLENCE:** Educators throughout the district have spent the summer getting ready, focused, and fired up to take our scholars to the next level! Educators

have been deeply engaged in authentic professional learning and working collaboratively on unit planning to ensure our students receive nothing but the BEST!

- **BUILDING MATH CURRICULUM:** Shout-out to Bibb County Schools educators who participated in the development for Integrated Statistics and Quantitative Reasoning course curriculum that will be piloted in Fall 2026. This course will be rolled out as part of GaDOE curriculum, and OUR teachers will be developing the curriculum. In partnership with WestEd, and funded by the Gates Foundation, our teachers attended the Early Exploration IQSR Conference in Seattle. They collaborated with stakeholders from across the country to deepen their understanding of the IQSR course, learning valuable insights into course expectations and design. Why is this initiative so important? Let me tell you! This initiative will enhance the learning experience for our junior and senior students by introducing the IQSR course into their math curriculum and preparing them for advanced academics!
 - **INTERGOVERNMENTAL EMERGENCY TRAINING:** This week, the Safety and Security Team joined Macon-Bibb County Emergency Management Agency alongside more than 40 county and community partners to attend the National Disaster & Emergency Management University for a four-day, exercise-based training in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Together, they are simulating real-world crisis scenarios to strengthen coordination, communication, and response across agencies during disasters. We're grateful for this opportunity to sharpen our skills and bring back new strategies to keep Macon-Bibb County safe and prepared while working together during emergencies.
 - **TEACHERS 'DIG IN' WITH TECHNOLOGY:** More than 140 educators participated in this summer's Digital Integration Conference, referred to as "DIG IN"! These Bibb educators spent the week immersed in training on Canva, Apple, Lumio, MagicSchool AI, and more! And a special shout out goes to the team who put together and planned this amazing training opportunity to help our educators build truly tech-based classroom experiences for students.
 - **JOIN US FOR OPEN HOUSE OPPORTUNITIES:** It's time to get ready for the new school year! We're inviting parents and students to join us for several Open House opportunities! Join us Wednesday, July 23, from 3:30 to 6 p.m. at the PLC for our Transportation Open House, where parents and students will be able to meet their bus driver and register for transportation services. One week later, it will be time to join us for Open House at each of our schools! We look forward to seeing all of our families for Open House on Wednesday, July 30, from 3:30 to 6 p.m. for middle and high schools, and on Thursday, July 31, from 3:30 to 6 p.m. for elementary schools.
 - **PBIS BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH DRIVE-THROUGH:** Our school district is making sure families have everything they need for a successful year! Show up and take advantage of these services! The 2025 Bibb Back-to-School Bash Drive-Through on Friday, August 1, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at Ed DeFore Sports Complex will feature school supply giveaways, health resources, community partner resources, and more! BCSD staff will be on site to assist with Annual Data Updates and setting up Parent Portal accounts! So many community partners, like Walmart pictured here donating clear backpacks, have played an instrumental role in making this a successful and supportive event for our families!
 - **WE'LL SEE YOU THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!:** And in case you were in any doubt of the first day of school, let me shout it one more time. We look forward to seeing ALL of our students for the first day of school on Monday, August 4! Let's Go!
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Highlights

Meet the Leaders

Congratulations to these new leaders!

Dr. Keturah Reese, Principal, Central High School

Dr. Chanelle Sweet-Dixon, Principal, Matilda Hartley Elementary School

Tyveshe Johnson, Assistant Principal, Rutland High School

Chaquasha Tomlin, Assistant Principal, Bernd Elementary School

Olena Stadnik Floore, Executive Director, Elementary Services

Tajalyn Woodruff, Project Director, School Based Mental Health Services

Dr. Tonja Simmons-Lee, Coordinator, School Based Mental Health Services

LaShonda Gilbert, Coordinator, Before & After School Programs

Georgia Department of Pupil Transportation State Director of the Year and Middle GA RESA Director of the Year

Anthony Jackson, Executive Director of Transportation, was recognized as the Transportation Director of the Year by the Middle Georgia Regional Educational Service Agency, or RESA, which represents Bibb and seven other surrounding counties. While this honor was impressive, he was then recognized at the state level as the Georgia Department of Pupil Transportation's Director of the Year! We are so excited to have Anthony Jackson receive this recognition for his dedication to our schools and our students. And just like any amazing leader, he has asked that we acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the entire Transportation team for this award because he could not do the work alone.

Leader in Me Lighthouse Recertification

Continued implementation of the Leader In Me initiative in our schools has been vital to recent successes in our District. One of the highest levels of school recognition within this program is receiving Lighthouse Status. This honor comes after an involved application process that requires demonstration of leadership development from students all the way up through administration. Recently, two of the District's 16 Lighthouse schools achieved recertification at this level. Congratulations Bernd Elementary School and Springdale Elementary School!

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

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Gabriel Gilbert, a rising 7th grade student at Miller Magnet Middle School.

Board Members

The following Board Members were present at this meeting:

Ms. Myrtice C. Johnson, District 1 - President

Mr. Daryl J. Morton, At-Large, Post 7 - Vice President

Mrs. Kristin C. Hanlon, District 3 - Treasurer

Dr. Henry C. Ficklin, District 2

Mr. Barney T. Hester, District 4

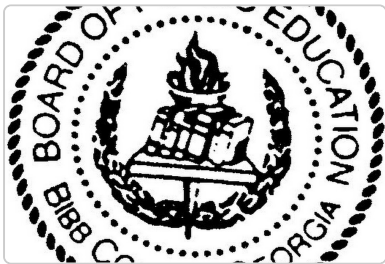
Dr. Sundra M. Woodford, District 5

Mr. James M. Freeman, District 6

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

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