

# Elbert County Schools—Board Brief

## Summary of the January 8, and 22, 2018 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 December was \$6,249,907. The General Fund Expenditures for the month of December were \$2,077,753. The Cash Balance as of December 31, 2017 was \$6,106,072. SPLOST for December was down at \$157,480.
- **Facilities Update** - The Board learned a free preliminary report is being prepared by ABM to assess the lighting and heating needs for all District buildings. The preliminary report will be presented to the Board in February. The Board was informed that the District fleet of vehicles are old with high mileage and the plan is to update vehicles over the next three to four years. A Driver's Ed car and an F250 or F350 will be first on the list.
- **"By the Numbers"** - December SPLOST was \$157,480 which was down from November. The Economic Impact for December 2017 shows a payroll of \$1,580,606 million. Energy costs were up due to the cold weather. Student attendance efforts are ongoing.
- **Classified Employee of the Month** - Jeanne Vaughn, Administrative Assistant at ECPS was recognized as the Classified Employee of the Month. Superintendent Bell presented her with a plaque of recognition.
- **ECES Academic Tutoring and After School Academy** - The Academic Tutoring and After School Academy (ASA) at ECES are part of the SIP goal to bring students up to the proficient level. The ASA meets Mon., Tues., and Thurs. for 1 1/2 hours with 120 students. They receive 2 hours of targeted lessons twenty minutes each and 30 minutes of homework assistance. ECES has three academic tutors who work with 200 students three days a week during the school day. Tutors meet with students for 20 minutes three times a week. Both programs are showing progress as proficiency and accuracy go up and errors to down.
- **Technology Report** - A new fire wall was installed over the Christmas break. Filters were installed on student take home devices to restrict use. High school and middle school students all have a Gmail account with restricted receiving and delivery. Sites students visit can be tracked. The District will begin using elberton.net for back-up internet instead of Windstream saving the District a significant amount of money.
- **Inclement Weather Days** - Inclement weather days were discussed. The Four days already used will not be made up. If any additional days are missed the District will look at ways to make up the Equivalent of the number of instructional days before the end of the school year. Options will not include Spring Break or Good Friday.

#### The following items were approved:

- **2018-2019 School Calendar** - The Board approved the 2018-2019 School Calendar.
- **Personnel Resignation & Retirement**- The Board approved one Personnel Resignation and one Personnel Retirement.
- **Overnight Field Trip Request**- The Board approved five Overnight Field Trip Requests.
- **Fiscal Agent for Community Partnership of Elbert County, INC.** - The Board approved Elbert County Board of Education as the Fiscal Agent for the Community Partnership of Elbert County, INC for FY 19.
- **GMP from Carroll Daniel Construction** - The Board approved the GMP from Carroll Daniel Construction Company for the project that includes construction of a track with natural turf at ECMS and purchase and installation of new sports lighting at the Granite Bowl.