

Elbert County Schools—Board Brief

Summary of the March 11th and 18th, 2019 Meetings

Highlights of Presentation and Discussion Items

The following items were presented to the Board:

- **Finance Report** - Excess Revenue over Expenditures as of February 28, 2019 was \$1,255,513. The Cash Balance as of February 28, 2019 was \$6,790,402. The projected Fund Balance as of 6/30/2019 is \$6,454,299 pending audit. Energy cost to date at the end of February was \$513,528. SPLOST revenue for February 2019 was \$160,576. CFO Keith Martin is working on the FY20 Budget. He explained that 32.9% is from local funds, 66.9% state funds, and 2% from federal funds. The FY20 Budget hearings will be held on May 13, 2019, May 20th, 2019, June 10th, 2019 and the final approval will be at the June 17, 2019 Regular Meeting.
- **Operations and Facilities** - The renovations at the softball field have started with the pouring of one pad and will continue with new fencing and work on the dugout. An advertisement was placed in the paper for district-wide lawn maintenance for next year. Over spring break the bus shop will be repaved along with the front parking area at ECPS and at the Granite Bowl entrance pending no rain.
- **Technology** - The wireless access project and Wi-Fi should be completed over the summer. Help desk tickets were reviewed with PJBLC - 2 tickets, ECPS - none, ECES - 1 open ticket, ECMS - none, ECCHS - none. Mr. Stewart complimented the technology team and the great job they are doing. The district now has a total of 2,125 Chromebooks distributed as follows: ECCHS - 813, ECMS - 849, ECES - 321, and ECPS - 142. An "off-site backup plan" is being created with a true offsite disaster recovery plan that will back up each night.
- **Classified Employee of the Month** - The Classified Employee of the month was recognized as Gracie Tate, paraprofessional at ECES. She was presented a plaque of recognition and a certificate for \$50.00 incentive pay.
- **Young Georgia Authors Winners** - Superintendent Bell recognized the Young Georgia Authors Winners from Elbert County as follows: K-Thomas McCoy, 1st-Kale Hall, 2nd-Cayla Grubbs, 3rd-Geraldine Vera-Saldana, 4th-Alyssa Brown, 5th-Kaylen Rucker, 6th-Walker Layne, 7th-Mierya Yanez, 8th-Nicolas Smith, 9th-Jade Partain, 10th-Ethan Cone, and 12th-Hannah Driver.
- **GSBA School Board Appreciation Week** - GSBA recognizes school board appreciation week as March 18- 22 to recognize local board members. Elbert County BOE members are as follows: Chairman Ben Baker -12 years of service, Vice Chair Teresa Barnett - 12 years of service, Keith Harper - 6 years of service, Mike Turner - 2 years of service, and Samantha Rucker with three months of service. The board members enjoyed a reception in their honor.
- **Safety Grant** - The District received confirmation that Governor Kemp and legislature will make available 70 million in safety grant with allocation of \$30,000 per physical school site. The FY19 appropriation was amended for this current school year.
- **ECMS New Track** - The first track meet will be held at the new ECMS track on Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 3:30 PM with a ribbon cutting celebrating the opening of the new track.
- **Academic Interventionist** - Dr. Fran Floyd share with the Board the role of the Academic Interventionist (AI.) This is the 2nd year with the initiative for school improvement through federal programs. The AI's are retired teachers who are experts in their fields working to close the gaps at ECPS and ECES. They work on reading, math, and building relationships with the students. The students have shown great improvement.
- **Public Comment** - Public comment was made by Mrs. Lynn Bagwell at the March 11, 2019 Work Session.

The following items were approved:

- **Instructional and Administrative Certified Recommendations for 2019-2020** - The Board approved the Certified Instructional and Administrative Recommendations for the 2019-2020 school year.
- **Personnel Resignations & Retirements** - The Board approved one Personnel Resignation and two Personnel Retirements.
- **Personnel Recommendations** - The Board approved six Personnel Recommendations.
- **Overnight Field Trip Request** - The Board approved two Overnight Field Trip Requests.
- **ECES HVAC Renovations** - The Board approved Elbert County Elementary School HVAC renovations with a GMP (guaranteed maximum price) of \$695,490.00.
- **ECMS Flooring Replacement** - The Board approved Elbert County Middle School flooring replacement with a GMP (guaranteed maximum price) of \$225,082.
- **Activity Bus** - The Board approved purchasing an activity bus from Yancy for \$59,999.00.