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Report of Rome Board of Education — Action Compiled by Mr. Trevor Metzger, Special Education Specialist

Ms. Huffman called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. Mrs. Collins gave the opening prayer, and Ms. Huffman led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

At Ms. Huffman's request, Mr. Metzger called the roll and determined that the Board had a quorum.

On a Collins/Sims motion, the Board unanimously approved the minutes for the June 9, 2015 regular board meeting, June 25, 2015 called board meeting, financial, and other reports.

Public Recognition

National Copier Exchange

Ms. Huffman recognized and thanked Mr. Russ Wheeler and Mr. Tod Wheeler of National Copier Exchange for donating three copiers to Anna K. Davie Elementary. Mr. Russ Wheeler stated that the thirty-year business relationship between Rome City Schools and National Copier Exchange is the longest continuous business relationship between a copier dealer and school district in the entire country.

Superintendent's Report

Personnel

On a Collins/Beeman motion, the Board unanimously approved Dr. Buck's personnel recommendations:

Certified Employment 2015-2016:	Taylor E. Butler/AKD	Kenneth J. Humphries/RHS
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Laurel C. Castleberry/MN Marilyn M. McCluskey/AKD Holly S. Curry/RHS Laura P. Merritt/MN D. Allison Mitchell/EC J. Rebekah Geier/WC Melissa Williams/MN Melissa Green/RHS

Support Employment 2015-2016: Olivia F. Cano/RMS

Olivia F. Cano/RMS
Tina J. Cantrell/NH
Pauline F. Cothran/NH
Joshua Dean, Sr./WC
Carol L. Glass/WC
Beverly B. Hanners/ES

Ashleigh D. Hill/NH
Virginia K. Mercier/RHS
Marisol Mosqueda/WC
Melissa K. Sloan/RHS
Carmen E. Smith/EC

Student Insurance FY 16

On a Jones/Beeman motion, the Board unanimously approved Dr. Buck's FY 16 student insurance recommendation as presented by Mr. Steve Atha. The carrier of the plan will be Commercial Travelers Mutual Insurance through the Gene Weber Agency.

SPLOST IV

Mr. Atha gave an update on the SPLOST IV revenues. He stated that the June 30, 2015 collections for the tax period of May 2015 were \$443,649 which was \$9,649 above the projections for the month (\$434,000).

Under Other Items, Dr. Buck announced:

- 1. The Administrative Institute will be Wednesday and Thursday, July 15-16, 2015.
- 2. New Teacher Orientation will be Wednesday through Friday, July 22-24, 2015.
- 3. Preplanning for all personnel will begin Monday, July 27, 2015.
- 4. Anna K. Davie Elementary School Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Community Open House will be at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 29, 2015.
- 5. The first day of school is Friday, July 31, 2015.

Unfinished Business

Rome Board of Education Proposed Goals for 2015-2016

Dr. Buck presented the following proposed Board Goals for 2015-2016:

- 1. Increase the high school graduation rate of all subgroups
- 2. Improve student achievement in Grades K-12
- 3. Continue implementation of the 2020 Vision Strategic Plan
- 4. Successfully meet the AdvanceED Accreditation Standards for Quality School Systems
- 5. Successfully develop the IE² contract
- 6. Successfully open Anna K. Davie Elementary School
- 7. Successfully implement the Ninth Grade Academy at Rome High School
- 8. Successfully implement management of Barron Stadium and Legion Field
- 9. Successfully implement Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) in all schools
- 10. Expand the use of technology to increase student engagement and achievement

On a Collins/Dixon motion, the 2015-2016 proposed goals were unanimously approved by the Board on second reading.

New Business

Georgia School Boards Association Summer Conference/Delegate Assembly Report

Mrs. Collins, Ms. Sims, Mrs. Beeman, and Dr. Jones reported on the Georgia School Boards Association (GSBA) Summer Conference they attended in June. Mrs. Collins indicated that one of the motivational speakers inspired the board members. Mrs. Beeman stated that Ms. Jeannie M. (Sis) Henry and current State School Superintendent, Mr. Richard Woods, gave very powerful

speeches. Dr. Jones shared information he received about the work that is being completed to re-write the Quality Basic Education (QBE) funding formula. Ms. Sims articulated information that GSBA evaluated and presented to the delegates.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.