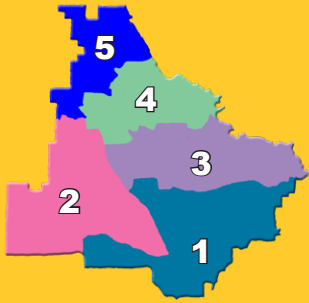




HENRY COUNTY SCHOOLS

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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

Board Appreciation Week

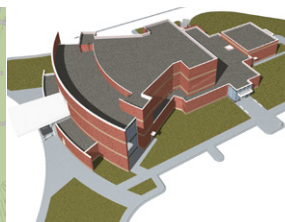
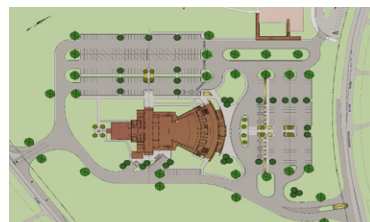
This time of year marks the local and statewide week of recognition known as School Board Appreciation Week. School boards all across Georgia are recognized for their dedicated service to the communities and school systems they represent. Our board members were recognized during the study session with small tokens of appreciation and honored in front of the community during the awards and recognition portion of the business session. The following is a list of the members and the years they have served:

- Josh Hinton, Chair (District 2) – 6th year of service
- Holly Cobb (District 3) – 2nd year of service
- Dr. Pam Nutt (District 1) – 22nd year of service
- Dr. Donna McBride (District 4) – 4th year of service
- Annette Edwards (District 5) – 4th year of service



New Performing Arts Center Plans Unveiled

Henry County voters passed the fifth E-SPLOST dedicated to school capital improvement projects in the spring of 2016. As required by law, a list of projects the sales tax collected would be used for was shared with the public ahead of the vote, and a new performing arts center on the north side of the county was a featured item on the list. The Facilities and Maintenance Department continues to work with multiple groups to facilitate the design of a state-of-the-art center for use by our students and community. The plans were shared with the board of education and members of the audience during the study session. The next step in the process is to seek bids for the work. Construction on the project is slated to be completed in 2019.



Board Meeting Policies Updated

The board voted in favor of an update to policy BCBD – Board Meeting Agendas, and the accompanying public participation procedures. Changes to the policy include the following:

- Merging policy BCBF - Rules of Order into policy BCBD
- Addition of a Parliamentarian to the board meeting structure
- Updates to Public Participation guidelines and parameters

To view the updated policy, visit:

<https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/ePolicy/policy.aspx?PC=BCBD&Sch=4088&S=4088&C=&Rev-No=1.56&T=A&Z=P&St=ADOPTED&PG=6&SN=true>

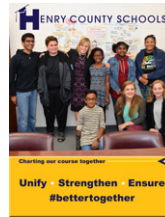
BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Strategic Priorities Take Shape

Since her introduction into the district, Superintendent Davis has been crisscrossing the county meeting with district employees, students, parents, community members, and business leaders in an effort to better understand the rich history of the 9th largest district in Georgia. This tour has allowed her the chance to gain perspective on areas of strength and recognize opportunities for growth and improvement. During this time, she focused her entry activities on four main areas:



- Governance Team
- Systems of Learning
- Organizational Operations
- Family and Community Engagement



Superintendent Davis has used the information collected through dozens of meetings with thousands of individuals to formulate some initial strategic priorities geared toward the 2018-2019 school year. You can find a detailed report on Superintendent Davis' strategic priorities here: <https://schoolwires.henry.k12.ga.us/Page/117681>

Safety & Security – Community Conversation

Nearly 300 community members attended the largest community conversation hosted by Henry County Schools on Wednesday, March 7. This meeting was preceded by a roundtable discussion held Monday, March 5 in the boardroom of the Central Office. The topic of the meetings focused on safety and security of schools, while there was also strong emphasis on the community partnerships needed to foster safer learning environments.



The larger community conversation meeting started with a welcome from Superintendent Davis and 25-minute panel discussion with representation from students, counselors, teachers, board members, law enforcement, parents, and administrators. The superintendent asked questions of the panelists, and the answers shared allowed attendees to hear different perspectives on how schools are currently keeping students and staff safe, and the various measures and actions taken to communicate in an effective and efficient manner.

After the panel discussion, attendees then broke into small groups for conversations about four main questions:

- What do you feel the school system/your school does well with regards to safety/security?
- What ideas/suggestions do you have to improve safety/security for our schools?
- What key points should be leveraged to engage parents/community members in safety discussions with students?
- What do you feel your role should be in helping uphold/promote safety/security in our schools?



District officials will take the information collected from community responses Wednesday evening and use them moving forward when examining and planning for the continued safety and security of our schools.

BOARD MEMBER REMARKS



District 1 - Dr. Pam Nutt

- Dr. Nutt shared her congratulations to the Henry County High School Lady Warhawks' basketball team for their incredible season and runner-up finish in the state tournament. She also noted the continued success of the Henry County High School orienteering team.
- Dr. Nutt shared remarks on how impressed she was with the updates taking place at Luella High School, including building renovations, enhancements, and the installation of field turf and a track at the football stadium.



District 2 - Josh Hinton

- Mr. Hinton shared his congratulations to his alma mater, Henry County High School, and their girls' basketball team on their state runner-up finish.
- Meet Patel and Dean Goldgar of Luella High School were highlighted for their STAR recognitions, and Daniel Reid of Luella High School was recognized for being a state champion wrestler.
- The local Henry Arts Alliance art contest had several winners from schools in Henry County, and recognition was given to the overall winner from Dutchtown High School (Myles Madden) and a 1st place finisher from Luella High School (Noelle Phillip).
- Dutchtown High School's band was also celebrated for their being chosen to perform in the Memorial Day Parade in Washington, D.C.
- Luella Middle School's principal and personalized learning team were praised for presenting at a national conference, and Luella Middle School student Caleb Bates was honored for being the Griffin RESA Overall Math Competition winner.
- Mt. Carmel Elementary received a special visitor when a Tuskegee Airman stopped by in a surprise visit with students.



District 3 - Holly Cobb

- Ms. Cobb congratulated the Henry County High School Lady Warhawks on an incredible season and runner-up finish in the state tournament.
- She also gave special praise to the Union Grove High School Navy JROTC for their orienteering team's success this year.
- Ola Elementary was also featured for their success in sending two teams to the VEX Robotics competition in Louisville. She concluded her remarks by giving special thanks and praise to the teachers across the district for all they do.



District 4 - Dr. Donna McBride

- Dr. McBride congratulated all the individuals who received recognition for various awards during that portion of the business meeting. She also brought attention to an Eagle's Landing High School student for being selected to the Disney Dreamers program.
- The Stockbridge High School FBLA was highlighted for four students being named state finalists for various projects they have completed this school year. Her comments were rounded out with a thank you to teachers for their work on behalf of students.



District 5 - Annette Edwards

- Ms. Edwards thanked everyone who attended the board meeting Monday evening.
- She shared information and highlights from a recent visit to Cotton Indian Elementary. This recap included her excitement for the student activities and learning taking place at the Leader In Me school.
- She also thanked Superintendent Davis for the small gifts for School Board Appreciation Week.



Superintendent - Mary Elizabeth Davis

- Superintendent Davis shared her thanks for the board members during this Board Member Appreciation Week. She thanked the board for the opportunity to join the district and their team, and she noted that the community appreciates them as well for their leadership.