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Elbert County Schools

October 2016 Board Brief

Highlights of Presentation and Discussion Items

The following items were presented to the Board:

- Finance Report –The General Fund Revenue for the month of September was \$1,488,741. The General Fund Expenditures for the month of September were \$2,417,073. The Cash Balance as of September 30, 2016 was, \$2,980,757. The projected fund balance for June 30, 2017 is \$3,853,270. SPLOST receipts for September was \$157,513.
- Teacher of the Year-Each school principal announced their Teacher of The Year. PJBLC Teacher of The Year is Lisa Brown. ECPS Teacher of The Year is Scott Eubanks. ECES Teacher of the Year is Amber Dixon. ECMS Teacher of the Year is Brooke Dickerson. ECCHS Teacher of the Year is Bret Norman. Superintendent Bell congratulated the team of exemplary teachers and presented them with a certificate. An external review committee chose the District Teacher of the Year. Chairman Baker announced the Elbert County School District Teacher of the Year is Scott Eubanks. A reception to honor these teachers was enjoyed by all.
- School Improvement Plans-PJBLC, ECPS, and ECES each presented their School Improvement Plans to the Board, outlining goals along with strategies and actions to achieve their goals.
- GA Environmental Protection Investigation-The Ga Environmental Protection Investigation of Martin Fireproofing collected 19 samples from ECPS. The dioxin levels of all 19 samples were far below any health protective standard. One area was slightly higher, and are about 5 X 5. They will excavate a 40 X 40 area over a weekend and replace with new dirt and sod. Superintendent Bell assured the Board there was no immediate danger or hazard to any child before the work is done. After the excavation is completed the case will be closed.
- National School Bus Safety Week-The week of October 17th is National School Bus Safety Week. The transportation department and all the bus drivers were thanked for their service in a challenging job.
- School Resource Officers-A discussion was held about obtaining more school resource officers. The District currently has one, but would ultimately like an officer at each school. Superintendent Bell asked parents to reach out to the candidates running for sheriff.
- Classified Employee of the Month-The Classified Employee of the Month is Ms. Barbara Bennett, the lunchroom manager at ECMS. She was presented with a plaque of recognition for service.

Highlights of Action Items

The following items were approved:

- Personnel -The Board approved two personnel resignations and two personnel recommendations.
- Overnight Field Trip Request-The Board approved one overnight field trip for ECMS & ECCHS.

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