

# Elbert County Schools—Board Brief

## Summary of the August 13 & 20, 2018 Meetings

### Highlights of Presentation and Discussion Items

#### The following items were presented to the Board:

- **Superintendent's Annual Report** - Superintendent Bell delivered the Superintendent's Report to the Board through a power point presentation. He reviewed the 2016-2021 Strategic Plan year three. Elbert County BOE has 449 full time staff and 3060 students Pre -K - 12th grade. Graduation rates increased and preliminary numbers indicate the District will be close to 85% with a challenging goal of 90%. The Climate Star Ratings showed that no school in the District has fallen below four starts in the past three years. The District still has areas with gaps that need to be closed. This is being addressed by doing some things this year that have not been done in the past to stay the course and move the District forward.
- **Finance Report** - The General Fund Revenue for July and to date as of July 31, 2018 was \$20,365. The General Fund Revenue for July and to date as of July 31, 2018 was \$752,256 leaving a deficit of \$(731,890). The Cash Balance as of July 31, 2018 was \$5,612,457. The Fund Balance as of July 31, 2018 is \$5,449,548 pending closing entries. The Projected Fund Balance as of June 30, 2018 and the Forecasted Fund Balance is \$6,181,439 pending closing entries. Utilities for the month of July were \$48,481. SPLOST revenue for July was \$184,830.
- **Teaching and Learning** - Tanya Long informed the Board that standards-based report cards will be used at ECES and were developed with feedback from teachers. The report card gives more information, not just a letter grade, and more directly impacts what students are working on. She explained that DIBLES is used to group students through phonemic awareness, oral work etc. to eliminate inconsistencies from the past using pencil and paper. It is an online platform that will be used to score more consistency across the board. CGI is Cognitively Guided Instruction. i-Ready is our progress monitoring for grades 1 - 8.
- **Operations and Facilities Report:** The Board learned from Jon Jarvis that rubber would be installed on the ECMS track and then painted. Projects for 4next summer include HVAC at ECPS and ECMS, sound in the Inferno, and painting of the old field house. Architects are working on plans to secure entrances at ECES, ECPS and PJBLC. A trailer was moved from PJBLC to ECES and has been painted.
- **Technology Report** - Bruce Stewart reported that \$70,000 was spent this summer to beef up school security. ECMS received 66 new cameras. ECCHS received two new servers. EMS and 911 now have access to the cameras at ECMS and ECCHS. The security doors at ECCHS work with the bell system and late students will have to be buzzed in. Chromebooks are one to one at ECCHS and ECMS 8th grade with the purchase of 500 for ECCHS and 250 for ECMS over the summer.
- **Recognition** - Elbert County was awarded the GADA Directors Cup for 2017/2018. The Athletic Director, coaches, and players were congratulated on this achievement.

#### The following items were approved:

- **Personnel Resignations & Retirements**- The Board approved four Personnel Resignations and one Personnel Retirement.
- **Personnel Recommendations** - The Board approved five Personnel Recommendations.
- **Policy** - The Board approved Policy JB - Student Attendance and Policy JBC School Admissions that had laid on the table for 30 days.
- **Overnight Field Trip Requests** - The Board approved one Overnight Field Trip Request.
- **Loan** - The Board approved a loan not to exceed \$900,000 from the General Fund to cover over-expenditures in the SPLOST fund incurred during Fiscal Year 2018.