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Highlights from the August 12, 2020 Board Meeting

iPads Purchase Approved for Young Students

The Board approved the purchase of 7,000 iPads from Apple, Inc., from the Statewide Contract (NASPO #SPDT201510010001) in the amount of \$2,505,605.00. The iPads will be distributed to PreK through 2nd grade students across the district for virtual learning.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/scs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BSCQP76A1E0D>

2020-21 Reopening Plan Update: Services for Students with Disabilities, ESOL, and Gifted

At the Informal Meeting, Board members were presented with information on the Return to Learn planning for Specialized Instruction, ESOL and Gifted students. Savannah-Chatham County Public School System is dedicated to providing quality education to all students during the virtual learning period. To learn more, view the full presentation here:

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/scs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BRRUB67A5B14>

Tracking Attendance and Participation

Also at the Informal Meeting of the Board, our Data and Accountability Chief David Feliciano provided information on how attendance will be tracked during the time the district is conducting teaching and learning in a virtual format. Attendance is determined by participation in the student's set schedule. Based on guidance received from the Georgia Department of Education, participation is defined using any of the following criteria:

- attendance during live virtual instruction
- submission of assignments or tasks
- engagement in group activities
- direct daily interaction with a certified instructional staff member (online, email, or phone)
- itslearning-lms student logins and activity

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/scs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BRRUB7AB5DD>

Parent Guide for Virtual Learning Now Available!

The Board was presented with an overview of the new Parent Guidance Booklet that was released to the public this week. This will be a living document that will be updated as conditions change. The document will be featured on the home page of the District's website at SCCPSS.com.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/scs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BS8JXA4F49A9>

Budget Adopted!

The Board voted to approve final adoption of the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget for All Funds. This Budget consists of five components: the General Fund Budget, General Obligation Debt Budget, Special Revenue Funds Budget, Capital Projects Funds Budget, and Other Funds Budget. The Final budget under consideration reflects no millage increase for a total combined millage of 18.881 mills (18.881 mills for maintenance and operations and 0 mills for general obligation bond debt).

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/scs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BRRUAH7A3E25>

First Reads

Policy DJE-Purchasing has been modified to update competitive process and approval level sections of this policy.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/scs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BRRUCP7B335B>

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Review of Administrative Regulation:

Administrative Regulation ECH-R: Authorized Uses of Equipment and Supplies

District Administration has reviewed Regulation ECH-R Authorized Uses of Equipment and Supplies and has determined to make changes in the student responsibilities section.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BS8KVG53B214>

Suspension of Policy Approvals

Policy IHF: Graduation Requirements – Suspension of Local Requirements

Due to the extraordinary circumstances faced by our community and our nation as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and the continued disruption to the teaching and learning landscape caused by increased transmission rates, the District seeks to establish a process that is in the best interest of the student for making decisions for the awarding of a diploma to any student on pace for graduation in the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years. To this extent, SCCPSS seeks to suspend all additional criteria as locally required under Board Policy IHF: Graduation Requirements during the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years.

This suspension includes:

- Local requirements for Completion of Community Service hours
- Local requirements for Satisfying any Units of Credit beyond the required state minimum

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BS8TXJ796954>

Policy IHA: Grading Systems – Suspension of Local Requirements/Regulations SY 2020-2021

Due to the circumstances faced by our community and our nation as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic that has disrupted the traditional teaching and learning environment, the District seeks to exercise flexibility in making decisions for the assignment of grades as it relates to Administrative Regulation IHA for school year 2020-2021. The changes requested will be needed to ensure students are assessed, graded, and receive the feedback necessary to ensure optimal and equitable monitoring of learning during a virtual mode of instruction.

The suspension of local requirements includes changes to the weighted percentages for the basis of grading in all subjects in grades 1–12. The Board amended the recommendation to include a review of these changes prior to the start of the second semester.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BS8TXM796B67>

Policy Adoptions

Four Year Review Cycle: Policy DJ and Administrative Regulation DJ-R – Expenditure of Funds

District Administration and the Audit Committee have reviewed Board Policy DJ and has determined no changes are required. The associated regulation has also been reviewed and includes changes.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BS8KVF53B08B>

Policy JCDAG– Bullying

Pursuant to Board Policy BDE - Policy Review, District Administration has reviewed Board Policy JCDAG – Bullying and has determined a need for changes.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BRRU6D7A3DA1>

Board Policy JAA and Administrative Regulation JAA-R(1) – Equal Educational

Opportunities have been modified to provide clarity on reporting and addressing discrimination against a student on the basis of disability by District staff, District Students and third parties.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BRRU6G7A3DA4>

Policy JCE, Administrative Regulation JCE-R Student Complaints and Grievances
Pursuant to Board Policy BDE-Policy Review, District Administration has reviewed Board Policy JCE, Student Complaints and Grievances along with the supporting regulation and has determined a need for changes.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BRRU6N7A3DAA>

Policy JD, Administrative Regulation JD-R Student Discipline

Pursuant to Board Policy BDE-Policy Review, District Administration has reviewed Board Policy JD, Student Discipline along with the supporting regulation and has determined a need for changes.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BRRU6R7A3DAD>

Policy JDF and Administrative Regulation JDF -R – Teacher Authority to Remove Students from Classrooms (Four Year Review)

Pursuant to Board Policy BDE - Policy Review, District Administration has reviewed Board Policy JDF – Teacher Authority to Remove Students from Classrooms along with the supporting regulation and has determined a need for changes. These changes are based on the new Title IX requirements.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BRRU6U7A3DB0>

Policy JGCB, Administrative Regulation JGCB-R Student Immunizations (Four Year Review)

Pursuant to Board Policy BDE-Policy Review, District Administration has reviewed Board Policy JGCB-Student Immunizations along with the supporting regulation and has determined a need for changes.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BRBJYF4F6F38>

Policy GAEB, Administrative Regulation GAEB-R Harassment, GAEBE (1) & GAEB-E (2)

Pursuant to Board Policy BDE-Policy Review, District Administration has reviewed Board Policy GAEB-Harassment along with the supporting regulation and exhibits and has determined a need for changes.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BRRU757A3DB9>

Policy GAE(2), GAE(2)-R – Complaints and Grievances, Certified Employees (Four Year Review)

Policy GAE(3), GAE(3)-R – Complaints and Grievances, Non-certified Employees (Four Year Review)

Pursuant to Board Policy BDE – Policy Review, District Administration has reviewed Policy GAE(2) – Complaints and Grievances, Certified Employees and Policy GAE(3) – Complaints and Grievances, Non-certified Employees along with the supporting regulations, and has determined a need for changes, They have been modified due to the new Title IX sexual harassment regulation.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BRBJYL4F70CA>

Policy GAM – Staff Rights and Responsibilities

Policy GAM – Staff Rights and Responsibilities has been modified due to the new Title IX sexual harassment regulation.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BRRU7B7A3DBF>

Policy JGCCA, Administrative Regulation JGCCA-R Head Lice (Four Year Review)

Pursuant to Board Policy BDE-Policy Review, District Administration has reviewed Board

Policy JGCCA-Head Lice along with the supporting regulation and has determined a need for changes.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BRD3D481EA88>

Board Approves Intergovernmental Agreements

Memorandum of Understanding: SCCPSS and Chatham County e911 Call Center

The Board approved an Intergovernmental Agreement developed between Chatham County and the School District to improve emergency response and safety objectives. Under this Agreement, Campus Police employees will be directly embedded in the County's integrated E911 Call Center. The placement of campus police staff in this call center is aligned with best practices to ensure expedited emergency response capacity and integrated emergency service delivery.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BS8M2Q58741B>

Intergovernmental Agreement: SCCPSS and the City of Savannah - Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Program FY 2020 Formula Grant Program

The Board approved a formal agreement between the City of Savannah and the District that has been developed for the subaward of grant monies to the School District in the amount of \$30,000 through the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Program for the use of preventing, preparing for, and responding to the coronavirus. The City of Savannah shall serve as the fiscal agent of this award.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BS8M2R587529>

Memorandum of Understanding: SCCPSS and the Chatham County Board of Elections

The Board approved a formal Memorandum of Understanding between the Chatham County Board of Elections and the School District to ensure a process is in place for school site use as polling locations. The primary purpose of this agreement is to ensure that SCCPSS facilities, when used as polling locations, will be cleaned by the Board of Elections in an appropriate manner that does not interfere with the regular and intended use of SCCPSS facilities.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BS8M3A58B567>

ESPLOST UPDATES

School of Liberal Studies at Savannah High Stadium Design Professional Additional Services

On November 6, 2019, the Board approved Cogdell & Mendrala Architects to provide design services for the new Savannah High School Stadium project based on the use of a site adapted prototype design used at the Islands High Athletic Complex. In development of the new stadium and associated facilities for Savannah High School a prototype site adapted design was found to be unpractical for this site and a new layout for the team rooms, public restrooms, concessions, and ticketing buildings was developed which will respond better to parking and traffic flow around and throughout the stadium. At the Regular Meeting of the Board approved an additional design service fee with Cogdell & Mendrala Architects for the new Savannah High School Stadium project in the amount of \$109,446.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BRRU9E7A3E02>

Artificial Turf Purchase – School of Liberal Studies at Savannah High

The Board approved the contract to furnish and install artificial turf and an 8 lane all weather polyurethane running track at the School of Liberal Studies at Savannah High

School for a cost of \$1,390,550.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BS8M4658F2A5>

Beach High Parking Lot Construction Contract Approved

The Board approved the award of Bid C20-26 Beach High School Parking Lot Construction to JW Oliver Construction, Inc. at a total cost of \$665,615.00

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BS8M4T591614>

CALENDAR

FAIR DISMISSAL HEARING

Wednesday, August 19, 2020

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Whitney Administrative Complex

By Videoconference