

# Elbert County Schools—Board Brief

## Summary of the July 31, August 12, and August 18 Meetings

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### Highlights of Presentation and Discussion Items

#### The following items were presented to the Board:

- **Finance Report** — The Board learned that the General Fund revenues for the first month of the fiscal year are reverted back to last year. General Fund expenditures for the month of July were \$547,099. The Cash Balance as of July 31, 2014 was \$2,956,846. The projected fund balance as of June 30, 2015 is \$2,493,945. SPLOST receipts for July were slightly lower than projected (\$155,000) coming in at \$152,948. New SPLOST projects were listed as a) Bus Radio Repeater b) Agriculture Facility c) Microsoft System Center Upgrade d) Additional Security Cameras at ECCHS e) Concrete at the High School f) Fencing Around HVAC Units at Band/Multipurpose Facility and g) Painting Multipurpose Floor at ECCHS.
- **2014-15 Enrollment Update** — The Board was informed of the enrollment status as of 8/12/2014 was holding at about 3,000 students K-12.
- **Policy JBC-Home Study** — Superintendent Bell presented [Home Study Policy JBC](#) to give guidance and procedures to school district staff when enrolling students from home study programs. The policy was placed on the table for thirty days.
- **Joint Meeting** — The Elbert County Board of Commissioners extended an invitation to the Board of Education to attend a joint meeting August 28th, 2014 at 6:00 PM for a general discussion on issues that will benefit all the citizens of Elbert County.
- **School Uniforms** — The possibility of developing school uniform policies was discussed at the August 12 Work Session. Associate Superintendent Angela Moton will head a task force charged with studying, seeking community input, and planning for the possibility of school uniforms for the 2015-16 school year.
- **Georgia Milestones Assessment System** — A discussion was held at the Work Session concerning the Georgia Milestones Assessment System. The new tests will replace both the Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests (CRCT) and the End of Course Tests (EOCT). The Board was informed that many changes were taking place and to expect additional changes. More information about the Georgia Milestones Assessment System is available [here](#).
- **Facilities Update**—A pre-bid meeting for the Ag Barn was held Wednesday July 30th. Bids were opened on August 13th at 3 PM.

### Highlights of Action Items

#### The following items were approved:

- **Policy IKDB R(1)** — The Board approved a regulation for [Policy IKDB R\(1\) Graduation Ceremonies](#), establishing that students must meet all diploma requirements in order to participate in the graduation ceremony.
- **Line of Credit** — Bids were received from Pinnacle Bank and Northeast Georgia Bank with regards to the line of credit/tax anticipation note for the 2014/2015 year. The Board was informed that a maximum amount of \$2,000,000 will be needed to cover short-term cash flow deficits and any proceeds will be repaid with tax revenues receipts by December 31, 2014. The Board approved Pinnacle Bank for the Line of Credit.
- **Resolution**—The Board approved a [resolution](#) in support of county efforts to assist Elbert Memorial Hospital.
- **Other Items Approved:** Personnel recommendations, resignation, and a field trip request (ECCHS: Honors Literature students to tour London, England)