

BUTTS COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM



SCHOOL BOARD APPOINTMENTS AND APPRECIATION WEEK

The BCSS Board of Education unanimously voted to appoint Arnita Watson to fill the District 4 seat, previously held by Mr. Clifford Marshall. We would also like to congratulate Danny Smith on being named the Vice Chairman. During School Board Appreciation Week and every week, we would like to thank our school board for their constant support and dedication to the students of Butts County. Thank you!

EXTRA MILE AWARD

Congratulations to our Extra Mile Award winner for March Nurse Caroline Williams from Jackson Elementary. Nurse Caroline is unwavering in her commitment to the health, safety, and well-being of both students and staff. She consistently demonstrates exceptional judgement and professionalism by acting decisively in emergency situations, ensuring that students receive immediate and appropriate care. Her ability to assess situations quickly and respond with confidence has undoubtedly protected the lives and long-term health of our students.

What sets her apart is not only her medical expertise but her compassion. She does more than just treat symptoms - she comforts anxious children, reassures worried families, and provides a calm presence during stressful moments. Students know they are safe in her care, and staff members feel supported when they are not feeling well. She does not simply perform her job; she serves our school community with heart, integrity, and excellence every single day. We are lucky to have teammates like Nurse Williams at Butts County School System.



SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Personnel Report
- Approval of Renewal Contracts for SY 26-27
- Approval of Estimated Millage Rollback

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BCSS SPELLING BEE WINNER

Congratulations to Ethan Tutton, DES, on winning the BCSS district-wide Spelling Bee. His winning word was concrete.



DAR ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

Congratulations to Addison Pyles (5th grade, DES), Mackenzie Meredith (6th Grade, HMS), and Savannah Caron (7th Grade, HMS) on winning first place in the Daughters of the American Revolution Essay Contest.

OTHER BUSINESS

Financial Report, Expenditures, and SPLOST Revenue Collections for February 2026

CONSENT AGENDA

The Board approved:

- Request for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Grant
- Request to Increase Adult Meal Prices SY 26-27
- Recommendation to Upgrade Wifi Infrastructure
- Use of Facilities
 - Eleve Dance Studio to rent the Performing Art Center for a dance recital, June 11-13, 2026
 - Southern Crescent Technical College to rent the Performing Art Center on May 8, 2026 for a Graduation Ceremony
 - City of Jackson to Rent the Performing Art Center parking lot for Food Trucks for the 4th Annual Outdoor Capital Classic Bike Race on March 21, 2026
 - Butts County Acting Guild to rent the Performing Art Center for a Play, "Savannah Sipping Society", August 21-23, 2026
- Out of District Travel
 - JHS NJROTC to travel to the National Flight Academy in Pensacola, FL, April 24-27, 2026
 - JHS Cheerleaders to travel to the Marriott Macon City Center in Macon, GA, for the Collegiate Cheer Camp, June 9-12, 2026
 - JHS HOSA to travel to the Marriott Marquis in Atlanta, GA to compete March 5-7, 2026

INFORMATION ITEMS

- Monthly Tribunal Report
- Monthly Operations Report
- Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Report
- SES School Council Meeting Minutes, February 2026

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SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS

Congratulations to our Griffin RESA Science and Engineering Fair Winners: 1 st Place, Natalie Mann (The Great Cookie Hideout: Find the Freshest Storage Spot), 2 nd Place, Olivia Ficarra (Project: Bump Set Spike: The Rise and Fall in Glucose Level), 2 nd Place, Elizabeth Calvo-Chaves (Project: The Power of Copper: How Wire Materials Affect a Solenoid’s Magnetic Field), 2 nd Place, Josiah Oldfield (Project: Does Pot Size Affect Boiling Speed?), and 2 nd Place, Beckett Sears (Project: Tennis Ball Bounce).

Natalie will advance to compete at the state level.



BOARD MEETING

The next Board of Education meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2026.

SKILLS USA TEAM

Congratulations to (Senior) Angelena Burke, (Senior) Jacob Baker, and (Sophomore) Kolt Whiting on winning their first-ever state championship in SkillsUSA. The team earned gold medals and a first-place finish in the Construction Technology Display competition. Their award-winning project demonstrated how electrical systems are installed in new construction. One side featured a miniature wooden stud wall with fully wired electrical outlets and switches, while the opposite side showcased a completed wall with drywall, lighting fixtures, outlets, switches, and a breaker panel powering the entire system—accurately replicating the wiring of a real home. This historic state championship victory at SkillsUSA highlights the students’ hard work, dedication to the construction program, and the bright futures that lie ahead for each of them.

LITERACY DAY WINNERS

Congratulations to our Griffin RESA Regional Literacy Day Ready Writing winners:
 3rd Grade - Hadassah Sivell (2nd place, DES)
 4th Grade - Zaiyah Brown (3rd place, DES)