

BOARD MEETING BRIEF

District Mission - "Together, we ignite and foster lifelong learning at the highest levels for all"



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Highlights from the June 7, 2023 Board Meeting

Fiscal Year 2024 Budget – Tentative Adoption

At the Regular Meeting of the Board the following final budgets were tentatively adopted:

- * Fiscal Year 2024 General Fund Budget for \$564,352,051;
- * Fiscal Year 2024 G.O. Debt Budget for \$0 (NOTE: Amount is duplicated in Other Funds below);
- * Fiscal Year 2024 Special Revenue Funds Budgets for \$175,862,262;
- * Fiscal Year 2024 Other Funds Budgets for \$3,824,372 (NOTE: Includes GO Debt amount from above);
- * Fiscal Year 2024 Capital Projects Funds Budget for \$91,889,275

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CSDPR462842C>

Tentative Millage Rate Adopted

The Board tentatively approved an aggregate millage rate of 17.631 mills for 2023. This represents no change from the previous year's millage rate.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CSDPR6628587>

Choice Programs Application Process Update

At a Board Workshop held before the informal meeting, an update on the redesign of the Choice Application process was presented to the Board. A new rubric-based evaluation process designed to provide a greater picture of the whole student and their threshold for success, as well as identify targeted areas for support that may be needed (in advance), is being examined as a component of the application process in the future.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CSDKA3501552>

Budget Process Update

At the Informal meeting, an update was presented to the Board on the ongoing Budget Process. That update was followed by a Public Hearing on budget priorities for the upcoming fiscal year.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CSDJRX4E0AE2>

Student of the Month Recognized

The Superintendent's Student of the Month for May is Jaylien Pacheco, a 5th grader at Butler Elementary School. Congratulations, Jaylien!

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CSDJNQ4DE6FD>



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Policy First Reads

Policy BCBI and Regulation BCBI-R(1) – Public Participation in Board Meetings (Mid Period Review – Changes Recommended) • Policy Changes • Regulation Changes District Administration has reviewed Board Policy BCBI and determined changes are needed to update the language and process for both Board Policy and the Regulation due to the recent recommendations from GSBA.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CSDJNU4DE701>

Policy IKDA – Flag Displays (Four Year Review) • No Policy Changes Pursuant to Board Policy BDE- Policy Review, District Administration has reviewed Board Policy IKDA. There are no changes recommended for Board Policy.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CSDJNV4DE702>

Policy KM and Regulation KM -R(0) – Visitors to Schools (4-Year Review – Changes Recommended) District Administration has reviewed Board Policy KM and determined changes are needed to update both the Board Policy and the Regulation for improved language aligned with current District practices.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CSDJNW4DE703>

Policy GBRK and Regulation GBRK-R – Professional Personnel Vacations (Four Year Review – Changes Recommended) Pursuant to Board Policy BDE- Policy Review, District Administration has reviewed Board Policy GBRK along with the supporting Regulation and has determined changes are needed for improved clarity to existing language and updates to reflect existing District practice and procedures.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CSDJNX4DE704>

Policy JBC and Regulation JBC-R – School Admissions (Mid Period Review – Changes Recommended) • No Policy Changes • Changes Recommended for Regulation only District Administration has reviewed Board Policy JBC along with the supporting Regulation. There are no changes recommended for the Board Policy. The Regulation JBC-R has been updated with improved language to adjust for modifications to the Choice Programs Admissions Criteria.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CSDJNY4DE705>

Policy JHE and Regulation JHE-R – Student Performances (Four Year Review) • No Policy Changes • Recommended Regulation Changes Pursuant to Board Policy BDE- Policy Review, District Administration has reviewed Board Policy JHE along with the supporting regulation. There are no changes recommended for Board Policy. Minor changes have been made to the Regulation for grammatical improvements.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CSDJNZ4DE706>

Policy JJ – Employment of Students (Four Year Review – Changes Recommended) Pursuant to Board Policy BDE- Policy Review, District Administration has reviewed Board Policy JJ and has determined changes are needed to update language in Board Policy to align with current District Practices.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CSETM96DE8EE>

Policy IHA and Regulation IHA-R(1) – Grading Systems (Mid Period Review) • No Policy Changes • Recommended Regulation Changes District Administration has reviewed Board Policy IHA and determined no changes are needed for Board Policy. The Regulation IHA-R(1) has been updated to align language with current Math Progressions and Learning Targets for the Georgia Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills (GKIDS).

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CSEQDR687233>

Board Resolution: Board Norms and Protocols

The Board passed a resolution during the June 7th Regular Meeting stating the Board is committed to effective governance through self-assessment and continuous improvement that supports cohesiveness and improved performance. The establishment of Board Norms and Protocols as a formally adopted document serves as a best practice for meeting governance standards, and for operation as an exemplary school board. Board Norms and Protocols set clear expectations for school board operation, communication, and the governance of the school system.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CSDP6Y5F3699>

K-12 Multi-Site Name Proposed

A first read was made of a proposed name for the K-12 Multi-Site School in Garden City. The name Gould/Mercer/Groves K-12 Complex – abbreviated to GMG K-12 Complex has been proposed following multiple meetings of a panel seated for the purpose of researching and proposing a name for the new facility. The proposed name will have a second read at the July Regular Board meeting before a vote.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CSKJTR4E3F20>

Contract for Purchase of Campus Police Body Cameras Approved

The Board approve the utilization of the Georgia Statewide/NASPO Master Agreement #OK-MA-145-015 for body worn cameras at an estimated cost of \$497,682.00

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CSDJQ34DE728>

Contract for Before and Afterschool Care Renewed with YMCA of Coastal Georgia

The Board approved the renewal of RFP 22-52 Before and After School Care Program Services (Annual Contract) to The YMCA of Coastal Georgia, Inc. for an estimated annual reimbursement cost to the District of \$72,000.00 with the remaining option to renew for one (1) additional one-year terms.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CSDJQ64DE72B>

Emergency Contract Approved for New Fire Alarm System at Shuman

Elementary The Board approved the ratification for a Fire Alarm Replacement at Shuman Elementary School at a total cost of \$111,640.00. Existing equipment is antiquated with zero to few resources available for replacement parts. A replacement of the entire fire alarm system is now needed. City of Savannah codes regarding fire alarm replacement will require that the system be brought up to current fire alarm and ADA codes. Due to the age of the existing system and its installation, there are significant code related upgrades that will be required as well.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CSDJQA4DE72F>

Policy Adopted

Policy IBB and Regulation IBB-R(0) – Charter Schools (Four Year Review – Changes Recommended) Pursuant to Board Policy BDE- Policy Review, District Administration has reviewed Board Policy IBB along with the supporting regulation and determined changes are needed to update language within the Board Policy and Regulation to align with stipulations of Georgia law O.C.G.A. 20-2-2061

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CSDJQE4DE733>

Policy GDBA – Paraprofessional Qualifications and Duties (Four Year Review – Changes Recommended) Pursuant to Board Policy BDE- Policy Review, District

Administration has reviewed Board Policy GDBA and determined changes are needed to the Board Policy language to align with current District practices and updated terminology.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CSDJQF4DE734>

School Nutrition Price Adjustment for Adult Meals

The Board approved the Meal Price Schedule for the 2023-2024 school year. All Student Meal prices will remain the same. Adult Breakfast will increase from \$2.25 to \$2.50. Adult Lunch will increase from \$4 to \$5.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/scs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CSDPN861BA27>

ESPLOST Updates

Budget Transfer for Bloomingdale Elementary Replacement/Godley Station Addition

The Board approved a budget transfer in the amount of \$21,500,000 to provide additional funding needed to support the new Bloomingdale ES construction project.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/scs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CSDJQN4DE73B>

The Board approved a budget transfer in the amount of \$4,000,000 to award bids for the Godley Station school addition and alternate bid for the artificial turf playground areas.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/scs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CSDJQP4DE73C>

LED Lighting for Savannah Arts Academy Added to Georgia Power Contract

The Board approved a Change Order to Georgia Power to add Savannah Arts to the scope of projects included in Phase III LED Interior Lighting Contract approved on September 7, 2022, for a lump sum of \$4,404,100. Savannah Arts is undergoing interior renovations and replacement of light fixtures with new LED fixtures as part of the total work scope. During the March 1, 2023, meeting the Board approved a CMR to add LED fixture replacements for the auditorium because they were conducting overhead work in the room and the fixtures were easily accessible to replace. It has now been determined that Georgia Power can replace the existing fixtures with LED lighting in the remainder of the school for \$868,093, a lower price than the CMR.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/scs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CSDPR2628067>

General Fund – Midterm Adjustment

The Board approved the amendment of the General Fund (Fund 100) budgeted revenues and expenditures by \$11,406,014. The FY 2023 budget as adopted included \$500,000 for the QBE Midterm Adjustment. This was based on the anticipated increase in the average FTE count and historical increases in the Governor's budget. The mid-term allotment sheets show an increase in QBE earnings of \$11,906,014. The net amount to be recorded is \$11,406,014. The large increase was due to the additional funds for certified employees' medical insurance.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/scs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CSDPR362833B>

Personnel Moves

Tonja Brunn was promoted from Lead Program Manager -Library, Instructional Technology, and Media to **Interim Director -Library, Instructional Technology, and Media** in the department of Accountability Assessment and Reporting. Congratulations to Ms. Brunn!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

District 8 Town Hall Meeting

Hosted by Dr. Tonia Howard-Hall

Tuesday, June 13, 2023 - 6:00 pm

Otis J. Brock Elementary School, 1804 Stratford St, Savannah

Public Hearing #1 on Millage Rate Adoption [As required]

Wednesday, June 14, 2023-11:00AM

Whitney Administrative Complex, Building G, 2 Laura Avenue, Savannah

Public Hearing #2 on Millage Rate Adoption [As required]

Wednesday, June 14, 2023-6:00pm

Whitney Administrative Complex, Building G,2 Laura Avenue, Savannah

Special Called Board Meeting: Board to Vote on the Next Superintendent

Thursday, June 15, 2023-6:00pm

Whitney Administrative Complex, Building G,2 Laura Avenue., Savannah

Audit Committee Meeting

Thursday, June 22, 2023- 8:00am

Whitney Administrative Complex, 2 Laura Avenue, Savannah

Capital Improvements Committee Meeting

Wednesday, July 26, 2023-9:00am

Whitney Administrative Complex, 2 Laura Avenue, Savannah

Human Resources Awards

As part of the Superintendent's Good News report, the District's Human Resources Division and Professional Learning Department were recognized for receiving five awards for excellence from the Georgia Association of School Personnel Administrators.



Dr. Ann Levett's Final Meeting as Superintendent

Superintendent Dr. Ann Levett was Recognized by the Board and Cabinet with a gift of pen and ink sketches of the District's Oak Tree Logo and Central Office.

