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

New Personnel: The Board members present unanimously approved Dr. Cooper's recommendations for Certified and Support staff hirings for 2004 – 2005:

Certificated: Darnell Williamson/SE; Jeanne Dwight/RMS; Kelly Wade/EC/WE; and Gene Johnson/RHS
Support: Desiree Edwards/RTA; Robin Miller/MN; Kelly Pugh/RHS; Patsy Ewan/WE; Michelle Holley/SE; Charles Wheeling/SE

New Teacher Orientation: At Dr. Cooper's request, Ms. Hamilton reported on the New Teacher Orientation Workshop held in August '04. She reported that the three days of induction were to make the new teachers feel welcome, give them plain talk about Rome City School's expectations, and provide them with resources and support.

Attendance: Dr. Cooper reported on attendance for the third day of school. He stated that a total of 5,096 students were enrolled in classes compared to 5,118 in 2004 and 5,144 in 2003.

Student Achievement Spotlight: At Dr. Cooper's request, Dr. Janice Merritt presented a report on Anna K. Davie's student achievement. Dr. Merritt reported that Anna K. Davie made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) because of the efforts of the faculty and staff at the school. The school is continuing to utilize the training and philosophy of the America's/Georgia's Choice program. This school year Anna K. Davie will begin a program called "Author of the Week" in which a child from each class will be designated as an author. As part of this program, the child and their parent or guardian will work in collaboration during the week and produce a written work that will be displayed for the rest of the class.

No Child Left Behind/AYP: At Dr. Cooper's request, Dr. Buck, Title 1 Director, discussed No Child Left Behind/Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). Dr. Buck reported that all schools and the system earned AYP. He said that only 32% of the systems in Georgia achieved this accomplishment. Finally, with the AYP standards being raised, Dr. Buck reported that there must be a continued effort to maintain AYP in the future.

SPLOST II Report: Dr. Cooper gave a report on SPLOST II revenues. He stated that April '04 collections of \$465,207.46 were \$63,249.79 more than projections.

New Website: At Dr. Cooper's request, Mr. Fred Haws unveiled Rome City Schools' new website. Mr. Haws gave a quick demonstration of the various pathways of the website and stated that the website is more up-to-date and user friendly than in the past.

Georgia School Boards Association Certificates: Dr. Cooper presented the Board members with their Georgia School Boards Association Certificates for meeting their 2003-04 training requirements.

Announcements - Dr. Cooper announced several calendar activities:

- Rome High's first football scrimmage will be held 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 12, at Coosa High School.
- Open House at Rome Middle School will be from 7-8:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 12, 2004.
- On Tuesday, August 17, 2004, Open House for each elementary school on the east side of town will be from 6-7:30 p.m. Each elementary school on the west side of town will hold its Open House from 7-8:30 p.m. on the same evening.
- Open House for Rome High School and Rome Transitional Academy will be from 7-8:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 19, 2004.
- Rome High's first football game will be at Murray County High School on Friday, August 20, 2004.

Declaration of Surplus:

The Board members present unanimously approved Dr. Cooper's recommendation to declare surplus all items purchased on behalf of non-public schools under federal programs prior to the 2004-05 school year.