

BOARD MEETING BRIEF

District Mission - "To ignite a passion for learning and teaching at high levels."



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Highlights from the April 10, 2019, Board Meeting

CCRPI School Climate Report!

At the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education, the Board was presented a report on the most recent CCRPI scores reflecting school climate from the 2017-18 SY. The district target is to improve the percentage of schools earning a School Climate Star Rating of 3 or higher from the SY 2016-17 baseline of 82% to 85% or higher by SY 2021-22. Some key points from the report are:

- Seventy-three percent (73%) of schools earned a climate star rating of 3 or higher.
- The percentage of schools with 3 or more stars declined by 8 points compared to last year, however, the SY 2017-18 rate remained 9 points higher than in SY 2015-16.
- Schools that achieved a 5 star climate rating include STEM, Savannah Arts, Oglethorpe, and, for the third consecutive year, Early College.
- Twenty-five schools improved their overall climate score. Eleven of these sites also raised their climate star rating, including Garden City, the School of Humanities at Juliette Low, Shuman, Myers, STEM, Groves, Johnson, New Hampstead, Savannah Arts, Oglethorpe, and Savannah Classical.

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BAVSGL60808C>

Reading and Numeracy on Grade Level Report

At the Informal Meeting of the Board, Academic Affairs staff presented a report on middle-of-year (MOY) literacy and numeracy performance as measured by the NWEA-Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) in reading and math. The district target is to achieve a median BOY to MOY growth percentile of 50 or higher, which represents the national norm for each grade level. Congratulations to Brock Elementary for exemplary progress in math by achieving the highest growth gain of all schools in grades 3-5 across the District!

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BAVNFX59F25F>

Lunch Price Increase Proposed (Full price paid lunches only)

At the Informal Meeting of the Board, SCCPSS School Nutrition Director Onetha Bonaparte presented a report on a lunch price increase needed to bring the program in line with the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 which requires school food authorities (SFAs) participating in the National School Lunch Program to provide the same level of support for lunches served to students who are not eligible for free or reduced price lunches (i.e., paid lunches) as they are for lunches served to students eligible for free lunches. An increase of 50 cents per meal is being proposed for the district's high schools, a 75 cent increase for elementary and middle schools. The proposal will go before the Board for a vote in May.

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BAVNGC59F26C>

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Budget Objectives Approved!

The Board approved the Budget Objectives listed below for use in forming the FY 2020-FY 2022 recommended budgets:

Budget Objective # 1. Create and maintain a student-focused budget that provides the necessary resources for the delivery of quality instructional programs that will support a diverse student population.

Budget Objective # 2. Leverage all available resources to maintain a safe, secure, and healthy environment that supports student learning and stakeholder participation.

Budget Objective # 3. Engage stakeholders to inform and obtain their perspectives and values on school funding and programs.

Budget Objective # 4. Allocate funding resources for the delivery of a competitive compensation plan, effective employee retention strategies, and ongoing professional development for staff.

Budget Objective # 5. Control budget expenditures in a manner that creates and sustains a healthy fund balance for the handling of emergencies or unanticipated expenses.

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BAVNA559B49D>

Resolution to Phase Out and Replace – Gould Elementary School and Mercer Middle School

The Board approved a resolution to Phase Out and Replace Facilities for Gould Elementary School and Mercer Middle School. ESPLOST III includes construction of a multi-school facility that is scheduled to be ready for occupancy in August 2023. At that time Gould Elementary School and Mercer Middle School will move to the new facility and vacate their current facilities.

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BAVS845FD686>

Resolution to Phase Out and Replace – Groves High School, Jenkins High School, and White Bluff Elementary School

The Board approved a Resolution to Phase Out and Replace Facilities for Groves High School, Jenkins High School and White Bluff Elementary School. ESPLOST III includes construction of replacement schools for Groves High, Jenkins High and White Bluff Elementary. The replacement building for White Bluff Elementary School is scheduled to be ready for August 2020 occupancy, Jenkins High School replacement in August 2021, and Groves High School replacement in August 2023. The construction plan for these projects includes the demolition of the existing facilities.

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BAVS7Z5FCF2D>

AdvancED Update

The AdvancED monitoring review visit was announced during the AdvancED update provided to the Board during the March 6, 2019 meeting. The review team conducted their monitoring review over the dates of March 26, 27, and 28, 2019.

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BAVN9R59B491>

Legislative Update!

The 2019 Legislative Session concluded on April 2, 2019. A summary of legislation that has moved on to the Governor's desk will be provided. The Governor may veto a bill, sign it or do nothing. If nothing is done, it becomes law.

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BAVN9N59B48E>

GSBA Legislative Positions

The Board voted to support proposed Georgia School Boards Association (GSBA) 2019 Legislative Positions.

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BAVNA859B4A0>

Appointment of Academic Excellence Committee Member

The Board voted to appoint Dr. Howard-Hall as an Academic Excellence Committee for FY 2019-2020!

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BAX7ZY78A207>

Personal Responsibility Education Program Approved with the Georgia Department of Human Services!

The Board approved a resolution for the District to enter a written contract with the Georgia Department of Human Services Personal Responsibility Education Program for the provision of operating a State Personal Responsibility Education Program for the period beginning October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2020. The program will provide youth free access to a teen pregnancy prevention program.

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BB5EXF65F2C1>

Sharing the Good News!

The Superintendent's Student of the Month for March was announced! Congratulations to Devin Francois– a 12 grader from Woodville Tompkins Technical and Career High School!

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BAVN9659B47F>



Community Partner Spotlight

Belk has consistently been a distinguished partner whose outstanding generosity demonstrates a commitment to the Savannah-Chatham school system, our shared community, and the vision of tomorrow.

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BAVN9959B482>



First Reads!

Policy BDF – Administrative Regulations has been modified to provide for a period of preparation when certain policy actions require operational adjustments. The Superintendent shall establish and provide an effective date.

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BAVN9U59B494>

Board Policy DCA – Fiscal Goals and Objectives has been modified to align the target range for the total fund balance in the General Fund with the recommended threshold from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA).

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BAVN9X59B497>

Administrative Regulation BBFA-R – Local School Councils has been reviewed. Modifications were required to update references to the Georgia Open Records Act and the Georgia Open Meetings Act.

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BAVNA259B49A>

Policy Adopted!

The following policies are being updated to change references to “Executive Committee” in the Policy Code Section to properly reflect the distinction of the Officers of the Board as the “Executive Officers.”

Policy BBA – Board Officers

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BAVS2S5FAB20>

Policy BBBE – Board Member Compensation and Expenses

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BAVS7C5FB69C>

Policy BCBL – Review of Board Procedures

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BAVS7Q5FC1AF>

Policy BDE – Policy Review

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BAVS7X5FCA93>

Policy ABCE – Board Member Resignation

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BAVS7Y5FCD06>

Policy BBD – Board-School Superintendent Relations

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BAVS855FD8B5>

Policy DCI – Budget Line Item Transfer Authority has been modified to change threshold levels for budget amendments and transfers to provide greater efficiency for the day to day needs of the school system.

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BAVS825FD123>

April Committee Meetings

WELLNESS COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, April 24, 2019

8:30 AM

Whitney Administrative Complex

2 Laura Avenue

CHARTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, April 25, 2019

9:30 AM

Whitney Administrative Complex

2 Laura Avenue

The April Board Accountability Meeting has been rescheduled and will now take place on May 28, 2019.