BIBB COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dr. Dan A. Sims, Superintendent

ACTION MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Public Education for Bibb County ("Board")
Dr. Dan A. Sims, Superintendent

From: Sam Kitchens, Assistant Superintendent of Operations
Kevin Grooms, Director of Athletics

Subject: Naming of Ed Defore Baseball Field in Honor of Eddie Ashley

Summary

This memorandum requests approval to name the baseball field at the Ed Defore Sports Complex in honor of Eddie Ashley, former Bibb County Schools Athletic Director and longtime coach.

Background

Eddie Ashley graduated from Lanier High School and then the University of Georgia before an extensive career coaching baseball, basketball and football throughout the District at Northeast, Southwest and Southeast high schools. During a distinguished tenure coaching baseball at Southwest and Southeast, Coach Ashley complied a record of 333-165, that included a pair of Region Coach of the Year honors and three stints as state-level All-Star coach. He also served in multiple leadership roles including two terms as the Baseball Chairman for the Georgia Athletic Coaches Association and serving as the Georgia Dugout Club South Baseball Coordinator. After his coaching career, Mr. Ashley stepped into the role of District Athletic Director from 2011-2018 and was inducted into the Macon Sports Hall of Fame before passing away in 2020.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Bibb County Board of Education authorizes officially naming the baseball field at Ed Defore Sports Complex as **Eddie Ashley Field** in recognition of his lasting contributions to Bibb County Schools and the community.

Superintendent's Comments and Approval

Superintendent's Signature	Approved / Not Approved
Dr. Dan A. Sims	Approved