

BRYAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monthly Newsletter of Bryan County School Board

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD:

Greetings,

As the school year is coming to a close, we want to thank all our parents and community members for their support of Bryan County Schools this year. We hope the last days go well and wish you and your families a wonderful summer break. To the parents of 2026's graduating class, we look forward to cheering on your students at graduation. Congratulations to our seniors and we wish you well as you prepare for the next successful chapter of your lives.

While the school year is winding down, the board remains busy with our Superintendent search and beginning preparations for next school year. As a reminder, the board will announce the final candidate for Superintendent before our teachers and staff depart for the summer. Additionally, Bryan County Schools has completed its annual financial audit with no findings. We are grateful to our financial department for their hard work and continued excellence.

Congratulations to McAllister Elementary for being named a Military Flagship School by the Georgia Department of Education. The GaDOE Military Flagship Award is given to schools who support military-connected students and families, easing transitions and supporting academic success. Bryan County Schools District is proud to support all our military-connected students, who make up approximately 15% of our student population. Thank you for choosing to call Bryan County home.

Lastly, as a reminder, Tuesday, May 19th is Election Day and the final opportunity to vote on the renewal of ESPLOST and bond referendum. Our district webpage is a great source of factual information and you may review the ballot question and information here: [Greetings from the Board of Education](#). We encourage all our parents and staff to make your voice heard on this important matter that will directly impact the Bryan County Schools District.

Thank you again for your continued support,

*Bryan County
Board of Education*



BOARD CALLED WORK SESSION - APRIL 16, 2026

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

- The operations team has been working with the City of Richmond Hill's Fire Marshal on radio signal at Richmond Hill High School for emergency response. It was communicated that the district would need to install a bi-directional amplification system in place of the current radio signal at Richmond Hill High School due to the size of the school. The amplification system will allow for a better signal for communication between the school and emergency responders. A bid for the system to be installed will be posted and will be brought as an action item to April's board meeting.
- Bryan County Schools was recognized by the Governor's Office of Student Achievement for being the 3rd most financially efficient district in the state of Georgia

DIVISION OF OPERATIONS UPDATES

Mr. Jeff Hodges, Assistant Superintendent of Operation, presented the following updates:

- The renderings of the new Bryan County High School are complete and will be shared on the Bryan County School's website

DIVISION OF BUSINESS SERVICES UPDATES

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

- The interviews for Assistant Principals will be held next week, and twelve candidates have been invited to attend
- Educator signing day will be May 5th at Richmond Hill High School and Bryan County Middle High School
- The retirement reception will be May 8th
- The quarterly donation report will be presented at the May work session
- The board reviewed salary recommendations for FY27 as a result of our salary study findings
- The board reviewed the budget timeline

DIVISION OF CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION UPDATES

Dr. Elizabeth Bennett, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction, presented the following updates:

- Leadership will meet tomorrow and information on iReady will be shared with the group
- Next year we will implement iReady for our K-8 grades
- McAllister Elementary School is being recognized as a military flagship school



BOARD MEETING - APRIL 23, 2026

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

- Thank you to the board for a productive April work session and we are looking forward to our May work session next month
- Dr. Brooksher invited the principal of Richmond Hill Middle School, Mr. Jonathan Lea to speak
 - Mr. Lea introduced Mr. Bruce Jones, teacher of the new construction course
 - Mr. Jones shared that this course is an introductory course to construction, where students learn hands on knowledge about tools and how to build projects. Mr. Jones, along with some of his students, shared the projects that they are building in class. Students also showed how some of the tools were used and how the wiring works. A few of the projects completed have been utilized at the school.

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

ACTION ITEMS:

The following items were approved at the April 23, 2026 meeting:

- The 2026 March Financial Report
- Approval for Motorola to install a bi-directional amplification system at Richmond Hill High School in the amount of \$246,707.00
- Field trip approvals for the following:
 - Bryan County High School's Technology Student Association
 - Richmond Hill High School's Travel Club
 - Adventure Camp students at Community Education Center

