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

Coosa Valley Fair Association Art Grant: At Mrs. Sims's request, Mr. Dan Caesar (President of the Coosa Valley Fair Association), presented the Board of Education with a \$1,000.00 Art Supplies Grant from the Coosa Valley Fair Association. Mr. Caesar stated that he and the Fair Association want to continue to encourage all Rome City Schools students to prepare art projects and enter them in the annual Coosa Valley Fair.

Coosa River Basin Initiative Quiz Bowl: At Mrs. Sims's request, Mr. Wood recognized the winners of the Coosa River Basin Initiative Quiz Bowl. On April 26, 2008, East Central fielded two groups of fourth grade students in the fourth annual CRBI (Coosa River Basin Initiative) quiz bowl competition. Teams consisted of four players, with up to four alternates or substitutes. The teams were asked questions that required knowledge of local natural and cultural history, earth and life science, and mathematics. Six schools (eight teams) were represented in this round robin tournament; Armuchee's teams, A and B, Berry Elementary, Cave Spring Elementary, Pepperell Elementary, Montessori, and East Central's teams, A and B. The tournament consisted of a round robin competition in which all eight teams competed against five other teams. The four teams with the best record at the end of the round robin tournament advanced to a single elimination, championship round. East Central's team A, led by their coach, Mr. Gary Jones, defeated both top seed teams (Armuchee's team A, CRBI's 2006 winners and Cave Spring, the previous year's CRBI champions) in the championship round to win the CRBI 2008 quiz bowl title.

At Mr. Wood's request, Mrs. Tonya Wood, Principal, read East Central's winning team members:

Conor Kelley, son of Todd & Hallie Kelley
Amelia Adcock, daughter of David & Deanna Adcock
Christina Smith, daughter of Preston & Michelle Smith
Kate Wood, daughter of Greg & Melissa Wood
Chance Chaffin, son of Steve & Holly Chaffin
Winston Gammon, son of Wright & Alicia Gammon
Team Coach: Mr. Gary Jones.

National History Day Competition State Winners: At Ms. Sims's request, Mr. Wilson recognized National History Day Competition State Winners. Mr. Wilson said that the National History Day student competition is the nation's oldest and most highly regarded history program for students in grades 6-12. NHD is one of the rare programs that helps students refine critical thinking and research skills used in all subject areas. For more than 25 years, NHD has promoted systemic educational reform related to teaching and learning in America's schools. This academic challenge engages more than half a million students annually. We are proud to have Rome High participate again this year.

At Mr. Wilson's request, Dr. Evans, principal, introduced the winners:

Group Exhibits

3) (tie) "From Voodoo to Pentecostalism"- Rebecca Gossett, daughter of Alan and Pam Gossett, and Regina Ringer, daughter of Xavier and Rosemary Ringer.

3) (tie) "Girls Best Friend Gone Bad"- Jessica Hook, daughter of Chris and Ann Hook, Megan Montgomery, daughter of Keith and Sandra Montgomery, and Sydney Waldrop, daughter of Donald and JoAnne Waldrop.

Individual Exhibits

1) "Easter Uprising"- Christopher Alred, son of Kelly and Susan Alred.

2) "Conflict in Missouri"- Abby Grout, daughter of John and Susan Grout.

Group Video Documentaries

2) "The Evolution Battle"- Ben Woodard, son of Steve and Michele Woodard, Kerem Trolando, son of Paul and Seine Tenger Trolander, and Sawan Patel, son of Madhubev and Satur Patel.

Individual Documentary

3) "Henry Wriz" - Hampton Childres, son of Ferrell and Donna Childres.

Dr. Evans also recognized Mr. Andy Blackburn, Rome High School's Sponsor, for the competition.

Tobacco Free Policy Recommendation: At Mrs. Sims's request, Rome High students (Aaron Shippey and Chani Maisonet) presented a Tobacco Free Policy for the Board's consideration. The students are members of the Youth Advisory Board which is coordinated by Cheryl Shippey and Annette Clairry through the Northwest Georgia Public Health Department. Mrs. Sims also recognized Mrs. Judy Fellers, coordinator of the school nurses, from the audience.

Retired Personnel Recognized: On behalf of the Board, Mrs. Sims presented Certificates of Congratulations to retiring personnel:

Support Employees:

- Linda Barlow - West End Elementary Paraprofessional with 27 years at West End.
- Doylene Burns - West End Elementary SNP Manager with 23 ½ years experience.
- J. B. Quinn - Maintenance Department with 34 years experience.

Certificated Employees:

- Glenda Allen - Rome Middle School with 32 years of service in the Rome City Schools.
- Sandra H. Camp - North Heights Elementary with 30 years of service, 28 in the Rome City Schools.
- Sally Wyrick Caesar - Elm Street Elementary with 37 years of service, 6 ½ in the Rome City Schools.
- Elaine Crouch - Rome Middle School with 31 years of service, 25 in the Rome City Schools.
- Nancy Elder - West Central Elementary School with 30 years of service, 29 in the Rome City Schools.
- Jennifer Holcombe - West End Elementary with 30 years of service, 23 in the Rome City Schools.
- Jenny Holdbrooks - West End Elementary with 31 years of service in the Rome City Schools.
- Sherri Johnson - Main Elementary with 30 years experience in the Rome City Schools.
- Jan Quinn - Southeast Elementary with 30 years experience, 23 in the Rome City Schools.
- Shirley Raley - East Central Elementary with 30 years experience, 24 in the Rome City Schools.
- Gesta Riggs - West End Elementary with 30 years experience, 24 in the Rome City Schools.
- Pam Russell - East Central Elementary with 37 years of experience, seven (7) in the Rome City Schools.
- Angela Vick - West End Elementary with 30 years experience in the Rome City Schools.

Eighth Month Attendance: Dr. Cooper reported the attendance for the eighth month of school. He stated that West End Elementary School had the highest elementary school percentage of student attendance at 97.59 percent. It was also noted that Rome Middle School had 98.96 percent of student attendance for the eighth month of school. The highest percent of staff attendance was Anna K. Davie Elementary School at 95.95 percent.

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

Certified Employment 2008-2009:

Lucy Babcock/NH	Callie Palmer/RMS	Katherine Rogers/WE
Jamie Brown/NH	Judy Powell/EC	Keara Rubin/SE
Jan Christian/RHS	Virginia Roberson/WE	Franklin Lydell Self/RHS
Cynthia Davidson/RHS	Lauren Rodin/NH	Michele Terry/NH
Hannah Nicole Everett/WE		

Focus on Student Achievement - Rome Middle School : At Dr. Cooper's request, Mr. Greg Christian presented the Focus on Student Achievement for Rome Middle School. Accompanying Mr. Christian from Rome Middle School were teachers: Amanda Gurley, Elaine Price, Cynthia Smith, Elaine Crouch, and assistant principals: Leslie Dixon and Brian Evans.

Mr. Christian reviewed the 7th and 8th Grade Georgia Criterion Referenced Competency Test (CRCT) results for the past three years. He reported the results show that Rome Middle School exceeded the state results in the areas of Reading, Math, and ELA during the 06-07 administration. Mr. Christian said that he is excited about the 2007-08 year's preliminary results as well.

In addition to the CRCT results, Mr. Christian discussed other accomplishments made by the students and faculty at the school. He mentioned that they earned Adequately Yearly Progress (AYP) two years in a row and earned the Governor's 2007 Silver Award for the greatest gain in meeting and exceeding state standards. In addition to academics, students at Rome Middle School are exposed to fine arts and sports: 220 Students in the Middle School Band; 120 Students in the Middle School Chorus; 2 Football teams; 4 Basketball teams; 2 Cheerleader teams; Baseball, Softball, Track, Wrestling, Tennis, Volleyball, Drama, Soccer, Cross country, BETA Club, TSA, FFA, Art,... to name a few. Mr. Christian stated that the artwork from Mr. Cooper's class was displayed at The Forum during the week of May 5th.

Textbook Adoption: K-12 Science: On a Wood/Huffman motion, the Board unanimously approved Dr. Cooper's 2008 Textbook Adoption as presented by Mrs. Debbie Downer. In her presentation, Mrs. Downer stated that the adoption would include Science K-12. The committee members who reviewed the materials and helped prepare the recommendation included:

K-2 Committee Members:

Lisa Saroka, AKD
 Lora Young, EC
 Merrimac Forsyth, Elm
 Ashley Hardin, Main
 Emily Padgett, NH
 Tanya Hicks, SE
 Anne Bearden, WC
 Tammi Price, WE

3-5 Committee Members:

Ashlyn Ritch, AKD
 Gary Jones, EC
 Anita Sealock, Elm
 Angela Bloodworth, Main
 Jamie Baker, NH
 Cherilyn Parris, SE
 Leigh Burrell, WC
 Megan Ray, WE
 Patty Acree, Math Coach
 Vicky Reece, Special Ed
 Sunita Holloway, Math Coach
 Debra Holden, Special Ed.

Science 6-12 Adoption Committee

Leigh Burrell, WC
 Henry Pollitz, WE
 Jack Chesnut, RMS All RMS Science Teachers
 Linda Jones, RMS
 Tina Locklear, RHS All RHS Science Teachers
 Bruce Jones, RTA
 Carolyn Petty, Special Ed.
 Deborah Shelton, Special Ed.

Facilitator: Lt. Colonel David Wright, GYSTC

The adoption included:

K-5: Houghton Mifflin, *Georgia Science*

6-8: Holt, Rinehart, and Winston

9-12:

	Phy. Science (Physics)	Biology	Chemistry	Environ. Science	Physics	Anatomy
CPA	Physics: Principles & Problems (Glencoe)	Biology: Concepts & Connections by Campbell (Pearson Prentice Hall) ----- { CPA II } Insights in Biology (Kendal Hunt)	McDougal Littell World of Chemistry			
CP	Glencoe Physical Science GA edition	McDougal Littell Biology	Chemistry – Pearson AGE Gobe	Environ Sci – The Science Behind the Stories (Pearson Prentice Hall)	Physics: Principles & Problems (Glencoe)	Human Biology – Sylvia Mader McGraw-Hill
Tech	1) Physical Science Concepts in Action (Pearson Prentice Hall)	McDougal Littell Biology (Tech I) Glencoe Biology (Tech II)		Holt – Environmental Science		
AP		Campbell / Reece- Biology/AP Edition Pearson Prentice Hall	World of Chemistry Advanced – McDougal Littell		Walker – Physics AP Edition Pearson Prentice Hall	

2008 Young Scholars: At Dr. Cooper’s request, Dr. Randy Phillips reported on the 2008 Young Scholars Program. Dr. Phillips stated that there will be four groups of students attending Young Scholars this year: rising 5th, rising 6th, rising 7th, and rising 8th.

Rising 5th Grade Camp will take place at Shorter College and will work with Alternative Fuel Sources & Ecology.

Rising 6th Grade Camp will take place at GA Highlands College and will deal with Astronomy & Space.

Rising 7th Grade Camp will take place at Berry College and will work on Life Science & Biology.

Rising 8th Grade Camp will be at Coosa Valley Vocational Technical College and will work on Applied Sciences.

SPLOST II Summer Projects: Dr. Cooper discussed the SPLOST II projects slated for summer 2008:

Anna K. Davie Elementary
Sandblast & Paint - Front Entrance Awning/Porch
New External Doors
Paint All Classrooms and Hallways
Install New Tack Boards

Southeast Elementary
Replace Roof
New Metal Fascia Around Front of Building
New "Store Front"
Install Wainscot Paneling in Hallways
Paint All Classrooms and Hallways
Tile Classrooms
Install New Tack Boards

North Heights Elementary
Replace All Ceiling Tiles
Tile Classrooms and Hallways
Paint All Classrooms and Hallways
Install New Tack Boards

SPLOST II Receipts: Dr. Cooper gave an update on the SPLOST II revenues. He stated that the February '08 collections of \$466,825.59 were \$29,325.59 above projections for the month (\$437,500.00). Dr. Cooper reported that overall the SPLOST receipts are above projections.

In other announcements: Dr. Cooper reported several year-end activities:

May 18, 2008 (Sunday) - RHS Baccalaureate, held at Fellowship Baptist Church at 4:00 p.m.
May 23, 2008 (Friday) - Last Day of School.
May 25, 2008 (Sunday) - RHS Graduation at The Forum at 3:00 p.m.

Board Policy Action: On a Clark/Collins motion, the Board unanimously approved, on First Reading, amendments to the policy on Professional Personnel Leaves and Absences (GBRH).

A. D. Black Scholarship: At Mrs. Sims's request, Dr. Buck reported on the A. D. Black Scholarship Committee findings. He reported that of the students from Rome High School attending Georgia Tech, none met all of the scholarship residency and other criteria. As such, no scholarship could be awarded this year.