

Elbert County Schools—Board Brief

Summary of the October 6, and October 20 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 September 30, 2014 was \$2,462,530 and the General Fund Expenditures to date were \$3,313,897. The projected Fund Balance as of June 30, 2015 was \$2,493,945. SPLOST receipts for September was \$156,683. The utility report was reviewed showing the High School was down compared to the previous year.
- **Georgia Budget & Policy Institute**—Superintendent Bell shared information from the Georgia Budget and Policy Institute reflecting the financial squeeze for 2014 specific to Elbert County Schools showing the District with 1 1/2 million in cuts for FY2015. Since 2003 the District has been cut \$20,151,393 in total funding. To access information on any system in the state click on the link: <http://gbpi.org/how-squeezed-is-your-district>.
- **School Improvement Plans**—PJBLC, ECPS, AND ECES each presented their school improvement plans outlining their goals and how to achieve them. Plans may be viewed on the Elbert County website: <http://www.elbert.k12.ga.us/>
- **Classworks**—Classworks announced that ECMS was #4 of Middle Schools in the nation with percent of students reaching mastery and #15 in the nation in all schools!
- **Classified Employee of the Month**—Cheryl Dubose, ECMS Clerical, was recognized as the Classified Employee of the month for her dedication and exceptional work at the Middle School.
- **Teacher of the Year**—Each school recognized their teacher of the year: PJBLC Kelly Moon, ECPS Belinda Thomas, ECES Charla Webb, ECMS Donna Baker, and ECCHS Pam Wilson. These outstanding teachers were selected by their peers. The District Teacher of the Year was chosen after each submitted an application and videotape of instruction, and an interview with three judges from outside the District along with Elbert's teacher of the year last year. The District Teacher of the Year was announced as ECMS teacher Donna Baker.

Highlights of Action Items

The following items were approved:

- **GSBA Quality School Board Recognition**—The Board approved the application for the GSBA Quality Board Recognition.
- **Resolution to Support the Vision For Public Education in Georgia**—The Board adopted the Resolution to implement the Vision for Public Education in Georgia through the work in the Elbert County Schools.
- **Other Items Approved:** Personnel resignations, personnel recommendation, and an overnight field trip.