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**Kelly Wade Earns his Doctorate:** Dr. Cooper congratulated Dr. Kelly Wade, Assistant Principal for East Central and West End, for recently earning his doctorate degree.

**New Personnel:** The Board unanimously approved Dr. Cooper's recommendations for new Certified and Support staff hiring for 2004 - 2005:

Recommendation of 2004-2005 Personnel/Certified: Christy Reilly, ES; Kathleen Crider, AKD; Ellen Lacey, RHS; and Brooke Evans, WC.

Recommendation of Personnel/Support for 2004-2005: Mary Elicker, SNP / NH; Olivia Smith, SNP / NH; and Verna Stone, Clerical / RHS.

**Focus on Student Achievement at West Central:** Dr. Wayne Sanders presented the Focus on Student Achievement at West Central Elementary School. Dr. Sanders stated West Central's Mission and Belief Statements.

"The mission of West Central Elementary is to maximize intellectual and academic growth and to develop worthy citizenship in each of our students. West Central believes: Student learning is the priority of the school; Students' academic and social needs are the primary focus for all decisions; In providing a safe and health environment for students, teachers, and staff; each student is a valued individual with unique physical, social, emotional, and intellectual needs; and West Central staff, parents, and community share the educational responsibility for all students."

Dr. Sanders then reported on the 2004 CRCT results and pointed out that West Central Elementary School has never failed to meet AYP standards. Dr. Sanders attributed the success of the students at West Central Elementary School to having high expectations of the students, high expectations of the teachers, and hiring the best teachers to instruct the students.

Concluding his presentation, Dr. Sanders commented about the efforts the faculty and staff make in working with ESOL students and Special Education students. He then stated that West Central Elementary School's 2005 goal is to again earn AYP.

**Shaw / Hankins is Chosen as Benefits Broker:** The Board unanimously approved Dr. Cooper's recommendation to use Shaw / Hankins as the 2005 Benefits Broker. In his presentation to the Board, Dr. Young stated that the benefits broker will assist in providing a seamless benefits package at the best available price. They will also assist in enrolling employees into benefit plans and the brokers will maintain ways for employees to learn about the different types of coverage they have in their personal benefits portfolio. The other two firms that provided a benefits proposal included Alexander / Johnson and Keisshauer / Lee.

**SPLOST Update:** Dr. Cooper gave an update on the SPLOST II revenues. He stated that October '04 collections of \$389,588.12 were \$12,369.55 under projections. Dr. Cooper reported that the shortfall in the October collection was offset by the biannual ProRata distribution that was received on December 1, 2004 in the amount of \$12,302.42.

**Winter Break Renovations:** Dr. Harris reported on construction work that took place during the '04 winter break. The projects at Rome High School included VCT in several areas and acoustical panels in the gym, band room, and choral room. Epoxy floors were installed in several areas and painting was applied in the gym and physical education areas. Rome Middle School had new acoustical panels installed in the choral and band rooms and the gym bleacher floorboards were repainted. Work on the new roof at Rome Transitional Academy was started and exhaust fans in the cafeteria serving area was installed. A new roof was put on the upper building at Main Elementary and West End Elementary School received some sponge blasting and painting in the cafeteria.

**Wolf Cry is Aired:** Dr. Cooper announced that "Wolf Cry" would appear on Channel 4 at 7:30 p.m. starting Wednesday, January 12, 2005. He reported that it would also appear on the Floyd College channel as well.

**National Mentoring Month:** Mrs. Sims read a resolution, on behalf of the Board, recognizing January as National Mentoring Month.

**Other Board Action:** The Board conducted the Superintendent's annual evaluation.