

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 September 6, 2023 Board Meeting

Financial Reports

At the Informal Meeting of the Board, all Charter Schools were present to provide a financial update regarding their respective schools as part of their annual financial reporting to the Board. The District also provide a quarterly change order report to the Board.

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2022-23 SY GMAS Score Report – EOC and EOG Performance

At the Regular Meeting of the Board, Data and Accountability staff presented results from the district's most recent Georgia Milestone End of Course and End of Grade Assessments. Compared to last year, SCCPSS improved Content Mastery achievement scores in all four content areas for both the elementary and middle grade bands, with the greatest increases occurring in math and science. The district also improved in high school ELA, science, and social studies. However, SCCPSS achievement scores declined in Algebra I. Academic Affairs Next Steps and Action Items by Content Area were also discussed. See the full report here:

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Lexia Language Essentials Purchase Approved

The Board approved the one-time use of General Fund fund balance and sole source purchase of Lexia LETRS science of reading professional learning suite for a total cost of \$2,726,050.00. LETRS suite is comprehensive professional learning designed to provide educators and administrators with deep knowledge in the science of reading.

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Hand2Mind Math Manipulative Kits Purchase Approved

The Board approved the one-time purchase of the Hand2Mind Math Manipulative Specialized Kits for K-5 th Grade (Sole Source) for the estimated cost of \$1,500,000.00. Hand2Mind will assemble specialized kits specifically for SCCPSS to support the implementation of the newly adopted mathematics standards.

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Transportation Update

An update on the district's Transportation operations was presented to the Board at the Regular Meeting. Transportation continues to struggle with a lack of active drivers affecting on-time arrivals and drop-offs. The district currently has 193 active drivers, 18 fewer than the previous school year due to an increase in drivers on extended leave. A wide variety of recruitment efforts are on-going.

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Custodial Staff to Receive Bonuses

In June 2023 the Georgia Department of Education approved a one-time \$1,000 custodian supplement for SCCPSS custodians with CRRSA ESSER II Reserve funds. The supplement is in recognition of the increased services and support required to maintain clean and safe environments for students and staff. The Board approved the amendment to the budget in the amount of \$256,207.

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Student of the Month Recognized

The Superintendent's Student of the Month for August is Chloe Moss, a 5th Grader at White Bluff Elementary School. Chloe was unable to attend the Board Meeting, but her

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nominating teacher, Mrs. Tara Wood, was there to accept gifts from the Superintendent and greetings from the Board on her behalf. Congratulations, Chloe!

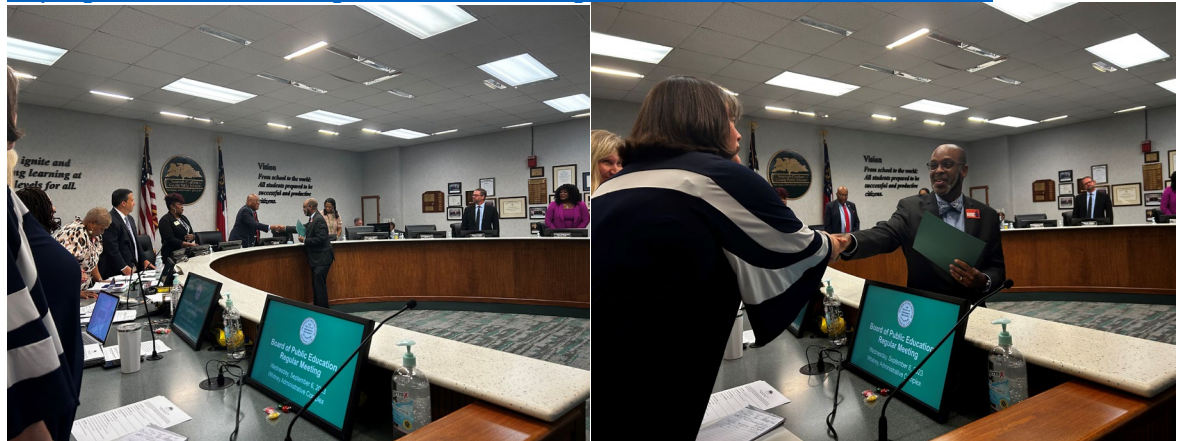
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HR Chief Mr. Ramon Ray Recognized

Mr. Ray received the coveted Jim Puckett Outstanding Educator Award from the Georgia Association of Educational Leaders. The award is in recognition of his service on the GAEL Board of Directors and was presented on behalf of the Georgia Association of School Personnel Administrators. It speaks volumes about the high level of respect he commands from colleagues and fellow educational leaders throughout our state.

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Policy First Reads

Policy KN and Regulation KN-R – Complaints (Four Year Review) • Policy Changes • Recommended Deletion of Regulation Pursuant to Board Policy BDE- Policy Review, District Administration has reviewed Board Policy KN along with the supporting regulation and has determined a need for updated language in Policy to define the hierarchy of engagement for resolving general complaints. The Regulation is recommended for deletion.

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Policy LEBA and Regulation LEBA-R – Parental Involvement in Education (Four Year Review) • Policy Changes • Recommended Deletion of Regulation Pursuant to Board Policy BDE- Policy Review, District Administration has reviewed Board Policy LEBA along with the supporting Regulation and has determined changes are needed to delete outdated references to federal programs and focus the policy within the applicable functional areas of Title I that carries requirements for Parental Involvement in Education. The Regulation is recommended for deletion.

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Policy ABCDA – Board Member Un-Expired Term Fulfillment (Four Year Review – No Changes) Pursuant to Board Policy BDE - Policy Review, District Administration has reviewed Board Policy ABCDA. No changes are recommended.

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New Hampstead High Athletic Field Work Approved

On July 31, 2023, J.W. Oliver Construction was issued a notice to proceed under Contract MC24024 to install test strips of various materials to determine the best process and procedure to remediate unsuitable soils and to provide a suitable subgrade for the artificial turf to be placed at New Hampstead HS. A suitable solution was determined by doing a 1' undercut and replacing it with fabric and stone. The Board approved the work to be completed over the entire field area at a total cost of \$178,305.

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Policy Adoptions

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

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Policy BBE – School Attorney (Four Year Review – Changes Recommended) Pursuant to Board Policy BDE- Policy Review, District Administration has reviewed Board Policy BBE and has determined changes are needed. Further updates were provided to correctly reference the “Newly Revised Robert’s Rules of Order” as the document used to govern Board parliamentary procedures.

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Policy CD – Line and Staff Relations (Four Year Review – Changes Recommended) Pursuant to Board Policy BDE- Policy Review, District Administration has reviewed Board Policy CD and has determined changes are needed to align language with appropriate and current District configurations.

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Other Board Actions and Updates

EV Charging Center Contractor Selected

The Board approved the award of Bid C24-05 EV Charging Center (Gamble Road) to Dabbs-Williams General Contractors, LLC in the amount of \$2,438,000.00.

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Purchase of New Metal Detectors Approved

The Board approved the first contract renewal of Bid 23-12 Metal Detectors (Annual Contract) to Point Security, Inc. for the purchase of forty-six (46) CEIA 02PN20-LFA OPENGATE metal detectors at the estimated cost of \$816,177.86 and possible future purchases during this contract period at \$192,004.00. Estimated purchases this contract period total \$1,008,182.00.

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ESPLOST Updates

At the Regular Meeting, the Quarterly ESLOST Update was presented to the Board. Updates were provided on a number of projects including:

GMG K-12 Complex

Interior finishes, sitework/landscape punch list & inspections are underway. The Athletic Complex work is scheduled to start in late September, with scheduled completion set for January 2025.

Windsor Forest High Replacement

The school is using a temporary parking lot with Site utilities and foundation work underway. Completion of the replacement building is scheduled for August 2025.

Savannah Arts Academy

The Cafeteria has been completed. Parking lots and landscaping, as well as the Auditorium renovation are underway and are expected to be completed this month.

For information on more projects included in the Quarterly Update check here:

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CUQKW45386BC>

Design Contract for Jacob G. Smith Elementary Renovations Approved

The Board approved a contract with James W. Buckley and Associates, Inc. for Design Services for JG Smith Elementary School Renovations for a total Design Professional Fee of \$606,294.00.

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Groves Athletic Fields and Fieldhouse Construction Contract Approved

The Board approved the award of RFP C24-01 (ESPLOST) CMR Services for Groves Athletic Fields and Fieldhouse Construction to McKnight Construction with a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$29,951,769.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Board Accountability-Equity Subcommittee Meeting

Tuesday, September 26, 2023 – 3:30pm

Whitney Administrative Complex

October Informal Meeting

Wednesday, October 4, 2023 – 11:00am

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October Regular Meeting

Wednesday, October 4, 2023 – 2:00pm

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