

Elbert County Schools—Board Brief

Summary of the December 4th & 11th Meetings

Highlights of Presentation and Discussion Items

The following items were presented to the Board:

- **Finance Report** - The General Fund Revenue for the month of November was \$3,077,085. The General Fund Expenditures for the month of November were \$2,279,457. The Cash Balance as of November 30, 2017 was \$3,595,198. SPLOST for November was \$243,582., the second highest collection in ten years.
- **Facilities Update** - The Board was updated on the ECMS track project with a copy of the track showing a relocated site in relation to the practice field which addresses concerns that were in the original plans. The District plans to move forward with this plan. The Board learned that drilling would take place on December 14th to determine if drilling could go deep enough to install new lighting poles in the Granite Bowl.
- **"By the Numbers"** - November SPLOST was up at \$243,582 the second highest in ten years. The Economic Impact for November 2017 shows a payroll of \$1.58 million. Employee leave days were up at 504 as compared to November 2016 at 422. Energy costs were slightly down from last year. Student attendance efforts are ongoing.
- **Classified Employee of the Month** - Sherri Bradford, Administrative Assistant at ECES was recognized as the Classified Employee of the Month. Superintendent Bell presented her with a plaque of recognition.
- **Technology Report** - Chromebooks have been distributed as follows: ECMS - 343, ECES - 280 (60 will go to ECPS after testing), and 500 will be delivered to ECCHS in January. The technology team is converting old teacher laptops to virtual Chromebooks. Security cameras now have a three to four week storage capacity. Two broken cameras at the high school will be replaced with new cameras.
- **2018-2019 School Calendar** - The Board reviewed three options for the 2018-2019 School Calendar. Options will be available to teachers, staff and parents for a vote. One option will be recommended to the Board for approval at the January Regular Meeting.
- **School Nutrition** - The School Nutrition department was recognized for their exemplary work under the direction of Bridgette Matthews who takes an active leadership role across the state and nation in an advisory capacity. In September her department was awarded the USDA Best Practice Award for the Farm to School Program. In October Elbert School Nutrition was awarded the Gold Radish Award. The House of Representative Study Committee met in Elbert County to study ways to collaborate with the Department of Agriculture to boost support and integrate Farm to School in the classroom competencies.
- **Presentations** - The Board heard a presentation on ECPS Academic Tutor program and learned they serve 60 to 70 students daily for thirty minutes focusing on math and reading. The Afterschool Academy for 5th grade students targets working on math and language arts. Forty students are served and bus transportation is provided. The program is funded through Title V. SSIP (Student Success Imagine the Possibilities) was reviewed and focused on improving outcomes for students with disabilities. After identifying students through attendance, behavior, and course completion interventions were developed and monitored. There has been an increase in the graduation rate from 77.7% in 15/16 to 83% in 16/17 with all students. There was a greater increase from students with disabilities from 15/16 at 30% to 16/17 at 75%. The Board heard a report on PBIS from the PBIS coaches. PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports) is not an excuse for poor behavior, not a reward system, but a framework from which to operate our schools and teach appropriate behaviors. ECPS, ECES, and ECMS were recognized as "Operational" and ECCHS was recognized as "Installing." Through the PBIS program discipline referrals are down.

The following items were approved:

- **Personnel Resignations** - The Board approved three Personnel Resignations.
- **Personnel Recommendations** - The Board approved four Personnel Recommendations.
- **Overnight Field Trip Request** - The Board approved eleven athletic Overnight Field Trip Request.
- **2018 BOE Meeting Dates** - The Board approved the 2018 BOE meeting dates.