

Elbert County Schools—Board Brief

Summary of the August 28, September 8, and September 15 Meetings

Highlights of Presentation and Discussion Items

The following items were presented to the Board:

- **Finance Report** – Chief Financial Officer Ben Childs shared that the General Fund revenues to date as of August 31, 2014 were \$1,064,437, and the General Fund Expenditures to date were \$1,487,322. The Cash Balance as of August 31, 2014 was \$1,406,177 with \$1,067,250 due from Phase II construction. The projected Fund Balance as of June 30, 2015 was \$2,493,945. SPLOST receipts for August was \$152,563 which was lower than the last three month average of \$152,563. The Board was informed that the District was on target with closing out construction, and adjusting SPLOST. Consumable school supply savings in the amount of \$15,000 was noted because of centralized ordering.
- **2014-2015 System Improvement Plan** – Superintendent Bell presented a power pint presentation on the 2014-2015 System Improvement Plan. He highlighted the six strategic objectives explaining the plan helps to propel leadership teams, grade-level teams, curriculum teams, and departments toward meaningful improvement. Specific strategies and action steps guide improvement efforts throughout the year. (Plan can be viewed on the Elbert County Schools website)
- **Facilities Update**— Materials for the Ag Barn have been ordered and construction should begin in six to eight weeks. The Hawes Center demolition has been completed leaving the gym, a storage building, and a concrete pad for the new owners. The Field House construction is complete.
- **Chamber of Commerce After Hours**—ECCHS will host the Chamber of Commerce After Hours on
- October 16 from 5:30 to 6:30 to tour the renovated high school.
- **Classified Employee of the Month**—Bus driver Misty Bailey was recognized as the Classified Employee of the month for her dedication and exceptional work with students.

Highlights of Action Items

The following items were approved:

- **Policy JBC**—The Board approved Policy JBC-Home Study which gives guidance and procedures when enrolling students from home study.
- **Millage Rate**—The Board approved the 2015 Millage Rate at 16.797 mills. The rate is the roll-forward rate as calculated by a decline in the gross tax digest of the county.
- **Ag Barn**—The Board approved the lowest bidder for the purchase and erection of the agriculture facility in the amount of \$69,437 to Craft Construction.
- **Board Training Plan** – The Board approved the Local Board Training Plan of 9 hours for veteran members with 3 being whole board training. Whole board training will be conducted by Gregory, Doyle in February 2015 and individual training would take place at GSBA Conference Workshops in December 2014 and June 2015.
- **Other Items Approved:** Personnel resignations, personnel recommendations, overnight field trips, and a new three year contract for Superintendent Chuck Bell, effective January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2018.