

# NEWS *from the* BOARD

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April 1, 2025

## PCSD



*Our Mission*

*Engage.*

*Inspire.*

*Prepare.*

### BOARD OF EDUCATION:

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## Superintendent's Report

### District News...

#### Recognizing Hardy Chevrolet as Partner in Education

The district is proud to recognize Hardy Chevrolet as the Partner in Education for the month of April. Jana Stegall, Business & Community Outreach, highlighted the company's ongoing efforts in supporting district programs and activities.

### District Updates & Key Announcements

- Monthly Financial Report—Anna Durham, Chief Financial Officer, provided key updates to the monthly financial update.
- Annual Audit—Mrs. Durham also presented the results of the district's annual audit, which identified the district as a low-risk auditee with no findings. As a result, the district should receive the Award of Excellence from the Department of Audits and Accounts.

### Congratulations to our Teachers & Employees of the Year

Mr. Barnette extended his congratulations to the 2025 Teachers and Employees of the Year. These outstanding educators and staff members will be honored at the Teacher/Employee of the Year Celebration on April 18th.

### Upcoming Important Dates

- Graduation Ceremonies—The HHS and NPHS ceremonies will be held on May 21st at 8PM and EPHS, PCHS and SPHS ceremonies will be held on May 22nd at 8PM.
- Middle School Open House—Rising 6th graders and their families are invited to attend Open House on May 5th from 6:00–8:00 PM at all middle school locations.
- Board of Education meeting—The next meeting will be held on April 22nd at 5:30PM, with the student recognition portion beginning at 6:30PM. The event will take place at the new Paulding County Parks & Recreation Center.

## Operation and Organizational Excellence

**FY2026 Budget Update**—Amber Thesma presented the FY2026 Budget Primer, outlining the budget timeline and key factors influencing the budget, including preliminary general fund revenue, divisions and departments, projected enrollment and preliminary allotment changes.

**IFB 23-230222 Painting Services**—Cole Crowder, Director of Procurement, presented the recommendation to renew the award for Invitation for Bid (IFB) 23-230222 Painting Services to Mc's Painting and Decorating Co, Inc., Hiram, Georgia. This award will be for the period beginning May 2025 through April 2026. Purchases based on District needs and subject to budget limitations. FY26 general fund tentative budget estimate of \$100,000. The recommendation will be presented for approval on May 13th.

## Communication and Engagement

**GSBA 2024 Board Recognition Program**—The recommendation to approve the level of exemplary status for the purpose of applying to the Georgia School Boards Association 2025 Board Recognition Program was presented. The recommendation will be presented for approval on May 13th.

**Delegate/Alternate 2025 GSBA Summer Conference**—The recommendation to approve the Delegate and Alternate to represent the School Board at the Delegate Assembly in Savannah in June 2025 was presented. The recommendation will be presented for approval on May 13th.

## Personnel

School	Status	Employee	New Position	Old Position	Effective Date
Abney	Resignation	Whitehead, Hallie	NA	2nd Grade Teacher	5/23/2025
Baggett	Resignation	Coleman, Monica	NA	2nd Grade Teacher	5/23/2025
Baggett	Resignation	Marunick, Kristin	NA	IRR Teacher Local	5/23/2025
Burnt Hickory	Resignation	Gonzales, Veronica	NA	IRR Para Local	5/22/2025
Dallas	New Hire	Wilson, Laura	Safety & Security Coordinator	NA	7/24/2025
Dobbins	Transfer	Cooper, Julie	ESEP Lead Teacher	IRR Teacher Local	7/17/2025
Dugan	Resignation	Gunter, Sarah	NA	IRR Teacher Local	5/23/2025
Dugan	Resignation	Penn, Jonathan	NA	IRR Teacher Local	5/23/2025

**Personnel (cont.)**

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Dugan	New Hire	Wilson, Ronald	Safety & Security Coordinator	NA	7/24/2025
Hiram	Resignation	Seagroves, Sarah	NA	Kindergarten Teacher	5/23/2025
McGarity	Retirement	Dodgen, Karla	NA	Principal	5/30/2025
McGarity	Resignation	Fischer, Carole	NA	1st Grade Teacher	5/23/2025
Northside	Retirement	Ryan, Denise	NA	IRR Para Local	5/22/2025
Panther	Retirement	Frasier, Williamae	NA	Kindergarten Para	5/22/2025
Panther	Resignation	Freeman, Anna	NA	IRR Teacher Local	5/23/2025
Panther	Retirement	Kocopi, Terri	NA	Kindergarten Para	5/22/2025
Panther	Resignation	Madison, Jenelle	NA	4th Grade Teacher	5/23/2025
Poole	Resignation	Garrett, Hannah	NA	Kindergarten Teacher	5/23/2025
Ragsdale/Poole	Resignation	Smith, Angela	NA	Music Teacher	4/4/2025
Ragsdale	Resignation	Smith, Toni Marie	NA	1st Grade Teacher	5/23/2025
Ragsdale	Resignation	Verduzco, Nancy	NA	2nd Grade Teacher	5/23/2025
Roberts	New Hire	Baguley, Eric	Safety & Security Coordinator	NA	7/24/2025
Roberts	Supply	Smith, Isabella	1st Grade Teacher	NA	3/12/2025
Russom	Supply	Thames, Jennifer	5th Grade Teacher	NA	3/17/2025
Shelton	Resignation	Clark, Shannon	NA	5th Grade Teacher	5/23/2025
Shelton	Retirement	Hicks, James	NA	PE Teacher	5/23/2025
Shelton	New Hire	Jones, Jennifer	Safety & Security Coordinator	NA	7/24/2025
Shelton	Supply	Maloney, Leigh	1st Grade Teacher	NA	4/14/2025
McClure	Resignation	Wells, Millicent	NA	L4GA Literacy Coach	5/30/2025
Moses	Resignation	Hill Alexander, Warinear	NA	SNP Asst. (4 hrs.)	3/31/2025
Scoggins	Retirement	Parker, Carol	NA	7th Grade Teacher	5/23/2025
EPHS	Retirement	Traffansted, Linda	NA	IRR Teacher Local	5/23/2025
HHS	New Hire	Wilson, Algenon	Safety & Security Coordinator	NA	7/24/2025

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School	Status	Employee	New Position	Old Position	Effective Date
NPHS	Resignation	Alcaraz, Andres	NA	Spanish Teacher	5/23/2025
NPHS	New Hire	Caudle, Matthew	Safety & Security Coordinator	NA	7/24/2025
NPHS	Resignation	Hernandez, Tabitha	NA	Teacher 9-12	5/23/2025
NPHS	Resignation	Hoefer, Amy	NA	IRR Teacher Local	5/23/2025
PCHS	Retirement	Goodwin, Leroy	NA	Automotive Teacher	3/31/2025
PCHS	Resignation	Kumar, Uma	NA	LEAP Para Local	3/28/2025
SPHS	Retirement	Hightower, Christina	NA	Counselor (207)	5/30/2025
SPHS	Rehire	Johnson, David	PE Teacher	NA	7/24/2025
SPHS	Resignation	Sellers, Victoria	NA	IRR Teacher Local	5/23/2025
SPHS	Supply	Wisehart, Michael	Teacher 9-12	NA	3/17/2025
NHEC	Rehire	Aarons, Claudia	Alternative Education Teacher	NA	7/24/2025
Central	Transfer	Benefeld, Teresa	Asst. Supt. of Teaching & Learning	Executive Director of Curriculum	7/1/2025
Central	New Hire	Blackwell, Sarah	Speech Language Pathologist	NA	7/24/2025
Central	Resignation	Daniel, Karniese	NA	Title I Director	6/30/2025
Central	Resignation	Davis, Traci	NA	Specialty Designed Instruction Coach	6/2/2025
Central	Rehire	Escamillo, Rebecca	Occupational Therapist COTA	NA	7/24/2025
Central	Rehire	Kinzer, Aimee	Occupational Therapist COTA	NA	7/24/2025
Central	Resignation	Lane, Megan	NA	Speech Language Pathologist	5/23/2025
Central	Retirement	Lawrence, Bennett	NA	Network Operations Manager	3/31/2025
Central	New Hire	Mainor, Alisha	Speech Language Pathologist	NA	7/24/2025
Central	New Hire	Moore, Alisha	School Psychologist	NA	7/24/2025
Central	Transfer	Musgrove, Greg	Asst. Supt. of School Leadership	Executive Director of Secondary School Operations	7/1/2025
Central	Rehire	Wright, Jennifer	Physical Therapist	NA	7/24/2025
Central	New Hire	Wright, Kayleigh	Speech Language Pathologist	NA	7/24/2025

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Transportation	Retirement	Badeau, Jean	NA	Bus Driver	5/21/2025
Transportation	Resignation	Johnson Evans, Omari	NA	Bus Monitor	5/21/2025
Transportation	Retirement	Jourat, Emmanuel	NA	Bus Monitor	5/21/2025
Transportation	Retirement	Leslie, Larry	NA	Bus Driver	5/21/2025
Transportation	Retirement	Lindemann, Tammy	NA	Bus Driver	5/21/2025
NPHS	Community Coach	Kleszcz, Katherine	Girls Lacrosse	NA	2024/2025
PCHS	Community Coach	Reynolds, Jacob	Boys Golf	NA	2024/2025

## Personnel Transfers

School	Status	Employee	New Position	Old Position	Effective Date
Union	Transfer	Gravett, Brandy	Bookkeeper (200)	Bookkeeper (202)	7/10/25







## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2025 PAULDING COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT



**KATHY RAINES**  
Bus Driver  
Transportation



**ALICIA WARD**  
Parapro  
Dobbins Middle  
School Instructional Support



**DAWN SMITH**  
Nutrition  
South Paulding Middle  
School Nutrition



**DR. TRACY SELLARS**  
6-12 Science &  
HPE Coordinator  
District Support Services



**ANN ARNOLD**  
Principal  
Ragsdale Elementary  
School Leadership



**TIFFANY VAUGHT**  
Safety Advisor  
PCHS Sector  
School Support Services



**MARK PARKER**  
Custodian  
Crossroads Middle  
Maintenance, Operations, &  
Facilities



## EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR!