

Elbert County Schools—Board Brief

Summary of the January 12 and January 26 Meetings

Highlights of Presentation and Discussion Items

The following items were presented to the Board:

- **Finance Report** – The General Fund revenues to date as of December 31, 2014 was \$12,746,547 and the General Fund Expenditures to date was \$9,607,289. The projected Fund Balance as of June 30, 2015 was \$2,493,945. SPLOST receipts for December was \$151,463.30. December utility bills were slightly lower than last December due to weather changes.
- **District Accreditation:** An [AdvancED](#) external review team will be in the district to work towards whole district accreditation. The [parent survey](#) and [staff survey](#) will be released January 20th with a goal of 40% responses from parent surveys and 60% from staff surveys. The student surveys will be release February 17th with a goal of 20% student responses. The surveys are an integral part of the school improvement process.
- **Student Pre-Assessments:** ECES, ECPS, and ECMS took part in pre assessments on students this year. Schools developed pre/post assessments for those subjects that did not have EOCT's setting a 35% growth target from pre-assessment to post assessment. The assessment will count as 20% of the student's grade. The SLO and EOCT count as 20% of the student's grade.
- **Quality Board of Education:** The Elbert County Board of Education was recognized at the GSBA Conference in December 2014 as a Quality Board. To achieve the status of Quality Board the criteria was as follows: 1) a systems strategic plan had to be in place 2) the Board approved the Vision for Public Education in Georgia 3) an annual evaluation of the Superintendent 4) the Governance Team conducted a self-assessment and developed recommendations 5) the Board met the State Board of Education annual training requirements and 6) the local board of education and school district comply with standards of all selected accreditation associations applicable. Congratulations to our Quality Board!
- **Classified Employee of the Month**—Freddie Walton, PJBLC Custodian, was recognized as the Classified Employee of the month for his dedication and exceptional work at PJBLC.

Highlights of Action Items

The following items were approved:

- **2015 Board Chairman and Vice Chairman:** Ben Baker was voted the Board Chairman and Teresa Barnett was voted the Vice Chairman.
- **Personnel Recommendation:** the Board approved a personnel recommendation for a special education paraprofessional at ECCHS.
- **2015-2016 School Academic Calendar:** The Board approved Option III for the [2015/2016 School Academic Calendar](#).
- **Amended Board Meeting Dates:** The Board amended the Board meeting dates for April changing the Work Session from April 6th to April 13th and the Regular Meeting from April 13th to April 20th.
- **Family Connection Fiscal Agent Designation for FY16:** The Board approved Elbert County Board of Education as the Family Connection Fiscal Agent Designation for FY16.
- **JROTC Mud Run:** The Board approved the JROTC Mud Run fundraising event scheduled for May 2015.