

Elbert County Schools—Board Brief

Summary of the July 8th, and 18th, and 22nd, 2019 Meetings

Highlights of Presentation and Discussion Items

The following items were presented to the Board:

- **Finance Report** - CFO Keith Martin informed the Board he did not include financials for June or year end due to closing the year out and working on accruals. SPLOST for June was a healthy \$181,844. Mr. Martin is in the process of keying in new employees and gearing up for the first payroll. He is working on the DE46 state report. He will have a report for June and July at the August Work Session.
- **Strategic Waiver Amendment** - Superintendent Bell informed the Board the State had approved the Strategic Waiver amendment through the 2021 school year.
- **School Financing and Budgeting** - During the summer GAEL conference Superintendent Bell met with Superintendent Steve Smith from Bleckley County Schools who is considered the #1 expert in school financing and budgeting. Educational school-based administrators need to understand finance and budgeting. Superintendent Bell proposed inviting School Superintendent Steve Smith to attend the September 9, 2019 Work Session and conduct a three-hour training for board members and administrators which would fulfill the whole board training for 2019-2020.
- **CTAE Data** - The 2018-2019 overall CTAE passage rate on credentialing exams was 67%. More community partners are approaching the schools versus us going to them. In August the District will meet with Athens Tech leaders to look at dual enrollment and talk about career programs which is an important part of the strategic plan.
- **Teaching and Learning** - Reviewing BookWorms protocols for ELA (English Language Arts). Ready Math will be used for K-5th grade and Mathematics Vision Project for 9-12th grade. Illuminate Education will be used for assessment. The third cohort from all schools were trained for IC (Instructional Conversations.). Administrators have been trained in Ready Math and Illuminate Education
- **Operations and Facilities** - New cameras have been installed at PJBLC and ECPS and both schools have been cleaned. Maintenance is completing the deck for the entrance to the mobile unit at ECPS and will be ready for opening day. Cameras have been installed at ECMS and two new security walls have been built. The EVAC project at ECES is complete. Cameras have been installed at ECES and upgraded at ECCHS. ECMS flooring project has been completed.
- **Technology** - Chromebooks (590) were ordered and will be ready when students start school. The technology team went through equipment one classroom at a time making sure everything was working. The last network closet cleanup will be done at PJBLC before school starts. New wi-Fi has been installed at ECES and ECPS.

The following items were approved:

- **Personnel Resignations & Retirement** - The Board approved six Personnel Resignations and one Personnel Retirement.
- **Personnel Recommendations** - The Board approved eleven Personnel Recommendations.
- **Policy** - The Board approved rescinding Policy IDGH—Dual Enrollment which was adopted by the Board in 2006. State rules have changed and the policy needed to be rescinded. The District will follow state rules for dual enrollment guidance.
- **School Nutrition Bids**— The Board approved awarding contracts to the following companies: *Grocery Bid:* Sysco Foodservice, Samples Institutional Foods, and Coca Cola Bottling, *Produce Bid:* Holland Produce, *Bread Bid:* Earthgrains, *Milk Bid:* Mayfield, *Paper Bid:* SwiftCo, Kamo Manufacturing, and Ninth District Cooperative Purchasing, *Chemical Bid:* Kamo Manufacturing
- **Board Policy Manual Revision** - The Board approved contracting with GSBA for a policy manual revision with an amount not to exceed \$12,500.