

Elbert County Schools—Board Brief

Summary of the February 11th and 25th, 2019 Meetings

Highlights of Presentation and Discussion Items

The following items were presented to the Board:

- **Finance Report** - The General Fund Revenue to date as of January 31, 2019 was \$16,295,927. The General Fund Expenditures to date as of January 31, 2019 was \$15,076,651. Excess Revenue over Expenditures as of January 31, 2019 was \$1,219,276. The Cash Balance as of January 31, 2019 was \$7,663,799. Energy cost to date at the end of January was \$422,022.18 which is 64.2% of the budget. SPLOST revenue for January 2019 was \$188,255.
- **ECCHS Master Schedule** - The ECCHS Master Schedule Planning for 2019-2020 was presented by ECCHS Principal Jason Kouns. The last couple of years ECCHS has been operating on a hybrid schedule with the Freshman Academy, and Blue Devil 101. For 2019-2020 ECCHS proposed a 5 X 5 block, but it is really a 4 X 4 block with remediation built in. Also new would be three lunches. Classes would be slightly shorter from 90 minutes to 75 minutes. The new schedule would allow continued availability and success for Dual Enrollment, career and fine arts pathway requirements, WBL student opportunities, and EDPA's and SEALS recognition.
- **Operations and Facilities Report** - The new bleachers are almost completely installed at the new track. Repainting of ECMS is on going with painting of the bathrooms almost complete and will then paint the auditorium and band room. Over spring break work will begin on three paving projects, replacing fencing at the granite Bowl, and replacing a gas line at the ECCHS Granite lab. The security entrance at PJBLC has been completed. The next security entrance project will be ECMS. New flooring will be installed at ECMS beginning June 3 and be ready for the start of school. Improvements to the softball field include replacing the fence, working on the dugouts and addressing concerns on the field. In the next few years renovations for bathrooms at the baseball field will be addressed.
- **Human Resources Report** - Contracts for all certified employees will go out before spring break. Working on filling positions for next year as soon as notified that people are retiring or resigning. Superintendent Bell plans to make instructional and administrative recommendations at the March Regular Meeting.
- **GBI Audit** - The District went through an audit with GBI to ensure compliance with statues, regulations, and policies with regards to background checks and fingerprinting. The District is in full compliance and GBI was very complimentary.
- **GSAPS Review** - ECPS, ECES, ECMS, and ECCHS have all participated in GSAPS reviews this school year. A GSAPS review is an onsite assessment of a school's progress toward meeting the GA School Performance Standards. It was conducted by an experienced team of educators who collected a variety of data from multiple sources to assess the status of a school on each of the standards. Commendations and recommendations were given.
- **ECSD Mobile App** - The new ECSD mobile app can be downloaded for free from the apple store. Included are the #BLUEWAYOnDisplay, Tip Line, Calendar, and Peachjar Fyers. Teachers, students, staff and community will be able to stay informed and up to date all in one place with the mobile app.
- **Classified Employee of the Month** - The Classified Employee of the month was recognized as Janet Ingle, ECCHS Cafeteria Manager. She was presented a plaque of recognition and a certificate for \$50.00 incentive pay.
- **Board Office** - The possibility of a new Board office was discussed. The current office was built in 1954 and served as a school for twenty years. In the mid seventies it was converted to a Board Office and used for forty years with no changes. The current building has a back log of maintenance requirements and eventually short-term solutions will build additional problems for the future. New construction and renovations were discussed.

The following items were approved:

- **Personnel Resignations & Retirements** - The Board approved two Personnel Resignations and eight Personnel Retirements.
- **Personnel Recommendations** - The Board approved nine Personnel Recommendations.