

Elbert County Schools—Board Brief

Summary of the June 10th & 17th, 2019 Meetings

Highlights of Presentation and Discussion Items

The following items were presented to the Board:

- **Finance Report** - The General Fund excess revenue as of May 31, 2019 was \$366,313. As of May 31, 2019 the Cash Balance was \$6,075,898. The Fund Balance as of May 31, 2019 was \$6,837,461 pending closing entries. SPLOST collections for May were \$189,079 well over the budgeted amount.
- **FY20- Budget Hearing** - The third public hearing for the FY2020 Tentative Budget was held on June 10, 2019. The FY 2020 General Fund Budget with total projected revenue and expenditures set at \$30,477,073, and total anticipated revenue and expenditures for all funds will total \$38,881,873.
- **Operations and Facilities** - HVAC work at ECES is ahead of schedule and the flooring project at ECMS is on target. The maintenance crew is working on summer work order and the SSC custodians are cleaning the schools. From the state grant all new cameras have been installed at PJBLC and remaining old cameras at ECCHS have been updated. All cameras at all schools are now working on the same system. Two security walls are being built at ECMS for an encapsulated entrance. Part of the safety money will be used to purchase new radios for teachers and staff.
- **Technology** - 590 Chromebooks have been ordered to make 2nd -12th grades one to one and K - 1st one to two. ECCHS security improvements includes larger LED screens at the reception area and patching fiber through buildings to be independent. The tech team is conducting a full inventory and making sure everything is in Destiny. Old equipment is being recycled.
- **Superintendent's Report** - Superintendent Bell shared with the Board the District and School Improvement Planning for 2019-2020. A stakeholder meeting was conducted on June 4, 2019 with 48 persons in attendance. Needs to be addressed include growth and improvement of student achievement, reduction of achievement gaps, increase graduation rate, focus on school-wide discipline, and reducing absenteeism. Additional action steps and strategies will focus on instructional coaching to support classroom instruction, expanded emphasis on the writing process, and addressing the chronically absent students.
- **Recognition** - School Nutrition Director, Bridgette Matthews was recognized for both her and her departments achievements. They were awarded the Shake It Up award and the Platinum Golden Radish award. Ms. Matthews also pursued credentialing exam on becoming a SNS (school nutrition specialist) one of only 1,600 in the United States. She received notification on May 29 that she passed. Misty Friedman from GA Agriculture Commissioner Black's office presented Ms. Matthews with a plaque of recognition at the BOE Regular Meeting honoring her work with Farm to School and by order of the Georgia Agriculture Commissioner Elbert County School District was awarded Georgia Grown System of Distinction.
- **Innovation in the Elbert County School District** - The Board watched the video "Innovation in the Elbert County School District" which was produced by Kevin Nguyen, Conner Moon, Nat McCarty, Kim Fuller and Clint Winter. It was a great way to see what was happening with technology in the district.
- **UGA Archway Partnership Program** - Superintendent Bell and Board Member Samantha Rucker attended an informational meeting to discuss the UGA Archway Partnership Program and how it could benefit the community. The partnership would bring representatives from each entity in our community to work on common goals and problems. They have addressed issues related to economic growth and development. There will be a follow-up meeting and then UGA would decide if Elbert is a good match for the program.

The following items were approved:

- **Personnel Resignations** - The Board approved nine Personnel Resignation.
- **Personnel Recommendations** - The Board approved eight Personnel Recommendations.
- **Over Night Field Trip Requests** - The Board approved two Overnight Field Trip Requests.
- **FY 2020 Tentative Budget** - The Board approved the Fiscal Year 2020 Tentative General Fund Budget with total projected revenue and expenditures set at \$30,477,073 and total anticipated revenue and expenditures for all funds will total \$38,881,873.