

Board O'Gram

Vol. 36
No. 1
July 13, 2010

Report of Rome Board of Education — Action Compiled by Dr. Mike Buck, Assistant Superintendent

Mission Statement: All students will graduate from Rome High School prepared for college or work.

The Phoenix Learning Center: Dr. Cooper introduced Mrs. Nancy Griffin, Director of Communities in Schools. Dr. Cooper announced that Communities in Schools is helping to sponsor a new high school dropout prevention program (Performance Learning Center) called the Phoenix Program.

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

Certified Employment 2010-2011 Stephanie Carles/RMS; Michele Stearns/RMS; Lori Davis/RHS; Ryan Sweeney/RTA/Phoenix; Anna Davison/RMS; Kimberly Vaughn/RHS; Courtney Greene/RTA; Debra Warren/RHS; Eli Jackson/RHS; Kenya Weston/RHS; Erica Bryn Johnson/RMS; and Elizabeth Yount/RTA/Phoenix
Support Employment 2010-2011: Rebecca Moye/RMS and Debra Summerville/Maint.

Milk Bid and Lunch Prices: On a Huffman/Wood motion, the Board unanimously approved Dr. Cooper's 2010-2011 milk bid and lunch price recommendations as presented. The milk bid was awarded to Mayfield. The lunch prices will remain at the same level as they have for the past 15 years.

Construction Update: Dr. Cooper reported on the 12-classroom construction at Rome High School. He shared about two dozen photos showing the construction and discussed the various programs that will be included in the new facility.

2010 Young Scholars Program: At Dr. Cooper's request, Dr. Young reported on the 2010 Young Scholars Program. There were four groups of students attending Young Scholars this year: rising 5th grade camp which took place at Shorter University and worked with physical science; rising 6th grade camp which took place at GA Highlands College and worked with hydrology and water life forms; rising 7th grade camp which took place at Berry College and worked on life science, biology, and cardiology; and rising 8th grade camp which took place at Georgia Northwestern Technical College and worked on applied physical sciences. Dr. Young showed pictures of each program which exemplified the offerings at each site and thanked the many people who helped make the program a success.

SPLOST III Update: Dr. Cooper gave an update on the SPLOST III revenues. The tax period of May '10 collections of \$427,366.51 were \$75,362.99 below the projections for the month (\$502,729.50). The total collections to date equal \$6,535,483.50.

Contract Awarded: On a Swann/Wood motion, the Board unanimously approved Dr. Cooper's recommendation to select Pinson's Inc. to serve as Construction Manager at Risk for construction of the new two-story auxiliary gym at Rome High School. The other companies which submitted a proposal were Bowen & Watson Construction, Bennett Construction, and J & R Construction.

Other announcements:

- Administrative Workshop will begin Wednesday, July 14, 2010.
- Pre-planning for all personnel will begin Thursday, July 29, 2010.
- First day of school is Monday, August 2, 2010.

Other Board Business: Mrs. Sims, Mr. Wood, Mr. Wilson, and Dr. Cooper attended the GSBA Summer Conference in Savannah on June 11-12, 2010. Mr. Wood was appointed to serve as the 2010 GSBA delegate representative and Mr. Wilson served as alternate for the Rome City Schools. Mrs. Sims served on the Governmental Operations Committee. Mr. Wood reported that several items of significance were discussed: non-partisan board member elections; property tax for funding education; and TRS investment strategies. Mr. Wilson commented that the candidates for Georgia Governor and State Superintendent of Schools were in attendance and were available for comments and questions. Dr. Cooper echoed the comments of the Board members and Mrs. Sims briefly discussed her role on the Governmental Operations Committee.