

Elbert County Schools—Board Brief

Summary of the March 14, and 21, 2016 Meetings

Highlights of Presentation and Discussion Items

The following items were presented to the Board:

- **Finance Report**-The General Fund Revenues as of February 29, 2016 was \$1,625,249 and to date \$116,484,992. The General Fund Expenditures were \$1,995,391 and to date \$13,660,202 The Cash Balance as of February 29, 2016 was \$3,553,270. SPLOST receipts for February were \$135,912.53. SPLOST 2016 passed on March 1st with about 60% in favor.
- **Classified Employee of the Month**-ECCHS Administrative Assistant, Sonja Lovinggood was selected as the Classified Employee of the Month. Superintendent Bell presented her a plaque of recognition for her exemplary work.
- **School Board Appreciation Week in Georgia**-Elbert County School District joined in a statewide celebration to salute the efforts of local school board members. March 14-18 was proclaimed by Governor Nathan Deal, School Board Appreciation Week in Georgia. Board members were treated to a reception in their honor previous to the Work Session. Board Members and their years of service are: Board Chairman Ben Baker-9, Vice Chair Teresa Barnett-9, Jeff Burden-7, Keith Harper-3, and P Jo Phelps-9.
- **Audio Enhancement, Inc.**-Brent Coleman and Daniel Dooley, with Audio Enhancement, Inc. and Melissa Jackson, Director of Instructional Technology with Newton County Schools, gave an informative presentation to the Board on classroom Audio/Video Systems. .
- **Every Student Succeeds Act and Opportunity School District**-County Commissioner Bobby Hunt and Denise Freeman spoke to the Board about (SR 287) Every Student Succeeds Act and Opportunity School District. They will be working with the community alongside retired teachers and business leaders to mentor students through a community outreach program.
- **Strategic Waiver System**-Associate Superintendent Angela Moton informed the Board the Strategic Waiver System application is due April 1, 2016. The plan is to enhance digital resources. The waivers include EEL; seat time, promotion/retention; certification; categorical allotment; and required personnel. On accountability 3% increase in student achievement as indicated by CCRPI; maintain or gain or boosting the odds. Consequences include a school improvement plan for 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 with direct management and intensive teacher support. 2020/2010 from GOSA. Public hearings were held Monday March 21, 2016 at 12:00 PM and 4:00 PM.

• Highlights of Action Items

The following items were approved:

- **Personnel Resignations and Retirements**-The Board approved three personnel retirements, one personnel resignation, and four personnel recommendations.
- **Superintendent's Contract**-The Board approved a new three year contract with Mr. Bell as Superintendent.
- **Overnight Field Trip Request**-The Board approved an overnight field trip request for ECMS FFA to attend the FFA State Convention, April 28-30, 2016 in Macon Georgia.
- **Strategic Waiver System**-The Board approved a resolution of the Elbert County Board of Education, authorizing establishment of a Strategic Waivers School System partnership contract with the State Board of Education.