

Elbert County Schools—Board Brief

Summary of the November 5th and 12th, 2018 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 October 31, 2018 was \$4,643,335. The General Fund Excess expense over revenue as of October 31, 2018 was (\$3,416,282) which is typical this time of year until taxes and federal grants are received. The Cash Balance as of October 31, 2018 was \$3,308,336. Energy cost to date at the end of October was \$243,671 which is 35.4% of the budget. SPLOST revenue for October 2018 was \$158,606.
- **School Improvement Plans** - School Improvement Plans were presented by ECMS Principal, Sandee Drake, and ECCHS Principal, Jason Kouns. Goals, strategies, and action steps were reviewed by each principal.
- **Operations and Facilities Report:** Bus driver training was conducted the last week of October with eight prospective drivers attending. The Inferno floor has been repaired, refinished, and a new sound system will be installed in time for the first wrestling match. The ECMS track will be ready for "sign-off" after several sprinklers are lowered and grass replanted. Mr. Jarvis is meeting with Carroll Daniel Construction to get ready for summer projects that include ECES heating and air, floor replacement at ECMS, restroom and concessions at the new track, and paving at the bus shop.
- **Technology Report** - Bruce Stewart informed the Board that Cirrus will replace switches over Thanksgiving break. He is researching the proper distribution of Chromebooks through the District. Students are taking great care of the Chromebooks with only 10 broken out of 800. All Chromebooks can be tracked for theft.
- **Books for Keeps** - Leslie Hale, Executive Director of Books for Keeps updated the Board that since they began serving ECPS in 2017 and ECES in 2018, 20,160 books have been given to the students. All students pick 12 books creating a leveler that every child in the school has access to the same thing. At present the total cost per student is \$40.00 with income coming from the Riverview Foundation for two years. Ms. Hale will be seeking funding from Elbert County supporters to continue.
- **Recognition** - The Classified Employee of the Month was Tara Simpson, special education paraprofessional at ECMS. She was presented a plaque of recognition for her service.
- **Teaching and Learning** - Tanya Long updated the Board on Teaching and Learning at all schools and the programs, supports and assessments being used.
- **2018 CCRPI Report** - Each district in Georgia receives a CCRPI score on a scale from 0 to 100. The score is based on five components: Content Mastery, Progress, Closing Gaps, Readiness, and Graduation Rate (high school). Superintendent Bell stated the numbers are not where the District wants to be, but interventions are working, and the District is on the right track getting students from level two to level three making progress.

The following items were approved:

- **Personnel Resignations** - The Board approved three Personnel Resignations.
- **Personnel Recommendations** - The Board approved three Personnel Recommendations.
- **Overnight Field Trip Requests** - The Board approved three Overnight Field Trip Requests.