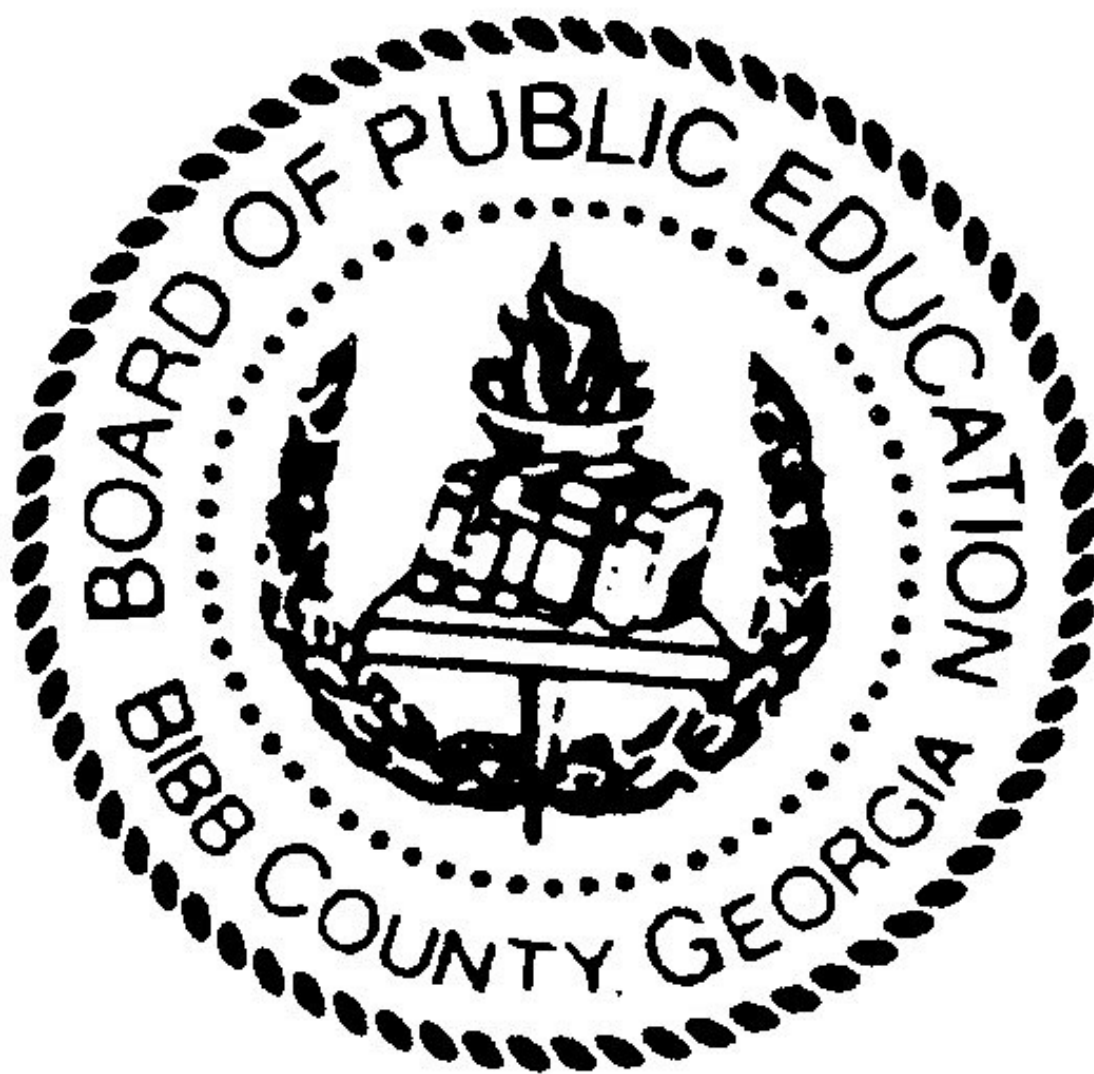


The Board Brief

September 17, 2026



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

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

CTAE Grants and Awards Approved

The Georgia Department of Education has awarded Bibb County School District federal and state grant funds for the 2026-2027 school year to strengthen Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education. These resources, including Federal Perkins V funds, State CTAE grants, and Agricultural Education funds, will be invested to expand career pathway opportunities, modernize instructional equipment, enhance agricultural education programs, and provide professional learning for educators. For more information, [click here](#).

CTAE Dell Contractual Lease Agreement Approved

Board members approved a three-year contractual lease agreement with Dell Leasing Co. funded through CTAE Perkins V Grant funds to replace and enhance the technology equipment within all computer labs. For more information, [click here](#).

Monthly Financial Reports, Statement of Actual Financial Operations Reviewed

Board members reviewed monthly financial reports and the Moderate Risk Designation Monthly Update, which includes the monthly estimated expenditure report and the Annual Statement of Financial Operations for FY 2026. For more information, [click here](#).

Capital Outlay Funds for Renovations at Bernd, Bruce, Westside Approved

Board members approved the District's application for Georgia Department of Education Capital Outlay funding to support renovation projects at Bernd Elementary School, Westside High School, and Bruce Elementary School. These projects are part of the District's long-term facilities plan and will help modernize school facilities while leveraging state funding in combination with ESPLOST resources to complete the improvements. The ESPLOST, or Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax, is a 1% sales tax approved by voters. For more information, [click here](#).

Central Office Modernization and Efficiency Upgrades Approved

Board members approved a modernization and efficiency upgrade project for the District's Central Office. The project will replace aging HVAC equipment, building automation controls, elevator systems, and interior lighting, while also adding a secure vestibule at the building entrance. For more information, [click here](#).

Surplus of Aging Vehicles Approved

Board members approved the designation of 45 Transportation Department vehicles as surplus property. The vehicles, which include school buses, service trucks, and patrol cars, have reached the end of their useful life and are no longer needed for District operations. 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 DJE: Purchasing (ACTION - Second Reading)

- Policy DJEAC: Purchasing or Credit Card Use (ACTION - Second Reading)
- Policy IDB: Health and Physical Education (ACTION - Second Reading)
- Policy IDDF: Special Education Programs (ACTION - Second Reading)
- Policy IDBA: Sex Education (ACTION - Second Reading)
- Policy JHC: Student Organizations (ACTION - Revised Second Reading)
- Policy GAMA: Drug-Free Workplace (INFORMATION - First Reading)
- Policy GAMB: Possession of Weapons by Employees (INFORMATION - First Reading)
- Policy GAN: Employee Tobacco Use (INFORMATION - First Reading)
- Policy GCRA(1): Drug Screening of Bus Drivers (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

Presentations on Impact of Teaching and Learning in BCSD, Georgia Milestones

Representatives from Teaching and Learning made two presentations to Board members on Thursday, September 17. To view the presentations, [click here](#).

The first presentation highlighted how the Teaching and Learning Department strengthened Tier 1 instruction through aligned leadership development, professional learning, instructional resources, coaching, and systems support during the 2025-2026 school year. The second presentation reviewed recent Georgia Milestones data and how Bibb County School District students demonstrated strong growth with achievement levels increasing or remaining stable across most grade levels and content areas.

Superintendent's Highlights

Each month during the Board meeting, we present highlights happening within our schools and district.

BOARD MEETING ART FOR SEPTEMBER: In honor of Dot Day, Springdale Eagles came together to make their mark on the school and community! Facilitated by Springdale's art teacher, Kelly Monaghan, students from Pre-K through 5th grade collectively created a series of five large 36" x 48" paintings. What began as simple dots transformed into beautiful flowers, connecting to the school's BLOOM EFFECT theme and representing how each student has the opportunity to grow, shine, and make a difference. The grade-level floral vase series is a celebration of creativity, collaboration, and the unique mark each Springdale Eagle brings to their school community. Together, students and staff are making Springdale BLOOM!

CELEBRATIONS & APPRECIATION: Thank you to schools and departments throughout the District for bringing recognition and awareness to these events this month:
Attendance Awareness Month

Suicide Prevention Awareness Month
National Grandparents Day
International Dot Day
Payroll Appreciation Week
National GEAR UP Week
National Arts in Education Week
National Hispanic Heritage Month
National IT Professional Day
Educational Technology Day
Human Resources Professionals Day

SOUTHFIELD HONORS PATRIOT DAY: A special thank you to Southfield Elementary School for inviting the crew from Macon-Bibb Fire Station #12 to be a part of their “Patriot Day” ceremony in honor of the 25th Anniversary of September 11th. We truly appreciate the warm welcome and the continued support shown to our firefighters and first responders.

ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH: The Bibb County School District kicked off Attendance Awareness Week with a special event on Monday at Union Elementary School featuring Georgia Supreme Court Justice Verda Colvin. Throughout this month – and especially this week – students, educators, community leaders and partners are celebrating the importance of consistent school attendance and recognizing students who have demonstrated a strong commitment to being present every day.

MBMLA ADULT EDUCATION AND FAMILY LITERACY WEEK: The Macon-Bibb Mayor’s Literacy Alliance is celebrating its 5th annual Adult Education and Family Literacy Week this week with a weeklong series of activities demonstrating the power of literacy to empower individuals, strengthen families, and transform communities. Under this year’s theme, “Literacy Is Golden,” the team will join community partners, educators, businesses, families, and students in highlighting literacy in many of its forms, including early literacy, family literacy, environmental literacy, and workforce readiness.

SONNY CARTER SAFETY PATROL KICKOFF: Carter Elementary School kicked off its Safety Patrol for the year with student patrollers learning about their duties and expectations, meeting with advisors, and participating in a presentation with representatives of the Bibb County Sheriff’s Office. During the event, patrollers were sworn in by BSO Sgt. Wooten.

SOUTHWEST HIGH RITES OF PASSAGE: 100 Black Men of Macon-Middle Georgia and 9 Foundation presented the Southwest High School Rites of Passage Leadership Academy at the Douglass Theatre. The Leadership Academy is designed around the theme: Know Yourself, Lead Others, Serve Your Community, Build Your Future. The program will prepare students for leadership, college and career, civic responsibilities, financial literacy, healthy relationships, and more.

MLK CYCLISTS: The King Raider Student Cycling Club participated in a 30-mile Bike-A-Thon in Atlanta. A group of 7 students from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary participated in the race. Students will continue to log miles with other members of the club throughout the school year.

LEADERSHIP MACON EDUCATION DAY: Leadership Macon’s Education Day provided the Class of 2026 with an in-depth look at Macon’s educational landscape. Throughout the day, class members saw how Macon’s educational institutions support students from their earliest classroom

experiences through career training and higher education. Education Day offered participants a broader understanding of the programs, partnerships, and educators working to prepare students and strengthen Macon's future workforce.

HOWARD MIDDLE BEST BUDDIES: Congratulations to Howard Middle School for being named the Middle School Best Buddies Program of the Year for Georgia! This is the second consecutive year Howard Middle has received this recognition!

FIRE SCIENCE DUAL ENROLLMENT CLASS: This year's Fire Science Dual Enrollment class includes seniors from Bibb, Jones, and Houston, giving these students an incredible opportunity to learn both in the classroom and in the field. Students take classes at Hutchings College & Career Academy and train at the Macon-Bibb Fire Academy. These students are working toward their high school education while simultaneously building a foundation for a future career in the fire service.

ON THE HORIZON: SUPERINTENDENT WOODS: State School Superintendent Richard Woods will visit Southfield Elementary School as part of a Constitution Week celebration on Monday, September 21. At this time, Superintendent Woods also will recognize Southfield as one of the winners of the John Hancock Banner and Proficiency Ribbon for cursive writing. As part of his visit, Superintendent Woods also will be distributing redesigned pocket-sized copies of the United States Constitution to celebrate the nation's 250th anniversary.

Highlights

Partnership Impact Award

Five Star Credit Union

2026 GASPA Awards

Each year, the Georgia Association of School Personnel Administrators, or GASPA, recognizes departments from across the state for excellence in various aspects of their work. This year, the Bibb County School District's Human Resources Department earned a Platinum Award for Technology Advancements, which is the highest level of GASPA honors. Additionally, the department received a Gold Award for Employee Benefit Processes. Congratulations!

NAESP National Certified Mentors

Recently, several of our District and school leaders completed the process to become National Certified Mentors through the National Association of Elementary School Principals. This nine-month process included meetings and assignments with a national cohort, regular interaction with a leadership protégé, professional learning and more. Congratulations to these leaders!

Donna Cline, Alexander II Math & Science Magnet School

Tanya Allen, Burdell-Hunt Magnet School

Tawanya Wilson, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School

Arrika Gibson, Veterans Elementary School

Wendy Pooler, Rutland High School

Tesheika Stewart, Rutland High School

R. Steven Jones, Executive Officer

Nelson Render, Executive Officer

2026-2027 GHSA Student-Athlete Advisory Council

Each year, the Georgia High School Association selects student athletes from each classification, as well as at-large members, to its Student-Athlete Advisory Council. This Council organizes a variety of student events and awards throughout the school year, including the statewide Student-Athlete Leadership Conference in the spring. This year, the District had two student-athletes named as at-large members out of 26 selections statewide! Congratulations Londyn Rodgers at Howard High School and Karmen Hill at Rutland High School.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by London Pooler, an 11th grade student at Rutland High 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

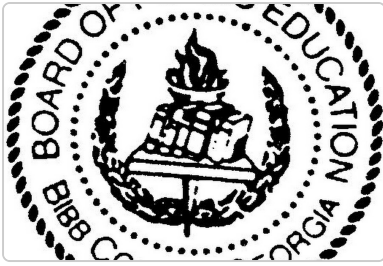
Mr. Barney T. Hester, District 4

Mr. James M. Freeman, District 6

Dr. Lisa W. Boyd, At-Large, Post 8 - Not Present

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