

# BOARD MEETING BRIEF

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



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## Highlights from the August 11, 2021 Board Meeting

### Return to Learn Navigation Plan

At the Informal Board Meeting, the Board received a report from Academic Affairs detailing teaching and learning models over the past school year as well as the enrichment programs the district put into place over the summer to help mitigate learning loss and prepare students to return to the classroom in the 2021-22 SY. Staff also apprised Board members of strategies being used to assist students academically, socially, and emotionally as they return to school this year.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C5CR5G673106>

### Superintendent's District Operational Update

An Operational Update was provided during the Superintendent's Report to the Board to detail accomplishments and planning by staff as they prepared to welcome our students back into the classroom five days a week for in-person instruction. The Forward to School Expo and Media Roundup were cited as ways the District worked to get return to learn information out to our families and the public. The district exceeded first day expected enrollment by more than 150 students. Current priorities include maximizing transportation routing for priorities 1, 2 and 3, alleviating traffic hotspots in some areas during arrivals and dismissals, and contact tracing for COVID Case management.

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### Superintendent's Report: Good News!

### State Teacher of the Year Recognized

The District's 2021-22 Teacher of the Year, Hesse K8's Cherie Dennis, was announced this past weekend as the new State Teacher of the Year and will move forward as Georgia's representative in the National Teacher of the Year program. Ms. Dennis was recognized by members of the Board during the Regular meeting.



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### **SCCPSS Selected by GaDOE for Economic Development Partnership Designation**

The Savannah-Chatham County Public School System has been included in the Georgia Department of Education 2021-2022 Economic Development Partnership Designation program. The EDP is a district wide certification process that prepares school districts to adopt best practices and behaviors that support economic development, strengthen programs, and align education with key regional industries to contribute effectively to local and regional workforce development efforts.

### **PTSA Awards**

National PTA School of Excellence is a recognition program that supports and celebrates partnerships between local PTAs and schools to enrich the educational experience and overall well-being for all students. Marshpoint Elementary PTA, Hesse K8 PTA and Coastal Middle School PTA have all been named a 2021 PTA School of Excellence. Two of our school PTAs have been recognized as Model PTAs for 2021. The Model PTA is Georgia PTA's premiere family engagement program and is designed to encourage and direct the local PTA to provide tools and define an effective process for family engagement. Congratulations to Hesse K8 PTA and New Hampstead High School PTSA for receiving this honor!

See the complete Good News Report here:

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C5CQXT6718B3>

### **Policy First Reads**

#### **Board Policy and Regulation BCBI & BCBI-R– Public Participation in Board Meetings**

(Mid-Year Review – changes recommended) Board Policy BCBI has been modified to adhere to the recent changes to the State law that went into effect on July 1, 2021. The supporting regulation is recommended for deletion as the updated policy covers the process in accordance with state law.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C5CQY86718C0>

**Policy AE: School Year** (Four Year Review - Changes Recommended) Pursuant to Board Policy BDE- Policy Review, District Administration has reviewed Board Policy AE: School Year and has determined a need for minor changes in updating the language within the policy.

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**Policy IDCH and Regulation IDCH-R: Dual Enrollment** (Mid Period Review – Changes Recommended) District Administration has reviewed Board Policy IDCH Dual Enrollment along with the supporting regulation and has determined a need for changes to align with new State guidelines.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C5CQYH6718C9>

**Regulation IHF-R(3): Graduation Requirements** (Mid Period Review – Changes Recommended) District Administration has reviewed Board Regulation IHF-R(3): Graduation Requirements and has determined changes are needed to align course requirements per state board rules.

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**Policy BA: Goals and Objectives** (Mid Period Review – Changes Recommended) District Administration has reviewed Board Policy BA: Goals and Objectives and has determined changes are needed to align with the new five-year strategic plan that is scheduled for

adoption during the September 2021 Board meeting.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C5CQYP6718CF>

### **New K-8 Bell Times Ratified**

The Board approved the ratification of the modified Bell Time Schedule for K8 schools implemented for the 2021-2022 school year to maximize resource efficiency within the District's Pupil Transportation program.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C5CR9Q67DDC9>

### **Policy Adoptions**

**Policy EE: Food Services Management (Four Year Review)** Pursuant to Board Policy BDE- Policy Review, District Administration has reviewed Board Policy EE: Food Services Management. Minor changes have been recommended. This policy was presented for first read at the July Board Meeting.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C5CR3J67192A>

**Policy ICC and ICC-R – Curriculum Research (Four Year Review)** Pursuant to Board Policy BDE- Policy Review, District Administration has reviewed Board Policy ICC along with the supporting regulation and has determined a need for changes to make position references current and to update references to the Georgia Standards for the District's curriculum. This policy was presented for first read at the July Board Meeting.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C5CR3M67192D>

**Policy IHDA – Valedictorian/Salutatorian (New Policy)** As part of the District's policy review process, Administration has noted the need to create Board Policy IHDA – Valedictorian/Salutatorian to support the existing regulation. This policy was presented for first read at the July Board Meeting.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C5CR3Q671930>

**Policy GAGA: Ethics for Government Service** (Four Year Review – No Changes) Pursuant to Board Policy BDE- Policy Review, District Administration has reviewed Board Policy GAGA and determined no changes are needed.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C5CQYB6718C3>

### **ESPLOST UPDATES**

Facilities staff presented an update to Board Members on ESPLOST III projects currently underway. Those include:

**Jenkins High** – A Temporary Certificate of Occupancy for new building was received and the school opened on time for return of staff and students. Punch list activities, installation of furniture and equipment, and cleaning are ongoing. Construction of remaining parking lots and playing fields continues.

**New Hampstead K-8** – Construction is expected to be completed this fall and the school ready for staff and students after the winter break. In progress: Exterior windows/storefront Terrazzo, restroom tile, site work, irrigation, BDA addressing noncompliance issues, VCT install, install of metal panels.

**Beach Auditorium** – The Certificate of Occupancy has been received and the punch list is being completed.

**Woodville Tompkins Gym and Auditorium** - In progress: Architectural, mechanical, electrical, punch list preformed, TCO on phase I issued on 7/20/2021, demo of items in existing gym, overhead HVAC, plumbing, electrical phase II.

**Savannah High Stadium** - In progress: site work- concrete, sidewalks, parking lot, site utilities, track and field install, fencing, interior finishes.

See the complete report here:

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C5CR4P67194F>

### **K-12 Design Contract Change Order**

The Board approved additional funds in the amount of \$281,549 for design changes to the new K-12 School in Garden City. In addition to Owner Scope changes, the design needed to be responsive to the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Garden City which also resulted in additional design effort as the agreement worked through final acceptance and approval for permitting. Owner design scope changes included program changes in Media – CTAE building; additional function and area for campus police; relocation of official's locker and restrooms; and added sports fields press boxes. Intergovernmental Agreement and permitting related design changes including site and roadway revisions; phased site plans; added lift sanitary lift station; intersection revisions required by GDOT; and a revised site plan.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=C5CR2Y671918>

### **Upcoming Meetings**

#### **BOARD AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING**

Thursday, August 26, 2021 – 8:00 AM

Whitney Administrative Complex - Building G

2 Laura Avenue