

Elbert County Schools—Board Brief

Summary of the August 1st, 12th, 19th, and 29th 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 June 30, 2019 was \$29,209,781. The General Fund Expenditures to date as of June 30, 2019 was \$29,202,559. Excess Revenue over Expenditures was \$7,222. The Cash Balance as of June 30, 2019 was \$6,050,834. The Fund Balance as of June 30, 2019 was \$6,478,370. SPLOST for June was \$182,859. The General Fund Revenue as of July 31, 2019 was \$510,580. Expenditures for July were \$833,794. Excess Revenue over Expenditures as of July 31, 2019 was (\$323,214.) SPLOST for July was \$179,649.
- **FY18 Audit** - The Financial Review Section of the Georgia Department of Education communicated that there were no findings or questioned costs from our most recent audit of FY18 fiscal year. Superintendent Bell commended CFO Keith Martin, Accounts Payable Coordinator Suann Baker, and Payroll Coordinator Dana Tiller for their work on overseeing the financial operations of the District. In June 2013 the District's Fund Balance was \$2.6 million dollars and on June 30, 2019 the District is just short of \$6.5 million dollars.
- **Superintendent's Action Plan** - Superintendent Bell presented to the Board his own action plan for 2020 that included focusing on relationship with the Board, community relations, staff relationships, business, finance, and instructional leadership.
- **Teaching and Learning** - Tanya Long and Adam Kurtz presented the Elbert County College & Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) Closing Gaps in a power point presentation. They provided performance data from Georgia Milestones ELA tests in grades 3rd - 12th. Math results will be presented at the September Work Session. To meet or exceed the targets, CCRPI and Georgia Milestones scores must annually increase by 3% of the gap between the baseline year (2018) score and 100.
- **Opening of School** - After a successful school opening enrollment at each school was as follows: PJBLC - 170 with 157 on campus, ECPS - 500 with 478 on campus, ECES - 654 with 620 on campus, ECMS - 977 with 955 on campus, and ECCHS - 830 with 815 on campus. Open House at ECMS had the highest participation ever and out of 977 students only forty did not pick up a schedule at Open House. ECCHS also had a high participation for Open House. The transportation department is running 34 regular routes and seven SPED routes with one going to Athens daily. The Board employs 10 bus monitors with seven on SPED buses, one on a regular bus and two floaters.
- **Operations and Facilities** - Through the safety grant all camera projects have been completed. Plans are to add fencing to ECPS playground so that visitors must go into the school to access the playground. The HVAC project at ECES is complete and under budget. The flooring project at ECMS has been completed and also came in under budget.
- **Technology** - Chromebooks were distributed to ECMS and ECES students very smoothly at the beginning of school. The District is now one to one from 2nd grade through 12th grade. "Go Guardian" is used on all student devices to filter and keep students safe from inappropriate websites.
- **Recognition** - ECMS and ECCHS Beta Club competed June 15-22 at the National Beta Club Convention in Oklahoma City, Okla. ECMS placed in the top five nationally in four categories and top ten in one category. Nineteen students represented ECMS. ECCHS Beta Club placed 3rd in Living Literature. This was the first time the Senior Beta Club competed on the National Level. Nine ECCHS students participated. Superintendent Bell and the Board congratulated the students on their achievement. The Board learned that the District Special Education Department had received a written commendation from the State Director of Special Education Services in recognition of our district's annual event graduation rate for students with disabilities.
- **The following items were approved:**
 - **Personnel Resignations** - The Board approved six Personnel Resignations.
 - **Personnel Recommendations** - The Board approved ten Personnel Recommendations.
 - **Overnight Field Trip Requests** - The Board approved four Overnight Field Trip Requests.
 - **Superintendent's Contract** - The Board approved the Superintendent's contract for one year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.
 - **Multi-year Facilities Plan** - The Board approved a proposal from Education Planners, LLC to complete facility footprint planning for the purpose of developing a multi-year facilities plan.