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Report of Rome Board of Education — Action Compiled by Dr. Robert A. Young, Dir. of Administrative Services

Attendance: Dr. Cooper reported that the fifth month of school ends on January 17, 2006.

New Personnel: On a Wood/Collins motion, the Board members present unanimously approved Dr. Cooper's recommendations for Support Employment 2005-2006: Robin Spivey/SNP/WE

Southeast Student Achievement: At Dr. Cooper's request, Mrs. Buffi Murphy presented the Focus on Student Achievement for Southeast Elementary School: *From Measurements to Results*. Mrs. Murphy stated the school's mission is to have every child meet or exceed state standards. To accomplish this mission, she said that the school has adopted educational values; they are mission driven, working toward Total Quality Learning; they are customer focused; and they have the philosophy of continuous improvement.

Through the cycle of progress, Achievement to Assessment to Alignment back to Achievement, Southeast Elementary School students will be successful. Mrs. Murphy discussed the students' CRCT results as part of the assessment portion of their progress cycle. She said that Assessment is a critical component in their effort because it helps pinpoint areas of need and strength. Assessment instruments include CRCT, DRA, Performance Assessment, Benchmark testing, and Writing Rubrics.

The next element in the progress cycle is Alignment - the matching of curriculum with identified strengths and needs. Within grade level planning sessions, teachers develop a curriculum map for their students. Between grade levels, the principal ensures vertical alignment and assists in fostering strong teacher expectations. Through this process goals are set and strategies are implemented to improve curriculum and instruction at Southeast Elementary School.

The result of the effort is the third component of the progress cycle, Achievement. In this regard Southeast Elementary School has earned AYP for several years in a row. They have included Fine Arts as a strong component in the curriculum; their Leadership Team of teachers has adopted a sense of accountability; and Southeast Elementary School has been recognized as being in the top ten percent for academic growth of similar elementary schools in Georgia. The faculty, staff, and community of Southeast Elementary School nurture the Strength of the Past, accept the Challenges of the Present, and Embrace the Future.

Board Policy First Reading, Section A: On a Clark/Collins motion, the Board unanimously adopted, on First Reading, all recommendations to Section A of the Rome City Schools Board Policy Manual:

ABB	School Board Powers and Duties	Amend as attached
ABB-BL	Bylaws of the Board District Organization: Board Powers and Duties	Rescind
ABC-BL	Bylaws of the Board District Organization: Board Member Legal Status	Rescind
ABCD	Board Member Method of Election	Amend as attached
ABCD A	Board Member Un-Expired Term Fulfillment	Amend as attached
ABCD A-BL	Bylaws of the Board District Organization: Unexpired Term Fulfillment	Rescind
AC	School District Organization Plan	No changes necessary
AD	School Attendance	Amend as attached
AD-E	Exemption Form	Rescind
AD-R	School Attendance Areas	Rescind
AE	School Year	Rescind
AE-R/AF-R	Extended Day/Year Policy Regulations	Rescind
AEA	School Calendars	Rescind
AF	School Day	Amend as attached
EBBD/AFC	Emergency Closings	Amend as attached; change code to AFC

SPLOST Revenues: Dr. Cooper gave an update on the SPLOST II revenues. He stated that the October 2005 collections of \$395,593.70 were \$21,511.78 below projections but that overall collections are strong.

Announcements: Dr. Cooper announced that Rome City Schools will be closed Monday, January 16, 2006 in recognition of Martin Luther King celebration activities. He reported that many of our students will be involved in these activities.

Dr. Cooper announced that Dr. Kemp, along with two other authors, published an article on antisocial behavior in a professional journal.

Dr. Cooper stated that there are several athletic and musical activities that will be taking place during the week and over the weekend: wrestling at Rome High, basketball at Ringgold, Jazz Band at Rome High, and a swim meet at Rome High.

West Third Redevelopment Project: At Mrs. Sims's request, Mr. Greer reported on the West Third Development Project. He stated that, due to time constraints, it appears that the project and agreement with NWGA LLC has been terminated. Mrs. Sims, on behalf of the Board, appointed Mr. Greer to serve on the newly formed Barron Stadium Transition Committee. Mr. Greer emphasized that the dream continues and that, in time, the West Third area will be redeveloped.

Other Board Actions: The Board gave the Superintendent, Dr. Cooper, a satisfactory evaluation and extended his contract an additional year.