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**Recognitions:** Mrs. Sims wished Mr. Byington, Board attorney, a happy birthday and recognized visitors in the audience from the Junior Service League.

**Attendance Report:** Dr. Cooper reported the attendance for the ninth month of school. He stated that West End Elementary School had the highest percentage of student attendance at 97.32 percent. It was also noted that Rome Middle School had 96.29 percent student attendance for the ninth month of school. The highest percent of staff attendance was West End Elementary School at 95.75 percent for the month.

**Personnel:** On a Swann/Huffman motion, the Board unanimously approved Dr. Cooper's personnel recommendations:  
Certified Employment 2011-2012: Greg Armona/RMS; Miriam Loveless/ES; Micaela Armona/RMS; Samantha Magee/SE; Amber Benefield/WE; Jennifer Massengale/WE; Kim Brown/SE; Rashida Stanley/RHS; Kari Carter/RMS; Anastasia Teasley/Phoenix PLC; Shannon Hoye/WC; Kristin Teems/RMS; Cameron Jackson/WC; Carla Walker/RMS; Nathalie Lizin/ES; and Nicole Williamson/ES

Support Employment 2010-2011: Grady W. Pilgrim, Jr./RHS

**2011-12 Milk Bid:** On a Collins/Swann motion, the Board unanimously approved Dr. Cooper's recommendation to award the milk bid to Mayfield Dairies for the 2011-2012 school year as presented by Mrs. Brandy Money, Director of School Nutrition Program.

**2011 Young Scholars 7th & 8th Grades:** At Dr. Cooper's request, Dr. Young reported on the 2011 Young Scholars Program. There were four groups of students scheduled for Young Scholars this year. The first two camps have already taken place. The rising 7th Grade Camp took place at Berry College and worked on Life Science, Biology, and Cardiology. The rising 8th Grade Camp met at Georgia Northwestern Technical College and worked on Applied Physical Sciences. The rising 5th Grade Camp will meet at Shorter University and the rising 6th Grade Camp will take place at GA Highlands College. A number of pictures which exemplified the programs of the 7th and 8th grade camps were shown. All of the Young Scholars Program camp pictures may be viewed through the Rome City School website main page.

**2011 K-8 Summer Opportunities Program:** Dr. Cooper reported on the 2011 K-8 Summer Opportunities Program. The goal of the Summer Opportunities Program is to help students be successful on the CRCT retest and to reduce retentions in all grades.

The schedule for the students from May 25 – June 22, will be from 8:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. daily. Breakfast and lunch will be offered each day. Rome Middle School students will attend Southeast, West Central, and Rome Transition Academy (RTA) for classes. The Special Education students in grades three and five will have classes at Main Elementary and the eighth graders will go to RTA. The 2011 Summer Opportunities Program enrollment is as follows:

Grades K – 8 May 25 – June 22, 2011 Enrollment		Rome High School SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM June 6 – June 10, 2011	
EC	41	Math	32
ES	55	English	25
MN	27	Science	25
NH	30	Social Studies	<u>25</u>
SE	36	<b>Totals 9-12</b>	<b>107</b>
WC	41		
WE	8		
RMS	37		
Special Education	<u>47</u>		
<b>Totals K-8</b>	<b>322</b>		

**2011-12 Student Insurance Proposal:** On a Wilson/Jones motion, the Board unanimously approved Dr. Cooper's FY-2012 Optional Student Insurance recommendation. The carrier of the plan will be Commercial Travelers Mutual Insurance through a local agency, Jowers-Sklar Insurance.

**SPLOST III Report:** Dr. Cooper gave an update on the SPLOST III revenues. The tax period of May 2011 collections of \$419,108.90 were \$83,620.60 below the projections for the month (\$502,729.50). The total collections to date equal \$10,154,169.37. Dr. Cooper showed updated construction photos on the progress of the work at Rome High School.

**Other Items:**

Dr. Cooper reported on three other items:

1. The First Reading of the FY 12 proposed budget will be presented after a short recess following the Board Meeting.
2. The budget presentation to the Rome City Commission Finance Committee will be Wednesday, June 15, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. in the Sam King Room.
3. There will be a Second Reading of the Rome City Schools Budget on Thursday, June 30, 2011 at 7:30 a.m. in the Boardroom.

**2011-12 School Calendar:** On a Swann/Huffman motion, the Board unanimously adopted on second reading, Dr. Cooper's recommendation to amend the 2011-2012 school calendar to include eight non-scheduled work days and include 178 student school days. The non-scheduled work days will reflect the same days as the current year plus two additional days during the week of Thanksgiving Holiday (November 21 and 22, 2011).

**Policy IHF (Graduation Requirements):** On a Collins/Jones motion, the Board unanimously adopted on second reading, Dr. Cooper's recommendation for amendments to school board policy (IHF – Graduation Requirements).

**2011-12 Board Goals:** On a Jones/Collins motion, the Board unanimously adopted, on second reading, 2011 - 2012 Board Goals:

1. Increase the high school graduation rate of all subgroups.
  - Expand Projection Acceleration.
  - Expand the Phoenix Performance Learning Center.
  - Continue a Response to Intervention Program (RTI) in Grades K-12.
  - Continue the Bridge Program with Georgia Northwestern Technical College.
  - Collaborate with Georgia Northwestern Technical College and Georgia Highlands College through the Phoenix Program.
2. Improve student achievement in Grades K-12.
  - Implement the CLASS Keys teacher evaluation instrument in PreK-12.
  - Fully implement Math IV course options for 12th grade students.
  - Continue to implement the READ 180 Program in Grades 7-12.
  - Continue to focus on student achievement at the elementary, middle, and high school levels and improve test scores in all subject areas.
  - Continue system-wide benchmark assessments of math and reading through universal screening (i.e. DIBELS).
  - Expand system-wide benchmark assessments to include science in Grades 3-11.
3. Improve professional learning activities with all personnel.
  - Utilize the student longitudinal data system (SLDS) to analyze student achievement data.
  - Continue to support the instruction of Grades K-12 Georgia Performance Standards (GPS).
  - Continue the instructional support for integrated high school mathematics with a math coach at Rome High School.
  - Develop strong educational leaders through system-level training and the Georgia State University Principals Academy.
  - Continue implementation of Reading, Writing, and Math Workshops in Grades K-8.
4. Improve workforce readiness skills.
  - Increase graduation rate in the Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education (CTAE) Program.
  - Expand Cosmetology Program at Rome High School.
  - Improve Asset Test results in 10th grade.
5. Implement capital outlay project.
  - Begin planning and construction of Anna K. Davie Elementary School with SPLOST III funds.

**GSBA Summer Conference:** Members of the Board will attend the GSBA Summer Conference in Savannah on June 17-18, 2011. Dr. Jones was appointed to serve as the 2011 GSBA Delegate representative and Mr. Wood will serve as alternate for Rome City Schools. Dr. Cooper and Mrs. Sims will also be in attendance.

**Other Board Actions:** On a Jones/Collins motion, the Board unanimously approved the minutes for the May 10, 2011 regular Board meeting, financial and other reports.

**Budget Work Session:** The Superintendent and Board reviewed the proposed budget line items.