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Elbert County Schools

August 2016 Board Brief

Highlights of Presentation and Discussion Items

The following items were presented to the Board:

Finance Report - The Board learned that July was the first month in the fiscal year so all revenue for July reverts back to previous year showing \$-0- in General Fund Revenues. The General Fund Expenditures for the month of July were \$573,674. The Cash Balance as of July 31, 2016 was \$4,328,683. The projected fund balance for June 30, 2017 is \$3,853,270. SPLOST receipts for July was \$164,973. The Board learned the District would advertise the 2016 tax digest and millage rate of 16.897 which is the rollback calculation. There has not been an increase in the millage since 2009. The Board will hold a Called Meeting to approve the FY17 millage rate on August 25, 2016 at 5:30 PM. The FY15 Audit was closed after an exit conference with the auditors. The audit was labeled very good with no evidence of fraud, and numbers are consistent and tied back to the general ledger. The FY16 Audit will begin in October.

Enrollment -The Board learned that the District has 100 more students than two years ago.

2016/2017 District Organizational Chart -The [District Organizational Chart](#) shows 18 offices and who report to whom. Superintendent Bell has 10 offices reporting to him with the Principals at the center.

Student Code of Conduct – The Student Code of Conduct was presented to the Board. It was developed by District leaders and principals with references to board policies. For more specifics parents are directed to local schools and local handbooks. The Student Code of Conduct may be viewed on the [district webpage](#).

Raptor -The Raptor system is fully implemented in all schools. Administrators and personnel are very please with the system. All visitors to schools must produce an ID which is scanned to determine if someone is a sexual predator.

School Uniforms - Kashala Carter, a former ECCHS graduate, addressed the Board with a presentation on school uniforms. She felt with uniforms test scores would improve, a more positive school atmosphere would be created, and students could concentrate on education instead of labels.

Facilities -The Board was shown preliminary plans for ECMS athletic facilities from architect Jeff Couch. The color renderings showed two different layouts of fields and concessions/restrooms. Parrish Construction is soliciting proposals from subcontractors

and vendors for ECES and ECCHS special education classroom renovations.

Senate Resolution 287 – Superintendent Bell shared with the Board Senate Resolution 287 (So-Called Opportunity School District Amendment.) The approval of this amendment would take away the local control of schools which has not been successful in the past. He encouraged the community to be knowledgeable before voting in November.

Highlights of Action Items

The following items were approved:

Personnel -The Board approved one personnel resignation, and four personnel recommendations.

Policy-The Board approved Policy GAMB-Possession of Weapons by Employees.

Overnight Field Trip Requests-The Board approved five overnight field trips for ECMS.

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