

BOARD MEETING BRIEF

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



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Highlights from the January 5, 2022 Board Meeting

Budget Process Update

At the Regular (Formal) Meeting, Board members received a report on enrollment expectations and the effect on the district budget. SCCPSS enrollment has experienced declines in recent years due to a number of factors, most notable, a decline in the birth rate. Board members were also presented an update on the budget process calendar. <http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C9QNZS5BD6EA>

COVID Operational Update

At the Formal meeting, Board Members were updated on the District's Second Semester Operational plans as the COVID pandemic continues. The District's mitigation efforts including, but not limited to: mask/face coverings, use of PPE, social distancing where possible, event capacity limits, limitations for visitors/volunteers and weekly testing for student-athletes will continue as we begin the second semester. A review of strategies will not take place until at minimum two weeks after students return from the winter break as recommended by the Superintendent's Medical Advisory Committee. Areas of review will include visitors and volunteers, events and athletics capacity, weekly testing of athletes and the screening process for building entry. The current Community Transmission Index is in the High range for Chatham County. See the full report here: <http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C9QP355BDB62>

CARES ACT II Budget Ratification

The Board approved the CARES Act ESSER II LEA Bonus budget ratification in the amount of \$5,450,868. The State Board of Education authorized Savannah-Chatham County Board of Education Federal Funds to give bonuses to employees who worked through COVID-19. These funds were previously expended for employees and were spent as follows: Salaries \$5,372,960/Benefits \$77,908. The ratification was a required action for budgeting to ensure correct account lines on the expended funds. This is not a new expenditure. <http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C9RN285AB4C4>

Board Matters

Election of Board Officers

Board Officers Vice President, Vice President Pro-Tempore and Assistant Secretary for 2022 were elected. Each term is for a one year period. See the results here: <http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C9QP3K5BDB70>

Meeting Calendar Approved

The Calendar of Board of Education Meetings in 2022 was approved with a modification to the September 7 meeting start time. The September meeting will now begin at 6:00pm. All other dates remain unchanged. See the calendar here: <http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C9QP3N5BDB73>

Committee Appointments

2022 Committee, Delegate, and Liaison appointments were announced. See the list here: <http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C9QP3R5BDB76>

SCHOOL BOARD

Dr. Joe Buck
President

Denise Grabowski
District 1

Dr. Dionne Hoskins-Brown
District 2

Cornelia H. Hall
District 3

Shawn A. Kachmar
District 4

Irene Hines
District 5

Dr. David Bringman
Vice President Pro-Tempore
District 6

Michael Johnson
District 7

Dr. Tonia Howard-Hall
Vice President
District 8

Good News

STEM Excellence in Teaching Award

SCELA and high school science teacher Gini Lea Ennis has been honored with the Labster STEM Excellence in Teaching Award. Ms. Ennis is one of only 10 award recipients nationwide! Recipients are recognized for their passion for teaching, advancement of experiential learning, creativity in curriculum design, innovation in instruction, and commitment to student success.

NSPRA Superintendent to Watch

Dr. Levett has recently been recognized by the National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA) through a program that recognizes just 25 school district leaders across the nation each year. NSPRA seeks to identify superintendents who demonstrate dynamic, fast-paced leadership with strong communication at its core. We are excited to announce Dr. Ann Levett as a 2021 "Superintendent to Watch" award recipient as recognized by the National School Public Relations Association.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C9QNUC604F9B>

Student of the Month Recognized

The Superintendent's Student of the Month for December is Adin Wigfall, a sophomore from the School of Liberal Studies at Savannah High. Congratulations, Adin!

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C9QP325BDB5F>



Policy First Reads

Policy DID and Regulation DID-R (Deletion) – Audits (Four Year Review – Changes Recommended)

Pursuant to Board Policy BDE- Policy Review, District Administration has reviewed Board Policy DID Audits along with the supporting regulation and determined a need to delete the regulation and update the policy to align with current processes.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C9QP3D5BDB6A>

Policy ED and Regulation – Student Transportation Management (Four Year Review – Changes Recommended)

Pursuant to Board Policy BDE- Policy Review, District Administration has reviewed Board Policy ED along with the supporting regulation. District Administration has determined a need for changes in both the policy and regulation in order to update the language to reflect current practices and to align the regulation to the policy.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C9QP3G5BDB6D>

Policy Adoptions!

Policy FD – Facilities Long-Range Planning (Four Year Review – Changes Recommended) Pursuant to Board Policy BDE- Policy Review, District Administration has reviewed Board Policy FD and determined a need for changes to provide a clear description of the District's process for the development of the Long-Range Facility Plan.
<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C9QP645BDBC1>

Policy DC – Annual Operating Budget (Four Year Review – Changes Recommended) Pursuant to Board Policy BDE- Policy Review, District Administration has reviewed Board Policy DC and determined a need for minor changes to update the language within the policy.
<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C9QP675BDBC4>

Policy EBBF – Safety Inspections (Four Year Review – Changes Recommended) Pursuant to Board Policy BDE - Policy Review, District Administration has reviewed Board Policy EBBF along with the supporting regulation. Regulation language has been determined unnecessary due to revisions within the Policy language that clearly states the code section for the requirements associated with safety inspections.
<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C9QP6A5BDBC7>

PERSONNEL MOVES!

Welcome **Shennel McCullough**, Interim Principal of West Chatham Middle School!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Audit Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 20, 2022 - 8:00AM

Whitney Administrative Complex, Building G. 2 Laura Avenue