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Ninth Month Attendance: Dr. Cooper reported the attendance for the ninth month of school. He stated that Anna K. Davie Elementary School had the highest percentage of student attendance at 98.06 percent. It was also noted that Rome Middle School had 95.94 percent of student attendance for the ninth month of school. The highest percent of staff attendance was Elm Street Elementary School at 97.53 percent for the month.

New Personnel:

On a Swann/Huffman motion, the Board unanimously approved Dr. Cooper's personnel recommendations:

Certified Employment 2007-2008:

Gwendolyn Bentley/NWGRH	John Hutchinson/NWGRH	Kimberly Bussey/WC
Rebecca McCoy/SE	Gisele Camp/WE	Cathy Musacchio/MN
Anita Cole/NH/SE	Larry Roberts/RHS	Candice Cole/NH
Mary Roberts/RTA	Akua Davis/CO	Teresa Samuelson/NWGRH
Amanda Dickerson/WE	Kyla Tomkowicz/AKD	Brian Evans/RMS
Jennifer Uldrick/WE	Sara Evans/RHS	Sandra Wade/WE
Linda Felton/RHS	Laura Walley/ES	Carly Green/NH
Holly Weaver/RMS	Burke Hayes/RHS	Christie Whaley/WC
Mark Hilbert/WC	Joycelyn Willis/RMS	Sunita Holloway/NH
Suyo Yoda-Bunnelle/AKD		

Support Employment 2006-2007: Terri Jordan/RHS

New Administrative Assignments: On a Clark/Collins motion, the Board members present unanimously approved Dr. Cooper's administrative recommendations to assign Mrs. Jennifer Perkins as principal of Rome Transitional Academy and Mrs. Debbie Downer as Director of Curriculum and Instruction.

2007 Summer School Program: At Dr. Cooper's request, Dr. Buck reported on the 2007 Summer School program. The elementary and middle school programs will run from May 24 - June 21, 2007. Session one of the high school program will run from June 4-22, 2007 and session two will run from June 25 - July 16, 2007. Dr. Buck stated that there are 292 elementary school students and 88 middle school students participating in the program. The high school program has 105 students participating in session one and 90 students registered for session two.

Health/Sex/AIDS Education Recommendation: On a Collins/Clark motion, the Board members present unanimously approved Dr. Cooper's recommendation on resource materials for Health/Sex/AIDS Education as presented by Dr. Mary Baldwin. Dr. Baldwin named the members of the advisory committee and discussed their resource materials recommendations. The following resources considered: DVD Everybody's Doing It, DVD Absolutely Positive, and DVD Teen Health Service: STDs were all denied; DVD The Miracle of Birth was approved for ninth grade girls.

FY 08 Student Insurance recommendation: On a Swann/Wood motion, the Board members present unanimously approved Dr. Cooper's FY 08 Student Insurance recommendation as presented by Dr. Young. The carrier of the plan will be Commercial Travelers Mutual Insurance through a local agency, Sklar-Jowers Insurance.

Amendments to Board Policies JGCA and JGCB: On a Collins/Clark motion, the Board members present unanimously approved on First Reading amendments to Policy JGCA (Physical Examinations) and Policy JGCB (Student Inoculations). The amendment to JGCA changes the time children must have their Certificate of Eye, Ear, and Dental Examinations to the school officials from four (4) months to thirty (30) calendar-days. This revised timeline better aligns with other system policies. The amendment to Policy JGCB changes the duration of an immunization waiver from ninety (90) calendar-days to thirty (30) calendar-days. The amendment also adds hepatitis B and varicella to the list of diseases that the child must be immunized against. The policy additionally states that a medical exemption for a child must be renewed annually.

To view a formal copy of the proposed amendments to these policies, go to the Rome City Schools website: <http://www.rcs.rome.ga.us/>. From there, go to Board of Education, then Board Policies, and then open the policy you wish to view.

2007 Young Scholars Program: Dr. Cooper discussed the 2007 Young Scholars Program. He stated that the program will run from June 25-29, 2007. The rising fifth grade program will be held at Shorter College from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. and the sixth grade program will be held at Georgia Highland College from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Mrs. Carole Payne will direct the fifth grade program and Ms. Susannah Yoder will direct the sixth grade program. There will be two teachers from every elementary school participating, one in each program. The fifth grade program will cover ecology and alternative fuel sources while the sixth grade program will study astronomy and space science. A highlight for each program will be the Family Night activity. The fifth grade program will hold its Family Night activity on Thursday, June 28th from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. and the sixth grade program will hold its Family Night activity on Friday, June 29th from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

SPLOST II: Dr. Cooper gave an update on the SPLOST II revenues. He stated that the March '07 collections of \$454,404.95 were \$16,904.95 above projections for the month (\$437,500.00). Dr. Cooper stated that the overall collections are still well above the anticipated amount by \$118,746.25.

Georgia Master Teacher - Cindy Smith: Dr. Cooper recognized Ms. Cindy Smith for earning Georgia Master Teacher Certification. She is the first teacher in the Rome City Schools to earn this distinction. The requirements to earn this certification include: at least three years teaching experience in Georgia, consistently demonstrates excellence in the classroom through gains in student achievement, uses analysis of student assessment to guide future instruction, serves as a lead teacher among colleagues, and serves as a mentor to new teachers. The Board members recognized and congratulated Ms. Smith and her mother, former Rome City Schools Board member, Martha Kennedy.

Contract Custodial Services: On a Wood/Huffman motion, the Board members present unanimously approved Dr. Cooper's recommendation on contract custodial services. He recommended Clear Cleaning Service Incorporated at Rome Middle School for an annual price of \$82,623.76 and Pro Systems Clean Care at Rome High School for an annual price of \$127,500.

Proposed 2008 RCS Budget: On a Swann/Clark motion, the Board unanimously approved on First Reading the FY '08 Proposed Budget as presented by Dr. Cooper.

In Other Business:

- The Board appointed Dr. Cooper to serve on the Sara Hightower Regional Library Board for the 2007-2008 school year.
- Members of the Board will attend the GSBA Summer Conference in Savannah on June 22-23, 2007. Mrs. Collins was appointed earlier as the 2007 GSBA Delegate representative for the Rome City Schools.
- Dr. Cooper stated that he would be reporting the Proposed 2008 Budget to the Rome City Commission Finance Committee on Tuesday, June 19, 2007 at 9:45 a.m. in the Sam King Room.
- Dr. Cooper stated that the Rome Board of Education would hold a called meeting in the Rome City Schools Boardroom on June 28, 2007, at 7:30 a.m. to present the Proposed 2008 Budget for second reading.