

# BOARD MEETING BRIEF

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



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## Highlights from the March 7, 2018 Board Meeting

### Safety and Security a Priority for All!

BOE Police Chief Terry Enoch provided the Board with a review of security efforts throughout our schools and other facilities. Recent events have served as a reminder to all that safety protocols should be followed closely at all times. Read more about the efforts of our Campus Police Department here:

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AWET6A75D043>

**Security Upgrades!** The Board approved the transfer of 1.5 million dollars from the ESPLOST II Unallocated Account to create budgets for security vestibules and access control for ancillary doors at prioritized sites.

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AWEPNB65694B>

### Changes to 2018-19 School Year Calendar Approved!

In light of recent weather patterns that have brought about conditions that have caused school closures, Administration has conducted a review of the SY 18-19 School Year Calendar to ensure ample Make-Up Days are included.

The SY 18-19 calendar holds just two designated make-up days per semester. Based on historical events, the number of Make-Up days designated within this calendar are insufficient.

To gain additional days, a modification to the adopted calendar is required that would change the school start date. Options for a modification to the second semester end of school date are not available due to the current graduation schedule and venue location. The attached revised calendar includes Thursday, August 2, 2018, as the recommended school start date. This revision gains 4 days on the calendar:

- Adds October 8 Columbus Day (1) – School Staff/Student Holiday
- Adds two (2) Student/Staff Holidays to Thanksgiving – November 19/20 (makes a full week Nov. 19-23)
- Adds one (1) Student/Staff Holiday to Winter Break – December 20

The calendar maintains strategically placed staff planning days and contains the required 11 paid "Holiday for All" dates. The second semester remains unchanged and still ends school before Memorial Day maintaining the established timeframe for graduation ceremonies.

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AW8TRR785839>

### CTAE at Savannah High

The Board approved the award of a contract to Dabbs-Williams General Contractors, LLC for the construction of a Savannah High CTAE addition of labs for Cosmetology, Engineering, and Welding. The addition will incur a one-time cost of \$2,659,280.00, pending final negotiations.

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AW8TU9785889>

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## Sharing the Good News!

**The Superintendent's Student of the Month for February** was announced! Congratulations Kirt Kelly, a senior at the School of Liberal Studies at Savannah High!  
<http://www.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AW8TQK785813>



**Appreciation for our School Board!** Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools are joining a statewide celebration to salute the efforts of local school board members this month. The week of March 12-16, 2018, has been proclaimed School Board Appreciation Week in Georgia. The weeklong observance calls attention to the contributions of local Boards of Education. Each Board member was presented with a certificate of appreciation at the March 7<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AW8UJP7C50C0>





**Honoring Our Special Education Teachers!** Three SCCPSS Special Education Teachers have been chosen as 2018 Teachers of the Year by the Georgia Learning Resources System. Congratulations to Whitney Bradley from Haven Elementary, Victoria Vermillion from Groves High, and Mallory Whatley from Coastal Georgia Comprehensive Academy!



<http://www.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AW8TQQ785818>

### **Pryme Tyme Earns Quality Star Ratings for Programs at Three Schools!**

The Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning has recognized three Pryme Tyme Before and After School Care sites with Quality Ratings. Garrison School for Arts and Isle of Hope K-8 each earned a 2-star Quality Rating and West Chatham Elementary has earned a 1-star Quality Rating.



<http://www.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AW8TQT78581B>

## **Student and Professional Senate Reports!**

A report from our Student Senate was presented. This month the student report was given by 12<sup>th</sup> grader Tyler Green and 11<sup>th</sup> grader Alexandria Kern of Johnson High School.



<http://www.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AWFQ996652FB>

### **Professional Report:**

There was no Professional Senate report at the March meeting, but Teacher of the Year Cindy Jeffries shared with the Board information about the annual Teacher of the Year Gala held on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **FIRST READS!**

**Policy GARH and Administrative Regulation GARH-R(1) – Employee Leaves and Absences, Policy GBRB and Administrative Regulation GBRB-R – Professional Personnel Time Schedules, and Policy GBRK – Professional Personnel Vacations** have been modified to reflect the change in annual work days of a twelve-month employee from 260 to 250. The changes align with other Georgia school districts and support District goals for employee recruitment and retention.

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AWEVCD77C1DE>

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AW8TRK785833>

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AWEVEZ78416D>

### **National School Breakfast Week and National Nutrition Month Recognized!**

To recognize the value of having a balanced nutrition schedule, the Board of Education would proclaimed March 5-9, 2018, as National School Breakfast Week and the month of March as National Nutrition Month.

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AW8TRU78583C>

## **National School Social Workers Week Recognized!**

This year the theme for National School Social Workers Week is “United to Make a Better World.” To recognize the valuable contributions of our school social workers, the Board of Education proclaimed March 4-10, 2018 as National School Social Workers Week.

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AW8UN87CD570>

## **Improving Connectivity!**

The Board approved the award of RFP 18-35, E-RATE Eligible Wide Area Network (WAN) Connectivity to Comcast Business Communications, LLC for a three (3) year contract period with the option to renew for two (2) additional one (1) year periods at an annual cost of \$960,780.00 with the option to purchase redundancy at an annual cost of \$112,800.00 for an overall annual total of \$1,073,580.00.

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AW8TTS78587A>

## **AdvancED**

Board members acknowledged receipt of the report from AdvancED and approved the appointment of a committee to review improvement priorities and other recommendations contained in the report. The committee, composed of District 1 Board Representative Julie Wade, District 2 Board Representative Dr. Dionne Hoskins-Brown, and Superintendent Dr. Ann Levett, are tasked with designing and making recommendations to the Board for review, discussion, approval, and vote, as appropriate, of items and actions necessary to ensure implementation and compliance with the requirements of the Report which can be found at the link below:

<http://internet.savannah.chatham.k12.ga.us/district/AdvancedEd/Lists/Categories/Category.aspx?Name=AdvancED%20Investigation%20%26%20Review>

## **Welcome to SCCPSS!**

Carol Valentine, formerly of Cobb County Schools, has been appointed Senior Director of Transportation effective April 9, 2018.