

# Elbert County Schools—Board Brief

## Summary of the August 14th & 21st Meetings

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### Highlights of Presentation and Discussion Items

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

- **Finance Report** - The General Fund Revenue for the month of July goes back to the prior fiscal year. The General Fund Expenditures for the month of July were \$514,342. The Cash Balance as of July 31, 2017 was \$3,035,587. The projected fund balance for June 30, 2017 is \$4,639,302. SPLOST receipts for July were \$164,184 bringing the total 2011 SPLOST collections to 9.7 million. The 2016 SPLOST will begin with August collections.
- **Millage Rate** - The five year Tax Digest and Levy History was presented to the Board with a proposed rate for FY18 of 16.942. It will be published in the paper for two weeks and will be voted on at a Called Meeting, August 31, 2017 at 5:30 PM.
- **Books for Keeps** - Leslie Hale, with Books for Keeps, presented an overview of the program which gives 12 self-selected books to each student to read for the summer. They focus on the highest needs schools using free and reduced which led them to Elbert County and ECPS last year. Students reading twelve books over the summer achieved the same results as summer school without the cost. Mrs. Hayes is working to obtain funding to add ECES this fall. A donation of \$600 sponsors a class.
- **Technology Report** - Technology Director Bruce Stewart informed the Board he had worked with Cirrus network and replacing a cloud cord router resulting in more stability. The District will be switching to a more reliable phone system, from Mitel to Cirrus. Each school will have an analog line to use in case of an emergency. Mr. Stewart will be working with Shayne Bennett at ECCHS to make certain all cameras are working. Chromebooks were distributed to the high school students in one day. Bruce Stewart and Clint Winter will be working together to train faculty on Google Classroom and Google Chromebooks.
- **Facilities Update**—A bid package will be put together for the Middle School track site which should be out by September 1, 2017. One bid on lighting at the Granite Bowl has been received and Mr. Childs and Mr. Jarvis will work to obtain additional bids and advertise information in the paper. The greenhouse has been delivered and will be assembled in several days.
- **State of the Schools 2017-2018** - The District has a total enrollment of 3,061 students and 439 full time personnel. The Elbert County Board of Education FY18 budget is \$27,358,012. The District is committed to instructional quality and support. Superintendent Bell reviewed the Georgia Milestones Assessment testing results for the last three years showing some improvement and feels the trend will continue. The District Improvement Goal for 2017-2018 states, "The percentage of all students achieving "proficient learner" on ELA and math milestones assessments will increase by 15% or more." He envisions creating a world-class school district founded on teacher and leader quality, innovative practices, and overall academic excellence.
- **The following items were approved:**
  - **Personnel Resignation** — The Board approved two personnel resignations.
  - **Personnel Recommendations** — The Board approved one Personnel Recommendation.
  - **Overnight Field Trip Requests** - The Board approved six Overnight Field Trip Requests.