

# Elbert County Schools—Board Brief

## Summary of the March 9 and 16 Meetings

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### Highlights of Presentation and Discussion Items

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

- **Finance Report**—The General Fund revenues to date as of February 28, 2015 was \$16.3 million and the General Fund Expenditures to date was \$13.6 million. The projected Fund Balance as of June 30, 2015 was \$2,493,945. SPLOST receipts for February was \$147,782.
- **Mid-Year School Improvement Plans**—School Improvement Leadership Teams have been formed at each school to meet monthly and monitor their progress toward student learning goals. A Mid-Year School Improvement Check was held at each school. All schools were commended on their efforts. Superintendent Bell stated, “we have an exemplary level of implementation of the strategy/action plans developed in each school.” A copy of each school’s plan can be viewed by clicking on the “About Us” link at [www.elbert.k12.ga.us](http://www.elbert.k12.ga.us).
- **Georgia Milestones Assessment System**—The Board learned of the new Georgia Milestones Assessment System. The assessments will be used to gauge how all students are mastering the standards and how ready students are to succeed in college and careers. Since scores will not be released until next fall assessments will not count toward promotion or final grades. A short synopsis of the Georgia Milestones Assessment Systems can be viewed at [www.elbert.k12.ga.us](http://www.elbert.k12.ga.us).
- **School Board Appreciation Week**—The governor declared March 16-20 as School Board Appreciation Week. Board Members Ben Baker, Teresa Barnett, P Jo Phelps, Jeff Burden, and Keith Harper were recognized for the countless hours they spend fulfilling their responsibilities and working together to improve public education in Georgia. Superintendent Bell presented each Board Member with a certificate and small gift of appreciation. Everyone enjoyed a reception in honor of Elbert County’s Board Members.
- **Classified Employee of the Month**—Bus driver Jackie Rhodes and Bus Monitor Ashely Thompson were recognized as the Classified Employees of the month for the caring and challenging job that they do driving the Rutland bus.

### Highlights of Action Items

#### The following items were approved:

- **Lawn Maintenance**—The Board approved US Lawns for lawn maintenance service starting April 1, 2015 and ending March 31, 2016
- **Granite Bowl Scoreboard**—The Board approved a new scoreboard for the Granite Bowl from Skeeter’s Designs for the price \$52,705 with a 3’ X 16” LED Message Center.
- **2015/2016 Class Size Resolution**—The Board adopted the 2015/2016 Class Size Resolution consistent with previous years as a waiver to increase the class size from 1 to 7 students.
- **Personnel Resignations and Retirements**—The Board approved two resignations and nine retirements.