

# BOARD MEETING BRIEF

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



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## Highlights from the February 5, 2020 Board Meeting

### Academic Calendar for School Year 2021-2022 Approved

The 2021-22 Academic School Calendar aligns with the start date, end date and school breaks associated with 2020-21 calendar. The calendar also considers the timing of state testing windows and ensures logical breaks are taken to provide maximum student preparation for assessment periods.

The calendar contains the following components:

- A mid-week school start date of *Wednesday, August 4, 2021*
- Teachers return in late July
- 180 Instructional School Days
- Staff planning days are scheduled throughout the school year (Oct., Jan., Feb.)
- Limits Post Planning Days
- Creates a Fall Break (Long weekend in October)
- Major breaks are scheduled with state assessments in mind
- Includes a Veteran's Day Holiday for All
- Full Thanksgiving week
- Two-week Winter Break
- Staff Planning Day scheduled before start of Second Semester
- Spring break is scheduled later in March and in the first part of April (Outside of St Patrick's Day week)
- School ends before Memorial Day

To see the 2021-22 SY Calendar:

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BL8L2T547DCE>

### Human Resources Mid-Year School Personnel Analysis

At the Informal Meeting, Human Resources Chief Ramon Ray presented an update to the Board on Mid-Year Staffing related to the Strategic Goal of maintaining a stable and effective faculty and support staff. See the full report here:

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BL8KWH53DBB3>

### Professional Development School Partnership Update

Also at the Informal Meeting, Mr. Ray provided an update on the district's Professional Development School Partnership with Hesse K8 and Georgia Southern University. The Partnership is based on an established model designed to improve teacher preparation, enhance professional development for teachers, and emphasize a shared research focus to improve student achievement. Though Hesse K8 currently houses the program, district staff are recommending it be expanded to Hodge Elementary and Derenne Middle in the near future. Find out more about the program here:

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BL8KWT53E84D>

### FY 2021 Budget Process Reviews Decreased Enrollment Trends

Also at the Informal Meeting of the Board, Finance Budget Director Paige Cooley gave a presentation on the Budget Process for FY 2021 and how enrollment projections are affecting it. Some important factors to consider include:

- While district revenue is based on enrollment; expenditures have continued to rise.

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- District enrollment has declined from 37,837 students (FY2016-17) to 37,090 students (FY2019-20)
- The fall of the birthrate in Georgia and nationwide
- Enrollment projections assume a slow decline in enrollment over the next three years.
- The loss of students is not temporary, but a new reality to which the district needs to adjust.

To learn more about the effect of enrollment on the budget process, see the full report here: <http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BL8LAG515A3D>

### Sharing the Good News!

**The Superintendent's Student of the Month for January** is Diana Maradiaga, a junior at Woodville Tompkins Technical and Career High School. As a junior, she has achieved, and maintains, a 3.67 grade point average. She earned a certificate of completion for attending the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists conference for two years and is also a member of Peer Mediation at Woodville Tompkins. Outside of school, she volunteers at the Second Harvest Food Bank. Congratulations, Diana!

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BL8L58514E93>



### SAA Cantabile GMEA Performance

We want to congratulate members of the Savannah Arts Academy Cantabile Choir on their recent invitation to perform a solo concert at the Annual Georgia Music Educators Association in-service conference. The choir recently took first place at the Georgia Southern Choral Invitational Competition 2019! Congratulations to these talented Savannah Arts Academy choral students and their Director, Dr. Jared Register.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BL8L5B514E96>





### **Campus Police Recertification**

The Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police Assessment Team has awarded the Board of Education Police Department recertification for the next three years. State Certification is an accreditation process fostered and created by the collaborative effort of a number of state and municipal law enforcement and government associations. Currently, there are only about 125 agencies in Georgia that have achieved this high level of standards. Congratulations to our SCCPSS Campus Police Department on this prestigious honor!

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BLARX4700E6A>



## Professional Senate Report

A report from the latest meeting of the Superintendent's Professional Senate was presented by our Teacher of the Year and Instructional Support Person of the Year. <http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/scs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BLARXM7024DC>

## National School Counseling Week Recognized

A Proclamation was presented to celebrate National School Counseling Week (February 3 – 7, 2020) to recognize school counselors who are actively committed to helping students explore their abilities, strengths, interests, and talents as these traits relate to career awareness and their ongoing academic development. School counseling programs are considered an integral part of the educational process that enables all students to achieve success in school. Thanks to all our school counselors for the important work they do.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/scs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BL8L2R547B75>



## Beach High Community Clinic Completed by District Staff

The Board and Superintendent recognized District Staff from Maintenance and Facilities who worked hard to complete the new Community Health Clinic at Beach High School. A ribbon-cutting for the clinic was held late last month. The Clinic will open to the public in March.



### **AdvancED (Cognia) Progress Monitoring Update**

An update on the Board's work as a governing body to address improvement priorities identified by the AdvancED Special Review was provided at the Regular Meeting of the Board. A Review conducted in March of last year maintains that significant progress has been made and that an effective environment for maintaining and addressing the Improvement Priorities has been created. The report further concludes that Performance Standard 1.4 has been met, while Performance Standard 1.5 needs additional attention. Find the full report here:

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BLARY9703E41>

### **Legislative Update**

Chief of Public Affairs and Administrative Services Kurt Hetager presented the Board with an update on Legislative Action in Atlanta.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BL8L5X514EAA>

### **Policy First Reads**

**Policy JBCD, Administrative Regulation JBCD-R, and Exhibit JBCD-E (1) – Transfer and Withdrawals (Four Year Review)** Pursuant to Board Policy BDE - Policy Review, District Administration has reviewed Board Policy JBCD – Transfer and Withdrawals along with the supporting regulation and exhibit, and has determined a need for changes to clarify the process for student transfers and withdrawals and to ensure procedures for student athlete transfers and enrollment are clearly identified. It has also been determined that the Exhibit can be deleted.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BL8L62514EAD>

**Policy II, Administrative Regulation II-R, and Exhibit II-E (1) – Testing Programs (Mid Period Review)** As a result of recent correspondence from the GSBA regarding State Board Rule 160-31.07 Testing programs, District Administration has reviewed Board Policy II – Testing Programs along with the supporting regulation and exhibit, and has determined a need for changes. It has also been determined that the Exhibit can be removed from the Policy Manual.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BL8L65514EB0>

### **TIPS Contact – Safety Supplies and Services Approved**

The District was awarded a State Safety School Grant in the amount of \$1,740,000 to improve the security and safety of each facility. This funding provided \$30,000 for each public school in the District. The Board approved awarding a contract to NGS Films and Graphics to provide and install 3M Ultra 800 and 3M impact protection adhesive on interior surface and 3M SX70 exterior weatherable material at forty-five (45) schools in the district. This film will provide increased security and protection to the exterior glass surfaces by: (1) fortifying weak entry points from intruders; (2) slowing intruders during a forced entry and allow extra time for emergency response personnel to respond to the scene; and (3) in the event of glass breakage the film will retain the glass fragmentation. Total cost for the purchase will be nearly \$208,000.

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BL8L8G514EFB>

### **Comprehensive Annual Financial and Audit Reports**

The Comprehensive Annual Financial and Audit Reports for FY 2019 were presented at the Regular Meeting of the Board. No major deficiencies were found. See the full report here:

<http://go.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BL8L8K514EFE>

### **Other Actions**

The Board approved an award of Bid C20-16 (ESPLOST) Georgetown K-8 HVAC and Fire Alarm Replacement Project to Erickson Associates, Inc. at a total cost of \$2,239,000.00 and approved the transfer of funds between ESPLOST II Unallocated and Islands High School to set up funding for athletic complex site improvements.

### **Upcoming Calendar Items**

#### **WELLNESS COMMITTEE MEETING**

Thursday, February 6, 2020 8:30 AM  
Whitney Administrative Complex – 2 Laura Avenue

#### **ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Thursday, February 13, 2020 4:00 PM  
Whitney Administrative Complex – 2 Laura Avenue

#### **ADVANCED/COGNIA MONITORING REVIEW**

Tuesday – Thursday, February 25-27, 2020