

# BOARD MEETING BRIEF

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



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## Highlights from the July 11, 2018 Board Meeting

### ESPLOST Updates!

The Board took action at the July 11<sup>th</sup> Board meeting to move several ESPLOST projects forward. Those actions included:

Approving the award of RFQ/RFP C18-23 Construction Manager at Risk ("CMR") Contracting Services for the Jenkins High School Replacement Project to J.E. Dunn Construction Company, pending final contract negotiations to be approved by the Superintendent.

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=AZVK2B493CBC>

Approving the award of RFQ/RFP C18-24 Statements of Qualifications and Proposals for Design Professional Services for Groves High School Campus Master Planning Project to Cogdell & Mendrala Architects, Inc., pending final contract negotiations to be approved by the Superintendent.

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=B23RFU600A8C>

And approving the award of RFP C18-32 ESPLOST – Construction Management Agent (CMA) Annual Contract to the firms of Brownstone; CBRE/Heery; Pat Mathis Construction Company, Inc., and The Polote Corporation pending final contract, term and cost negotiations. The use of a CMA will provide a consistent, effective system to hold our construction partners accountable under Design, Bid, Build projects.

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### SCCPSS Signs Memorandum of Understanding with CEMA

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System (SCCPSS), Chatham County and the Chatham Emergency Management Agency (CEMA) has been reviewed by all parties for the purpose of clarifying the conditions and requirements under which facilities, vehicles, equipment and resources of SCCPSS may be utilized by the County under the direction of CEMA in certain emergency scenarios. This agreement also designates certain SCCPSS campuses as Critical Community Sites for Pre and Post Disaster Recovery Operations. Read the complete text of the MOU here:

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=B23S2960CE32>

### Sharing the Good News!

#### STEM Academy STEAM Certified

The Georgia Department of Education has awarded the STEM Academy at Bartlett STEAM Certification. STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics. The STEM Academy at Bartlett was the state of Georgia's first STEM certified middle school and now becomes just the second STEAM-certified middle school in the state demonstrating the integration of science, technology, engineering and mathematics infused with meaningful arts integration.

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=B23MV7561A5D>

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### **Three SCCPSS High Schools Recognized by U.S. News & World Report**

The U.S. News & World Report has released their rankings of the nation's top high schools for 2018 and the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System has three receiving recognition! Savannah Arts Academy is recognized as the 156th best high school in the United States, #5 in the state of Georgia and earned a gold medal. Also, receiving national recognition and earning a bronze medal are Savannah Early College High School and Woodville Tompkins Technical and Career High School.

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=B23MVG562769>



### **SCCPSS Nutrition Program Earns USDA School Nutrition Best Practice Awards**

The SCCPSS School Nutrition Program is the recipient of two 2018 USDA School Nutrition Best Practice Awards. The purpose of US Department of Agriculture Annual Best Practice Awards program is to encourage and reward outstanding practices in schools. Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools are being recognized for increasing participation in School Lunch, Breakfast or After School Snack, and for the District's Summer Food Service Program.

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=B23MVU562FE7>



## First Reads!

**Board Functions:** The Board held the first reading on a number of policy updates relating to Board Operations. Those updates covered topics including: Qualifications and Training, Resignations, Unexpired Terms, Board Officers, Election of Officers and Duties of Board Members along with Public Hearings and Board Superintendent Relationships among others. Additional Board feedback and discussion was held and these items will come back for a final second read in August.

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**Board Policy IEDA – Unstructured Break Time** has been updated to correspond with Administrative Regulation EEE-R(1) – Wellness Program. The work of the Wellness Committee is to be applauded for their commitment to ensure opportunities for physical activity are provided for all students. The proposed policy revision states the Board encourages the scheduling of unstructured break time for students in K-12. The school principal is authorized to determine the length, frequency, timing, and location of breaks at each school. The proposed revisions also include removing the ability of a teacher to withhold recess as a disciplinary measure. The proposed changes brought about a great deal of policy discussion and a number of recommendations were provided as administration continues to refine the language for a second read in August.

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=B23N7F58CEDA>

### **Administrative Regulation Review!**

**Administrative Regulation EEE-R(1) – Wellness Program** has been revised to include revisions related to unstructured break times for physical activity. The proposed revisions increase the amount of unstructured break time for K-5 students from 10 minutes to 30. Additional feedback was provided on the modifications which administration has taken under review.

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=B23NBA59C19F>

**Charter School Comprehensive Performance Framework and Chevron Reporting Template** On March 27, 2018, the Board Accountability Committee approved and recommended to the Superintendent the use of the Charter School Comprehensive Performance Framework and Chevron Report Template. The Charter School Comprehensive Performance Framework consists of seven domains with each domain having several indicators and measures.

- Domains
- Academic Performance (State and Federal guidelines)
- Academic Performance (Comparison to SCCPSS)
- Learning Environment
- Financial Management
- Human Resource Management
- Operational Performance
- Board Governance

Read more about the template here:

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=B23NDN59D5A0>

**New Accountability Tool!** The Board approved the purchase of the Follett Resource Management System that includes annual licensing for sixty (60) initial sites by the Division of Data and Accountability. The District is currently using Follett Library Manager and the addition of this platform will allow for a continuous interface of both systems. The Follett Resource Management System will provide for a seamless way to inventory all non-fixed assets (technology devices, calculators, band instruments, athletic equipment, etc.) all in one user-friendly platform. The cost of the system is \$145,233.64.

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=B23RMG604402>

**Audit Services** The Board approved the award of RFP 18-59, Annual Audit Services (Annual Contract) to Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC for a one (1) year contract period with the option to renew for three (3) additional one (1) year periods at an annual cost not to exceed amount of \$125,000.00 for a total contract award not to exceed of \$500,000.00 to provide annual audit services.

<http://www.boarddocs.com/ga/sccs/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=B23RF45FD17E>

### **Personnel Moves!**

**Peter Ulrich** – named Interim Executive Director, Special Programs

**Aaron Graves** – named Deputy Chief, Major of the BOE Police Department

**Brandon Tucker** – named Assistant Principal of Windsor Forest High School

**Whitney Colley** – named Interim Assistant Principal of Mercer Middle School

**Benjamin Lam** – named Interim Assistant Principal of Largo-Tibet Elementary

**Latasha Quarterman** – named Interim Assistant Principal of Shuman Elementary

**Jennie Thompson** – named Interim Assistant Principal of Hesse K8 School

Congratulations to All!

### **August Board Meeting Date Change!**

The date of the August meeting of the School Board has been changed from August 1<sup>st</sup> to Wednesday, August 8, 2018.