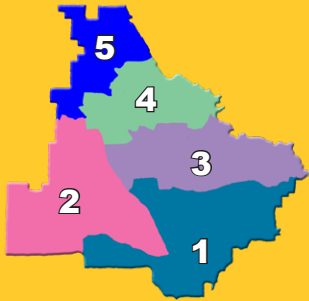




HENRY COUNTY SCHOOLS

**Board of Education
Monthly Meeting
Highlights
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Our Mission

Ensuring Success for EACH Student

Our Vision

Building a Culture of
Personalized Learning

Our Belief

All Learners will Excel in an
Environment Centered on RIGOR,
RELEVANCE and RELATIONSHIPS

Coming in Handy

The Henry County Board of Education approved handbooks for all classified and certified employees during their monthly meeting. The approval is for the 2018-19 school year, and it also covers the transportation employee manuals. The manuals will be available for review at any point in time, as they will be posted on the district website. There are only a few minor conforming changes, but no major changes overall.



To view the manuals, click here. <https://schoolwires.henry.k12.ga.us/employees>

Policies Approved

Four individual policies were approved by board members during their meeting after each policy had been out for review and comment by the public. Two policies – IFCB (Field Trips and Excursions) and KEB (Solicitations) – have amended language to provide greater efficiency when approval of these items is sought. The approval can now be made directly by the superintendent or her/his designee.

HCBOE Policy GBD (Professional Personnel Hiring) had minor conforming modifications concerning contracting.

Policy IKB (Controversial Issues) is a completely new policy regarding the matter of lessons and classroom discussions focused on controversial issues. The policy creation arose from a need to provide clarity around allowing classroom discussions on current or historical topics that may be perceived as controversial. And in allowing these discussions to take place, it is important that the issue at hand be relevant and appropriate for the standards being taught and that all viewpoints are allowed in any exercises or accompanying work. Impartiality by the instructor is important with broaching perceived controversial topics, too. It is customary for districts to have policies governing this matter, and it was identified as a gap in our current policies.

Policy Review in View

Tony Pickett, Strategic Planning Assistant to the Superintendent, brought before the board a presentation regarding a comprehensive review of all Henry County Schools policies. The need to review the district's policies stems from the fact that one of the three primary responsibilities of the board is to establish policy for the governance and operations of the school district. Part of this role of the board includes the periodic review of the policies to ensure they are up to date as they relate to state and federal policies and laws.

The process for reviewing all HCBOE policies is proposed to start this month and take until December of 2019.

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Leadership on the Move

Name	New Position/Location	Former Position/Location
Derrick Thomas	<u>Principal</u> Woodland Elementary	<u>Principal</u> Eagle's Landing Middle School

Awards and Recognitions for Students, Teachers and Staff

The Henry County Schools Human Resources Division recently attended the GASPA Spring Conference at the end of the school year. During the conference, the state organization recognized Henry County Schools' Human Resources Division with two honors. The first honor was a Platinum Award given in the area of Recruitment Processes and Materials. The second honor was a Gold Award given in the area of Retention Practices and Recognition.

The division is under the direction of Chief Officer Valerie Suessmith.



Inspiration presented by Eagle's Landing High School Music Ensemble



BOARD MEMBER REMARKS



District 1 - Dr. Pam Nutt

- Dr. Nutt shared praise for two Luella Middle School students who represented the school at a national math competition.
- She complimented and thanked all the employees across the district for the work they do during the summer months to keep things in good order and prepped for the next school year. She said she appreciates all their hard work.



District 2 - Josh Hinton

- Mr. Hinton congratulated Latrell Murray from Luella High School for repeating as a state champion in track and field.
- He wished everyone a good rest of the summer.



District 3 - Holly Cobb

- Mrs. Cobb thanked everyone for coming before she then congratulated William Mason and Lawson Stewart for their high finish at the National History Day competition.
- She also congratulated Reece Mauriello and Alyssa Sherling for being named two of the top cheerleaders in the state.



District 4 - Dr. Donna McBride

- Dr. McBride highlighted the Stockbridge High School FBLA for their recent awards and recognition at the national conference in Washington, D.C. She noted that the group took home a 4th place finish in the community service category and a 3rd place finish in the partnership category for their work to aid and assist the city of Houston after the hurricane damage.



District 5 - Annette Edwards

- Mrs. Edwards gave recognition to the Best Buy Geek Squad Camp that took place at Stockbridge High School this summer. She remarked on how enriching the camp was and hoped that it would be expanded to serve more students next year. There were 150 students who took part in it this year.



Superintendent - Mary Elizabeth Davis

- Superintendent Davis shared "Happy New Year" greetings for the start of a new calendar year for the school system before she featured the work that has taken place this summer in preparation for the upcoming school year.
- She also remarked that there were 300+ teachers hired for the new school year and how excited she is to have them a part of the important work of the district.
- There was also praise given to the many teachers that she has seen this summer putting in tremendous work to get ready for students coming back on July 30.
- She also welcomed Derrick Thomas to his new role as principal of Woodland Elementary.