The Board Brief

April 9, 2026

Budget Brief: Planning for Fiscal Year 2027

The Budget Brief is an extension of the Board Brief newsletter, a summary of the information presented and actions taken at Bibb County Board of Education meetings for the Bibb County School District in Macon, Ga. The Budget Brief is intended to provide background information for staff, parents, and community members as the District prepares the Budget for Fiscal Year 2027, also identified as the 2026-2027 school year.

Summary of Meeting - April 9, 2026

- The second Budget Work Session provided updated data and documents for Board members to review District planning for the FY 2027 Budget.
- Rising costs and declining enrollment are tightening the budget. Benefits, inflation, and state mandates continue to outpace reliable revenue growth.
- The budget prioritizes people, efficiency, and student readiness. Key focus areas remain recruitment and retention, efficient staffing, strong leadership, and future-ready pathways.
- Revenue options and spending adjustments must be finalized ahead of tentative adoption in May and final approval in June.
- Two Town Hall forums have been scheduled for April 20-21 for discussion and feedback on the topic of school rezoning.



Board Continues Review of FY 2027 Budget

Bibb County Board of Education members met for Budget Work Session #2 on Thursday, April 9, 2026. The purpose of this meeting was to provide an updated financial outlook and preliminary budget calculations for the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget (2026-2027 school year) given current available information and receive feedback from the Board of Education.

Important Note: Information will continue to be updated throughout the budget season as more information is received from the state and local level.

To view the presentation, click here.

A Summary of Information Presented

The FY2027 General Fund Budget Work Session No. 2 provides an updated financial outlook for the Bibb County School District and outlines key assumptions shaping the upcoming budget. The presentation revisits the district's mission, vision, and strategic priorities while framing the budget conversation around current realities, including enrollment trends, staffing needs, rising costs, and state funding uncertainty. The goal of the work session is to share updated projections, highlight emerging concerns, and gather feedback from the Board of Education as budget decisions move forward.

A central focus of the presentation is the district's preliminary budget priorities: recruitment and retention, staffing efficiency, future readiness, and leader and teacher quality. With ongoing teacher shortages and competitive labor markets, the district aims to maintain regionally competitive salary schedules while aligning class sizes with state-funded allocations. Investments are also prioritized to strengthen instructional leadership, expand postsecondary pathways and partnerships, and ensure staffing and resources are used efficiently to support student success.

The presentation outlines several budget pressures and assumptions for FY27. Enrollment is projected to decline slightly, which will affect state funding calculations. All employees would move to the next step on the salary schedule, while no cost-of-living adjustment is included. Rising benefit costs, including increases in health insurance and teacher retirement contributions, continue to place strain on the General Fund. Instructional and operational costs are under review, including a potential delay of the ELA textbook adoption to help offset expenses. Legislative proposals related to property taxes and school funding are also being closely monitored due to their potential long-term impact.

Updated revenue projections reflect preliminary information from the Georgia Department of Education, including a significant increase in Equalization Grant funding, contingent upon final state approval. Even with these updates, the district faces a projected operating deficit, reinforcing the need for careful consideration of revenue options and expenditure adjustments. The presentation concludes with next steps in the budget process, including continued board work sessions, tentative budget adoption in May, public hearings in June, and final budget and millage rate adoption by June 30, ensuring transparency and opportunity for public input throughout the process.

Next Steps

The Preliminary FY 2027 Budget document will continue to be updated throughout the spring as the District prepares the Final FY 2027 Budget. Totals will continue to be adjusted as more data becomes available in coming months (i.e., allocation totals, equalization funds, property tax totals, etc.).

Additionally, the District will host two Town Hall forums for discussion and feedback on the topic of school rezoning. An in-person Town Hall will be held Monday, April 20, 2026, at 5 p.m. at the Professional Learning Center, 2003 Riverside Drive, Macon. A virtual Town Hall will be held Tuesday, April 21, at 5 p.m. All stakeholders are invited to attend either Town Hall.

SCHOOL REZONING TOWN HALL



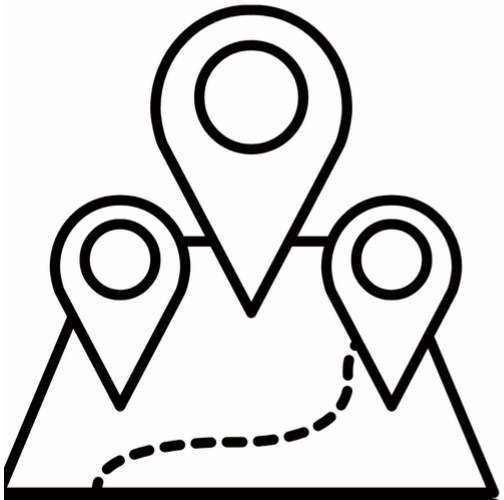
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TOWN HALL MEETING
PROFESSIONAL LEARNING CENTER
2003 RIVERSIDE DRIVE
MACON, GA 31204
MONDAY, APRIL 20 | 5:00 P.M.

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VIRTUAL
TUESDAY, APRIL 21 | 5:00 P.M.

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Next Budget Updates

The Bibb County Board of Education will meet throughout the spring to review updates in the development of the District's Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) Budget.

- April 16 at 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. - Monthly Committee and Board of Education Meetings, 2003 Riverside Drive, Macon
- April 23 at 4 p.m. - Budget Work Session of Finance Committee at 484 Mulberry Street, fourth floor Board Room, Macon
- May 4 at 5 p.m. - Budget Work Session #3 at the PLC, 2003 Riverside Drive, Macon

Helpful Links and Resources

- To review meeting agendas, District policies, Board member contact information and more on Simbli, visit https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/Index.aspx?S=4013.
- To review previous issues of The Board Brief, visit https://www.bcsdk12.net/departments/communications/the-board-brief-boe-newsletter.
- February 10, 2026: Budget Planning for 2026-2027 School Year Under Way with FY 2027 Preliminary Budget Priorities
- March 4, 2026: Board Engages with Consultant on Enrollment Trends and Facility Utilization
- March 12, 2026: Budget Brief Update
- March 19, 2026: Board Brief Update
- March 27, 2026: Board Retreat

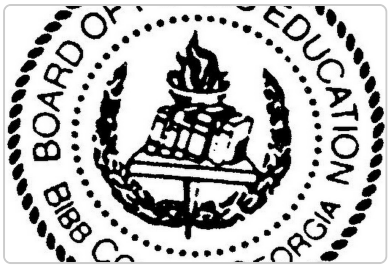
Board Members

The following Board Members were present at this meeting:
Mr. Daryl J. Morton, At-Large, Post 7 - President
Dr. Sundra M. Woodford, District 5 - Vice President
Mrs. Kristin C. Hanlon, District 3 - Treasurer
Ms. Myrtice C. Johnson, District 1
Dr. Henry C. Ficklin, District 2
Mr. James M. Freeman, District 6
Dr. Lisa W. Garrett-Boyd, At-Large, Post 8

Not Present:
Mr. Barney T. Hester, District 4

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