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**Attendance:** Dr. Cooper reported the attendance for the ninth month of school. He stated that Elm Street Elementary School had the highest elementary school percentage of student attendance at 97.81 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 West Central Elementary School at 96.89 percent.

**New Personnel:** On a Wood/Wilson motion, the Board members present unanimously approved Dr. Cooper's personnel recommendations:

Certified Employment 2008-2009: Lindsey Reymolds/SE; Amy Turner/SE; Rachael Reynolds/WE; Jennifer Watson/WE; Megan Smith/RMS ; and Nikki Woodall/WC

Support Employment 2008-2009: Chris Barnett/ Maintenance and Cheryl Suddeth/RHS

**Young Scholars:** At Dr. Cooper's request, Dr. Randy Phillips reported on the 2008 Young Scholars Program. Dr. Phillips stated that rising Eighth Grade Camp is going on at Coosa Valley Vocational Technical College during the week of June 9, 2008, and the students are working on Applied Sciences. Dr. Phillips displayed for the audience the tee shirt that the students and teachers receive for participating.

He also reported that the rising Fifth Grade Camp will take place at Shorter College and will work with Alternative Fuel Sources & Ecology. The rising 6th Grade Camp will take place at Georgia Highlands College and will deal with Astronomy & Space, and the rising Seventh Grade Camp will take place at Berry College and will work on Life Science & Biology.

**South Rome Redevelopment Agency/Corporation:** At Dr. Cooper's request, Ms. Karen Moore, Executive Director of the South Rome Redevelopment Agency/Corporation, along with one of her new board members, Dr. Paul Ferguson, reported on the mission and goals of the organization. Ms. Moore stated that the primary focus of the organization is the celebration of diversity. She reviewed some of the history leading to today's efforts and early members of the organization. The efforts, according to Ms. Moore, can be grouped into one of two categories: community development and economic development. Ms. Moore stated, "It is not just about brick and mortar, it is all about relationships." The organization takes a holistic approach at improving the community infrastructure and the people within the boundaries of the effort. The South Rome Redevelopment Agency/Corporation holds a regular Board meeting on the third Tuesday of each month at 4:30 p.m. at 119 South Broad Street. If anyone is interested they may attend one of the Board planning meetings.

**2008 Summer School Program:** At Dr. Cooper's request, Dr. Buck discussed the 2008 Summer School program. He stated that the elementary schools are working toward improving the scores of students who were unsuccessful in math or reading and English Language Arts on the CRCT administration. He stated that the number of students served is about the same as in previous years: the elementary program has 284 students; and the middle school program having 177 total students including both sessions. At the high school level, no students are taking the "traditional program" courses, but rather are working on NovaNet Sessions toward Credit Recovery in one (1) of four (4) areas: science, math, social studies, and English Language Arts.

**2008 Math Textbook Adoption:** On a Huffman/Wood motion, the Board members present unanimously approved Dr. Cooper's 2008 high school math textbook adoption as presented by Mrs. Claire Pierce:

- *Georgia Mathematics 1*  
Carnegie Learning
- *Georgia High School Mathematics 1*  
McDougal-Littell

- AP Statistics  
Bedford, Freeman, and Worth

The committee members who reviewed the materials and helped prepare the recommendation included:

Theresa Haynes	Anne Poe
Haley Chandler	Larue Huckaby
Ashley Clark	Ron Hyde
Donna Daniels	James Lee
Karen Ehrler	David Little
Facilitator:	Mrs. Claire Pierce, Math Specialist

**2009 Student Insurance:** On a Collins/Clark motion, the Board members present unanimously approved Dr. Cooper's FY-09 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.

**SPLOST II:** Dr. Cooper gave an update on the SPLOST II revenues. He stated that the February '08 collections of \$476,015.94 were \$38,515.94 above projections for the month (\$437,500.00). Dr. Cooper reported that overall the SPLOST receipts are above projections. He stated that work is currently being done at Anna K. Davie Elementary School, North Heights Elementary School, and Southeast Elementary School.

**Other Items:** In other items, Dr. Cooper made three announcements:

- There will be a Budget Work Session at the conclusion of the Board Meeting;
- There will be a report to the Rome City Commission Finance Committee on Monday June 16th at 10:00 a.m. in the Sam King Room; and
- The Second Reading of the FY-09 Budget will take place at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 25th the Rome City Schools Boardroom.

**Amendments to Policy GBRH:** On a Wood/Collins motion, the Board unanimously adopted, on Second Reading, amendments to the policy on Professional Personnel Leaves and Absences (GBRH).

**GSBA Summer Conference:** Members of the Board will attend the GSBA Summer Conference in Savannah on June 20-21, 2008. Mrs. Collins was appointed earlier as the 2008 GSBA Delegate representative for Rome City Schools.

**FY-2009 Budget Proposal:** On a Huffman/Wilson motion, the Board unanimously approved on First Reading the FY-09 proposed budget as presented by Dr. Cooper.