

Elbert County Schools—Board Brief

Summary of the March 13th & 20th 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 February was \$1,739,411. The General Fund Expenditures for the month of February were \$2,055,129. The Cash Balance as of February 28, 2017 was \$7,183,742. The projected fund balance for June 30, 2017 is \$3,853,270. SPLOST receipts for February were \$152,987.
- **School Board Appreciation Week in Georgia**-Governor Nathan Deal declared March 13-17, 2017 as School Board Appreciation Week in Georgia. Superintendent Bell recognized each Board Member at the Work Session on March 13, 2017. Board Members and their years of service are: Ben Baker-10 years, Teresa Barnett-10 years, Keith Harper-4 years, P Jo Phelps-10 years, and Mike Turner-beginning his first year. Board Members were invited to a reception in their honor in the Staff Development Room.
- **Classified Employee of the Month**-The Classified Employee of the Month is Mrs. Suann Baker, Accounting Specialist at the Central Office. She was presented with a plaque of recognition for her service.
- **State School Superintendent**-State School Superintendent, Richard Woods visited ECCHS on Friday March 17th arriving on the band practice field by helicopter. He toured the school with a special emphasis on Fine Arts, ROTC, Freshman Academy, Agriculture Department, Welding Room, Granite Lab, and Academic Areas. He spent time with the administration to learn how he could help in Elbert County.
- **Sick Leave Bank**-The Board engaged in a discussion of the pros and cons of starting a Sick Leave Bank. The Superintendent will establish a five-member Sick Leave Bank Committee to survey interest, and establish guidelines if there is enough interest. Once guidelines are established the Board will move forward with approving a Sick Leave Bank.
- **ICLE**-Principals and Assistant Principals spent the day working with a facilitator from ICLE looking at data that was obtained from Dr. Irvin Jones' classroom visits. All schools had the opportunity to look deeper into what is happening in the classroom with the objective to move students to a higher level of thinking and increasing student achievement. Principals are developing a 20-day action plan.
- **ECCHS Wrestling Team**-Superintendent Bell recognized the ECCHS Wrestling Team and Coach Shane Anderson for their accomplishments this season. Wrestlers placing at state were: Martrez Huff-4th at State, Jamarcus Allen-2nd at State, Gavin Brady-4th at State, Zack Bolton-4th at State, BJ Bradford-4th at State, Kevin Almond-State Champion, Devin Almond-State Champion, and Ashton Gibson-State Champion.
- **Young Georgia Authors Competition**-Superintendent Bell recognized three ECES students whose work will represent Elbert County in the Young Georgia Authors Competition. Dessie Lee Santiago, Jurnee Porter, and Cadence Noggle.
- **PBIS Coaches**-PBIS coaches were recognized for their on going growth and improvement in the schools. Deborah Moore presented a certificate of "Operational Status" to Principal Rosa Harris for ECPS; a certificate of "Operational Status" to Assistant Principal Connie Spivey for ECES; and a certificate of "Emerging Status" to Assistant Principal Patricia Graham for ECMS. She congratulated Assistant Principal Brian Turner from ECCHS on their status as "Installing."

The following items were approved:

- **Personnel Resignation**-The Board approved one personnel resignation.
- **Personnel Retirements**- The Board approved four personnel retirements.
- **Technology Audit**-The Board approved VARtek Services to conduct a school district-wide technology audit of the IT strategies and capabilities of Elbert County Schools.
- **Superintendent's Contract**-The Board approved a new three year contract with Mr. Bell as Superintendent.
- **Personnel Recommendations**-The Board approved contracts for thirteen Certificated Administrators for 2017-2018 school year.