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

Ninth Month Attendance: Dr. Cooper reported the attendance for the ninth month of school. West End Elementary School had the highest percentage of student attendance at 97.59 percent. It was also noted that Rome Middle School had 95.96 percent of student attendance for the eighth month of school. The highest percent of staff attendance was Anna K. Davie Elementary School at 99.50 percent for the month.

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

Certified re-employment 2010-2011: Matthew Dunn/ RTA/Phoenix

2010 Summer Opportunities Program: Dr. Cooper reported on the 2010 Summer Opportunities Program. The main objective is to provide students with an additional 20 days of instruction to help them succeed in school. The curriculum for the K-8 program was specifically designed for each student based on their individual needs in mathematics and English Language Arts. Dr. Cooper reported that on the sixth day of instruction, a total of 422 students were participating in the K-8 program within the system.

The high school Summer Opportunities Program is facilitated through OdysseyWare. The program is designed as a "Credit Recovery" program for students who were unsuccessful during the regular school year in English Language Arts, science, mathematics, or social studies. Dr. Cooper stated that the program will have a positive impact on the success of students at Rome High School. Eighty students are taking classes at the high school in the program. A total of 502 students are participating in the Summer Opportunities Program to better their chances of being promoted to the next grade level.

FY-11 Student Insurance: On a Collins/Huffman motion, the Board members present unanimously approved Dr. Cooper's FY-2011 Student Insurance recommendation as presented by Mr. Byars. The carrier of the plan will be Commercial Travelers Mutual Insurance through a local agency, Jowers-Sklar Insurance.

SPLOST III Update: Dr. Cooper gave an update on the SPLOST III revenues. For the tax period of April 2010, collections of \$396,195.18 were \$106,534.32 below the projections for the month (\$502,729.50). The total collections to date equal \$5,102,997.53.

Other announcements:

- The first reading of the FY 2011 proposed budget will be presented after a short recess.
- The budget presentation to the Rome City Commission Finance Committee will be on Wednesday, June 16, 2010, at 10:30 a.m. in the Sam King Room.
- There will be a second reading of the Rome City Schools' budget on Tuesday, June 29, 2010, at 7:30 a.m. in the Boardroom.

Other Board Business: Members of the Board will attend 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 will serve as alternate for the Rome City Schools. Dr. Cooper and Mrs. Sims will also be in attendance.

First Reading of Proposed FY-11 Budget: On a Jones/Huffman motion, the Board members present unanimously approved, on first reading, the FY 2011 proposed budget as presented by Dr. Cooper.