

BRYAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monthly Newsletter of Bryan County School Board

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD:

Greetings,

Congratulations to the Class of 2026. We wish you well in your next chapter of life. Thank you to our staff and families for your support of our students and our district this past school year. We wish everyone a relaxing summer.



First, THANK YOU to our families and community supporters who made their voices heard on May 19th for ESPLOST. We are grateful for your support of our students and your understanding of our significant growth needs. We hope you stay connected as we provide updates on our facilities projects in the coming months and years.

The Board of Education was excited to recently announce Mr. Bivins Miller as the sole finalist for Bryan County Schools Superintendent. As a reminder, state law requires that school systems publicly name a finalist (or up to 3 finalists) for a waiting period of 14 days. After at least 14 days, boards of education can officially take action to publicly vote the finalist into the role of Superintendent.

Also, as standard practice for boards of education in Georgia, the Board voted in our May meeting to approve our tentative budget for FY 2027. Our budget remains tentative as the Tax Assessor's office continues to work through the digest. Of note, school districts are the only Bryan County governmental entity that has a July 1-June 30 budget timeline.

Additionally, due to significant growth in property values, this year Bryan County Schools lost about \$6 million in state equalization funding for FY27. Please know we continue to work through the budgeting process and remain committed to being good stewards of taxpayer monies. We welcome you at our budget hearings, held at the Board Office, on Wednesday, June 17th at 6:00 pm and on Thursday, June 25th at 9:00 am. We invite you to hear more about the tentative budget and answer any questions.

Again, we wish everyone an enjoyable summer. Thank you for your continued partnership.

*Bryan County
Board of Education*

BOARD WORK SESSION - MAY 19, 2026

DIVISION OF BUSINESS SERVICES UPDATES

Ms. Debi McNeal, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, presented the following updates:

- The public hearings for the FY2027 budget are tentatively scheduled on June 17th at 6:00 p.m. and June 25th at 9:00 a.m. Ms. Aguirre will send out a poll to determine the board's availability on these days.
- The final budget will be presented at the June 25th board meeting for approval.
- The district will be losing a large amount of state funding next school year due to equalization. This loss is significant due to the recent tax assessments on homes in Bryan County.
- Ms. Jennifer Habets, Director of Finance presented the FY2027 tentative budget.

DIVISION OF STUDENT SERVICES UPDATES

Dr. Denise Scott, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services, presented the following updates:

- Policy JCDAG for presented for the the board to review. This will be reviewed again at the June work session to allow the board to make any necessary changes before it is added to the board agenda for approval on June 25th.

BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATES

- The board reviewed social media norms and protocols.
 - Ms. Murphy requested any recommendations for revisions to the board norms and protocols prior to approving them in June.

BOARD MEETING - MAY 28, 2026

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

- Dr. Brooksher welcomed and congratulated Mr. Miller on being named the sole finalist as the next Superintendent for Bryan County Schools.
- Reminder the 1st Public Hearing for the FY27 Budget will be held on June 17th at 6:00pm at the Board of Education office. The 2nd Public Hearing will be held on June 18th at 9:00am to allow for those who are unable to attend in the evenings an opportunity to attend the meeting.
- Dr. Brooksher thanked the board for their time during the long work session last week to discuss the FY27 budget and the fiscally conservative efforts of the staff.

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

ACTION ITEMS:

The following items were approved at the May 28, 2026 meeting:

- The 2026 April Financial Report
- Approval of the FY2027 Tentative Budget as presented
- Approval of the FY2027 Salary Schedules as presented
- Field trip approvals for Bryan County Middle High School's H2GP team, Richmond Hill High School's Travel Club, Wrestling, Student Council, Marching Band, and French classes.
- Facility approvals for South Bryan Recreation, David Neville, and the Richmond Hill Police Department.

