

The Board Brief

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

(Note: Some items may be delayed in posting. Return soon for updates.)

Leader in Me Contract Approved for 2026–2027

Board members authorized the District to continue funding Leader In Me at a cost of \$363,759.00 for 2026–2027 through the General Fund. As a way to address culture and climate, the Bibb County School District began the implementation of Leader In Me in 2015, with two schools piloting the initiative. This initiative began with partnerships with the Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce and the United Way of Central Georgia and Business Education Partnership. Seventeen schools have received Lighthouse Status, evidence that schools have produced outstanding results in school and student outcomes by implementing the process with fidelity and excellence. For more information, [click here](#).

Elevate K-12 Approved

Board members approved a renewal contract with Elevate K-12 to provide live virtual teachers to the District in 2026–2027. The District's priority is to ensure that all instructional positions are filled with certified, in-person teachers. However, when qualified candidates are not available, the District must look to virtual providers to fill some of the gaps. During the 2024–2025 school year, Human Resources partnered with Elevate K-12 to provide high-quality instruction in classrooms where qualified candidates could not be secured. For more information, [click here](#).

Registered Behavior Technicians' Contracts

Board members approve the current service providers of The Stepping Stones Group and Sunbelt Staffing to deliver Registered Behavior Therapist services. The Program for Exceptional Children currently utilizes contracted service providers to deliver Registered Behavior Therapist services. This approach has successfully established a strong support system for students with significant behavioral challenges. For more information, [click here](#).

Contract Supports for PEC Speech Services, Therapists and Interpreters

Board members approve the Program for Exceptional Children to enter into service contracts as needed to support the delivery of services for students with disabilities. For more information, [click here](#).

Renewal of Communities In Schools of Central Georgia Services

Board members approved the renewal of services provided by Communities In Schools of Central Georgia. Communities In Schools of Central Georgia provides integrated student supports and wraparound services that help improve student achievement, attendance, behavior, and graduation outcomes across the Bibb County School District. For more information, [click here](#).

Canvas Renewal

Board members approved the purchase order to Instructure for the District's Canvas software licenses. Bibb County School District has been utilizing Canvas as an integral part of our digital ecosystem since the 2020 school year. This resource seamlessly integrates curriculum resources into the courses allowing teachers and students to have a one-stop shop for accessing content, assignments, and other important materials. For more information, [click here](#).

Infinite Campus Renewal

Board members approve the purchase order to K-12 Solutions Group for the annual renewal of Infinite Campus student information system for the 2026-2027 school year. The Bibb County School District has used Infinite Campus as the Student Information System for the District for the past 18 years. Infinite Campus is a secure online, cloud-based tool used by school and district leaders to collect, manage and report all student information to include teacher gradebooks and state mandated student reports. For more information, [click here](#).

Lightspeed Renewal

Board members approve a contract to CDW for renewal of our Lightspeed products. The Children's Internet Protection Act requires school districts to filter content to provide protection for our students. We have utilized Lightspeed Filter as our content filter for many years. For more information, [click here](#).

Chromebook Payment

Board members approved an order to Lenovo Financial Services for student Chromebooks. Chromebooks were purchased on a four-year cycle financed to allow four equal payments. For more information, [click here](#).

2027 GSBA Risk Management Fund Insurance Renewal

Board members renew the Property, General Liability, Employee Benefits Liability, School Leaders Liability, Student Vocational Practices Liability, Law Enforcement Liability, Auto Liability, Crime, and Cyber Liability Insurance policies with the GSBA Risk Management Fund. For more information, [click here](#).

Sports Lighting for Middle School Practice Fields and the Softball and Baseball Fields at Ed DeFore Sports Complex

Board members approve a purchase order to Musco Sports Lighting, for installation of sports lighting at all middle school practice fields and the baseball and softball fields at Ed DeFore Sports Complex. The funds will be paid out of 2021 ESPLOST. For more information, [click here](#).

General Contract for Roofing services approved

Board members approve a purchase order to McCallum Metal Works to provide general contractor services for roofing projects at Skyview Elementary, Heritage Elementary, Howard Middle, Howard High, Rutland Middle, and Rutland High Schools. The funds will be paid out of 2021 ESPLOST. For more information, [click here](#).

Tyler Technologies – Munis ERP and Time and Attendance Renewal

Board members approve a purchase order 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 2027. For more information, [click here](#).

CTAE Educational Space negotiations with Macon- Bibb County Approved

Board Members approved to enter into negotiations with Macon-Bibb County to explore a long-term lease of classroom and instructional space to support CTAE Pathways at the new Macon Arena. The proposed concept would provide specialized equipment and hands-on learning opportunities to help prepare students for current and future workforce needs. Macon Bibb is

constructing a multi-purpose arena to replace the Macon Coliseum. 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. To review the policies, [click here](#).

- Policy BD - Policy Development - R(1) (ACTION - Second Reading)
- Policy BDG - Administration in Policy Absence (ACTION - Second Reading)
- Policy BDF - Review of Administrative Rules (ACTION - Second Reading)
- Policy EBL - Environmental Programs (ACTION - Second Reading)
- Policy GAK: Criminal Background Checks (Replacing Policy GAM: Staff Rights and Responsibilities) (INFORMATION - First Reading)
- Policy GAE - Complaints and Grievances (INFORMATION - First Reading)
- Policy GARH - Employee Leaves and Absences (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

To view information item, [click here](#).

Superintendent's Highlights

- **CELEBRATIONS & APPRECIATION**: As the summer kicks off, several holidays and celebrations are upon us! Celebrations are happening this week in Macon-Bibb County in honor of Juneteenth! To all of the dads, we honor you this Father's Day and invite you to keep reading with our students this summer. We're also looking forward to honoring our District's retirees with a luncheon at Macedonia Church next Wednesday.
- **CLEANER, HEALTHIER RIDES**: This spring, the District joined partners in marking the first step toward fleet electrification with the addition of 15 Type C electric school buses to our fleet. These buses are part of a broader effort to strengthen day-to-day operations, which Executive Director of Transportation Anthony Jackson discusses in the [COVER STORY](#) for the latest issue of School Transportation News.
- **BIBB CTAE SCHOLAR IS NATIONAL CHAMPION**: We have a champion in our midst! Congratulations to SkillsUSA National Winner Aleshia Dupree, who represented W.S. Hutchings College and Career Academy and Southwest High School. Through hard work, dedication, technical skill, and professionalism, Aleshia earned the title in "Graphics Imaging Sublimation."
- **KINDERGARTEN SIGNING CEREMONIES**: As we closed one chapter with the end of the school year, we also took the chance to welcome our newest scholars to the BCSD family! Each of our elementary schools hosted future Kindergarten students for a Kindergarten Signing

Ceremony, a special day of recognition honoring all the amazing work our Pre-K students have done this year and will continue to do next year.

- **SUMMER LEARNING IN ACTION:** BCSD's Push for Success Summer Learning opportunities are providing students with targeted support and enrichment in reading and math, pathways to accelerate academic progress, and opportunities for credit recovery and career exploration. Summer Learning opportunities are available for all students in Grades K-12 with the goal of developing a culture of year-round learning. Pictured here are some of our scholars at Springdale Elementary this summer, along with teachers who began preparing for summer opportunities immediately after post-planning. In addition to academic areas, our summer school students will have opportunities in art, dance, music, physical education, and Spanish. Students taking advantage of virtual courses in academic areas will also have the opportunity to experience music lessons created by Levita Carter, the music teacher at Bernd Elementary School and the 2026 Georgia Music Educators Association District XI Music Teacher of the Year!
- **SUMMER MEALS SUPPORT FAMILIES:** In addition to the meal sites at our schools, BCSD's Nutrition Department has partnered with Macon-Bibb County for summer meal sites at Macon-Bibb County Recreation Centers throughout the community. Visit www.eatrightbibb.com for more information!
- **TEACHERS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SUMMER PL:** Bibb K-12 teachers participated in summer professional learning hosted by our Teaching and Learning Department supporting ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Music. The sessions last week helped prepare teachers instructionally for the upcoming school year.
- **LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM 2026-27:** Our school and district leaders for the 2026-2027 school year participated in great learning, bonding and collaboration this month at our 11th Annual Leadership Symposium, held right here at the PLC in Macon. Thank you to some of our guest speakers, such as CGTC President Ivan Allen and outgoing Georgia Teacher of the Rachel Kinsaul for inspiring us in between workshop sessions! I'm grateful for the dedication to getting better for our students!
- **GEAR UP TO POSTSECONDARY LIFE:** GEAR UP students are engaged in meaningful learning on the campus of Middle Georgia State University. Through this experience, students are participating in learning designed to strengthen both their academic skills and their readiness for high school and future postsecondary opportunities. Throughout the experience, students have engaged in cooperative learning activities in English, mathematics, science, and social studies taught by BCSD teachers and GEAR UP graduation advisors. These experiences encourage collaboration, critical thinking, and active engagement while helping students build confidence in their academic abilities. In addition to academic enrichment, students are participating in a college readiness course specifically designed to support a successful transition to high school.
- **GEORGIA'S POET LAUREATE:** Congratulations to Howard High School student Jaiden Geolingo for being awarded the Georgia Poet Laureate Prize! He was also a finalist for this prize last year, and he beat out a field of 100 students who submitted poems for the award with his poem "Peach State Migration."
- **UNDER CONSTRUCTION:** Progress on BCSD's ESPLOST-funded improvements are under way this summer! You'll find construction or renovation taking place at sites like Vineville Academy of the Arts, Southfield Elementary School, Northwoods Academy, and Burdell-Hunt Magnet School! We are proud to help create updated spaces that support students and staff across the district!
- **MLK STUDENTS TRAVEL TO N.C. FOR CYCLING:** This month, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School Raider Cycling Club traveled to Durham, N.C., to attend the Major Taylor

International Convention. They traveled by bus, stayed in a hotel, and participated in two organized rides and a historic site visit with hundreds of riders from all over the country!

- **SUMMER GA YOUNG FARMERS TOUR:** The Bibb County Young Farmers participated in the 2026 Georgia Young Farmers Summer Tour hosted by the Emanuel County Young Farmers Association. This was an incredible opportunity to learn, network, and experience the diverse agricultural industries that make up a vital part of Georgia agriculture. Each tour stop highlighted the innovation, stewardship, and entrepreneurial spirit that continue to move Georgia agriculture forward!
 - **ON THE HORIZON: PBIS BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH:** The District PBIS Department is planning our 9th Back-to-School Bash, that will be held on Friday, July 31st, at 10am-12:30 pm at the beautiful Macon Mall. During the event, we will provide Bibb County families with free school uniform shirts (while supplies last), school supplies, District and Community Resources, and much more, in an effort to remove barriers of school attendance for our families. We are seeking volunteers to help out with this event and would love for you to sign up using the link provided!
 - **ENERGY STAR ACHIEVEMENTS:** As part of our recognitions this evening, BCSD will be recognized for ENERGY STAR achievements. For consecutive years Bibb County Schools ranks 3rd in the state of Georgia for the most ENERGY STAR certified K-12 buildings – with 29 schools having earned ENERGY STAR certification. We are excited to celebrate these achievements this evening!
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Highlights

Meet the New Leaders

Congratulations to our new leaders!

Kizzie Lott, Principal, Southwest High School

Dr. Endirka Williams Okonkwo, Principal, Bruce Elementary School

Geneva Brown, Assistant Principal, Sonny Carter Elementary School

Shanequa York, Assistant Principal, Rutland High School

Jarvis Denmark, Assistant Principal, Rutland High School

Tyveshe Johnson, Assistant Principal, Howard High School

Tamara Serls, Assistant Principal, Weaver Middle School

Partnership Impact Award - First Choice Primary Care

First Choice Primary Care serves as the lead partner in advancing our School-Based Health Center initiatives, bringing accessible, high-quality healthcare directly into our schools. Through their leadership, students have access to essential medical services—including preventive care, chronic disease management, and health screenings—without the barriers that often prevent timely care. Their commitment reflects a shared belief in the whole-child approach, recognizing that student health is directly connected to academic achievement. By reducing barriers such as transportation, cost, and time away from school, First Choice Primary Care helps ensure that students remain healthy, present, and ready to learn. Beyond clinical care, their team works collaboratively with school staff, families, and community partners to provide continuity of care and strengthen support systems for students. Their work has contributed to improved attendance, enhanced student outcomes, and stronger family engagement across the district. First Choice Primary Care exemplifies what it means to be a strategic, student-centered partner—expanding access, strengthening our schools, and positively impacting the health and future of our students.

Cenergistic Energy Star Certification

Since the Bibb County School District first started partnering with Cenergistic in 2019, we have benefited from both financial savings and more efficient school buildings. Recently, the District reached 29 schools having Energy Star Certification, for the third-highest K-12 building total in the state. Congratulations to the BCSD Facilities and Maintenance team.

GHSA Class A, Division 1 State Track Meet Winners

The District prioritizes supporting students in all of their endeavors, including interscholastic athletics. At this time, we'd like to recognize several student athletes who earned medals at the Georgia High School Association's state track meet last month. Congratulations to the following winners from Northeast High School at the Class A, Division 1 meet and Westside High School at the Class AA meet:

- Northeast Boys' Track Team, 8th Place
- Jacory Sherman, 2nd Place, 400-meter dash
- Jordan Wiggins, 3rd Place, Triple Jump and 6th Place, 400 Meter Dash
- Jacory Sherman, Ke'Elle Searcy, Jordan Wiggins, Isaiah Ishmail, 3rd Place, 4x400 Meter Relay
- Jacory Sherman, Ke'Elle Searcy, Jordan Wiggins, Tavarus Tinsley, 5th Place, 4x200 Meter Relay
- Maurice Cray, 11th Place, 800 Meter Run
- Anthony Horton, Westside High School, State Champion, Discus and 2nd Place, Shot Put
- Jorden Billue, Westside High School, 6th Place, Shot Put

Retirees with 25+ Years of Service in Bibb County

Our District is greatly improved by the multitude of educators who have committed their professional lives to educating young people. Every year, we like to recognize the individuals who are headed to a deserved retirement with at least 25 years of service in Bibb County. Thank you for your dedication!

- Terry Adair, Custodian - Union Elementary, 31
- Beverly Harris, Head Custodian - Rutland High School, 31
- Debra Ross, Administrative Asst. - Teaching & Learning, 25.5

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

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Aryia Wills, a rising 2nd grade student at Alexander II Math & Science Magnet School

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. Barney T. Hester, District 4

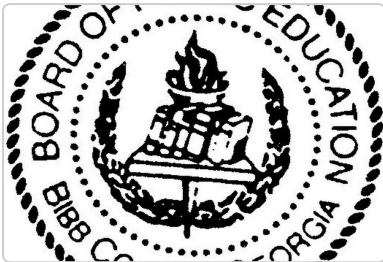
Mr. James M. Freeman, District 6

Not Present:

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

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