

Board O'Gram

April 12, 2022

Report of Rome Board of Education — Action Compiled by Ms. Kristina Wilder

Members Present: Mrs. Jill Fisher, Chairperson
Mr. Will Byington, Vice Chairperson
Ms. Toni Blanchard
Mrs. Pascha Burge
Mrs. Faith Collins
Dr. Melissa Davis
Mr. Alvin Jackson Sr.

Members Absent: None

Mrs. Jill Fisher called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. Mr. Alvin Jackson Sr. gave the opening prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

At Mrs. Fisher's request, Ms. Kristina Wilder called the roll and determined that the Board had a quorum.

Minutes and Financial Reports

On a Davis/Jackson motion, the Board members unanimously approved the minutes for the March 8, 2022 regular board meeting, the March 22, 2022 called meeting, the March 25, 2022 called meeting, the March 29, 2022 called meeting, and financial and other reports.

Public Recognition

Daughters of the American Revolution Essay Contest

Ms. Toni Blanchard presented the Daughters of the American Revolution Essay Contest awards.

The Daughters of the American Revolution, Xavier Chapter, sponsored a local American History Essay Contest for all students in grades 5 - 8. The theme of the 2021-2022 contest was: The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Two students from West End won the 5th grade and 6th grade division. Students were also honored and presented a certificate, medal, and cash prize on April 9 at The Spires at Berry College. Guest speakers were Earl Tillman and DAR State Regent, OB McCorkle.

Fifth grade DAR Chapter Winner: Miranda Ro-Ahn Lin / Daughter of Luke Lin and Jamie Lin

Sixth grade DAR Chapter Winner: Hannah Gilbert / Daughter of Clay Gilbert and Kristen Gilbert

Governor's Honors Program Finalists

Mrs. Pascha Burge presented the Governor's Honors Program Finalists awards.

The Governor's Honors Program is a four-week summer residential program for gifted and talented rising juniors and seniors. This program will be on the campus of Berry College. Over 3,200 students across the state were nominated and went through several stages of competition to be considered a finalist. As finalists, students attend classes in the mornings and afternoons in specific areas of study, and they participate in a wide variety of social and instructional opportunities every evening.

11th grade: Rome High School/ Shriya Garg/ Daughter of Rahul Garg and Ritu Garg

10th grade: Rome High School/ Miriam Loya/ Daughter of Anne Lewinson and Adamu Loya

11th grade: Rome High School/ Asiel Castillo-Campos/ Son of Juan Castillo and Blanca Castillo

Northwest Georgia Regional Technology Fair Competition FY 2022

Mr. Will Byington announced the Northwest Georgia Regional Technology Fair Competition Awards.

The Northwest Tech Competition sponsored by Northwest RESA, and in association with the Georgia Student Tech Competition, is an annual event in which students in third through 12th grades compete in a variety of technology categories. The main goal is to challenge students to become leaders in a digital age. Students of Rome City Schools had the opportunity to enter a project in one of 15 categories with system winners advancing to the NW regional competition. Students could have competed individually or with a partner. We are proud of all the students who participated and will now recognize the system winners, as well as those who won at the regional level.

Mr. Scott Crabbe asked each principal to announce the winners from their respective schools.

From Anna K. Davie (Mrs. Felisha Jackson)

3rd - 4th grade Internet Applications: Aliyah Lo / Daughter of Jasmine Hughes

From East Central (Mr. Wesley Styles)

3rd- 4th grade Device Modification: Addi Couch / Daughter of Jay Couch and Leah Lynn

3rd - 4th grade Digital Game Design: Hayden Henderson / Son of Ashlea Ellenburg

5th - 6th grade Animation: Theo Kislak / Son of Thomas Kislak and Shannon Kislak

5th - 6th grade Multimedia Apps: Christopher Neal / Son of Paul Neal and Amy Neal

5th - 6th grade Multimedia Apps: Jude Parker / Son of Jonathan Parker and Ameila Parker

5th - 6th grade Productivity Design: Ava Hall / Daughter of Gabe Hall and Erin Hall

5th - 6th grade Productivity Design: Anna Barbieri / Daughter of Chris Barbieri and Jennifer Barbieri

From Elm Street (Mrs. Laura Walley)

3rd - 4th grade Animation: Ruby Velasquez / Daughter of Alfredo Velasquez and Irma Pelico Sontay

3rd - 4th grade Animation: Sofia Jimenez / Daughter of Luis Jimenez and Veronica Guzman Jimenez

3rd - 4th grade Audio Production: Celeste Adair / Daughter of Charles Adair and Jennifer Adair

3rd - 4th grade Audio Production: Ky'Laysia Garrett / Daughter of Kashonda Garrett

3rd - 4th grade Mobile Apps: - Damarian Turner / Son of Melinda Wimbley

3rd - 4th grade Mobile Apps: Kash Haynes / Son of Tevis Scott and Amber Haynes

3rd - 4th grade Robotics: Javier Nunez / Son of Jose Nunez and Maria Hernandez

3rd - 4th grade Robotics: Geovanni Tzarax Barrios / Son of Luis Tzarax Ixcoy and Laura Barrios Camargo

3rd - 4th grade Video Production: Malise Mitchell / Daughter of Eric Mitchell and Alissa Harper Mitchell

3rd - 4th grade Video Production: Noel Pablo Mendoza / Daughter of Dionocio Pablo Calmo and Juana Mendoza

5th - 6th grade Digital Game Design: Ethan Hight / Son of Latace Williams and Patrina Stocks

5th - 6th grade Digital Game Design: Nigel Haynes / Son of Amber Haynes

5th – 6th grade Graphic Design: Terelyn Bowers / Daughter of Terence Bowers and Azante Terrell

5th – 6th grade Graphic Design: Aubrey McDearmont / Daughter of Courtney McDearmont and Ralphette Terrell

5th - 6th grade Mobile Apps: Zailyn Dolorez / Daughter of Adrean Dolorez and Zainayin Morillon

From West Central (Mrs. Jennifer Uldrick)

3rd - 4th grade 3D Modeling: Nayeli Quixan Real / Son of Juan Quixan Jimon and Elvira Real Ruiz

3rd - 4th grade 3D Modeling: Isabella Pacheco / Daughter of Jose Pacheco and Giovanna Ramirez Nava

3rd - 4th grade Digital Photo Production: Cesia Gonzalez / Daughter of Jaime Gonzalez Mendez and Cesia Gonzalez Gomez

3rd - 4th grade Productivity Design: Sa'Niah Hanson / Daughter of Liah Hanson

3rd - 4th grade Productivity Design: Abbigayle Sprayberry / Daughter of Heather Sprayberry

5th - 6th grade Robotics: Rigoberto Lucas Gomez / Son of Rigoberto Lucas Castro and Ilsea Gomez Hernandez

5th - 6th grade Robotics: Caden Burton / Son of Jessica Korting

From West End (Dr. Dennis Drummond)

3rd - 4th grade Multimedia Apps: Stephanie Washington / Daughter of Marcus Washington and Sylvia Washington

5th - 6th grade 3D Modeling: Amon Vasandani / Son of Chris Vasandani and Parveen Vasandani

5th - 6th grade 3D Modeling: JR Curtis / Son of Cierra Turner

5th - 6th grade Digital Photo Production: Eleanor Cornejo / Daughter of Freddy Cornejo and Stephanie Wilson

5th - 6th grade Internet Applications: Kate Boutwell / Daughter of Jody Boutwell and Kyla Boutwell

5th - 6th grade Internet Applications: Avi Edwards / Daughter of Andy Edwards and Katie Edwards

From Rome Middle School (Mr. Parke Wilkinson)

7th - 8th grade Video Production: Natalia Jones / Daughter of Gary Jones and Desiree Jones

From Rome High School (Dr. Eric Holland)

11th - 12th grade Project Programming: Asiel Castillo / Son of Juan Castillo and Blanca Campos Castillo

Mr. Crabbe announced that some of the students won at the Northwest Georgia Regional level and advanced to the state competition. These students received an additional certificate of recognition for first place in the regional competition.

Anna K. Davie:

Aliyah Lo

East Central:

Addi Couch

Christopher Neal

Jude Parker

Elm Street:

Damarian Turner

Kash Haynes

West Central:

Nayeli Quixan Real

Isabella Pacheco

Rome Middle School:

Natalia Jones

State 3rd place winner:

Natalia Jones

System Spelling Bee

Mrs. Faith Collins presented the Spelling Bee awards.

The Rome City Schools Spelling Bee is an annual event that is open to elementary and middle school students. Our spelling bee is associated with the Scripps National Spelling Bee and the Georgia Association of Educators State Spelling Bee. Our system bee was sponsored by National Copiers, Coosa Valley Credit Union, and Communities In Schools of Rome-Floyd County. Each of our eligible schools held school level competitions, with the winner and runner-up advancing to the RCS system bee. On January 25 of this year, these top spellers competed for the system championship, with our system winner advancing to the Georgia Region 1 competition.

Mr. Tod Wheeler of National Copiers presented the winner and runner-up with certificates and checks.

WINNER: 8th grade / Rome Middle School - Liam Samples / Son of Brian Samples and Lindsay Samples

RUNNER-UP: 6th grade / East Central - Christopher Neal / Son of Paul Neal and Amy Neal

Young Georgia Authors Writing Competition

Dr. Melissa Davis presented the Young Georgia Authors Writing Competition awards.

Young Georgia Authors Writing Competition is a prestigious competition that has engaged Georgia's students for more than two decades and is open to any student currently enrolled in Georgia public schools.

The purpose of the Young Georgia Authors writing competition is to encourage students to develop enthusiasm for and expertise in their writing, to provide a context to celebrate their writing successes, and to recognize student achievement in arts and academics.

Kindergarten: Elm Street - Evelyn Ontiveros / Daughter of Adrian Blanco and Dulce Blanco

1st grade: Elm Street - Maria Chavez / Daughter of Jose Chavez and Liliana Escutia

2nd grade: Elm Street - Brinley Harrison / Daughter of Penny Atkinson

3rd grade: East Central - Anna Bea Kirby / Daughter of Eric Kirby and Hannah Kirby

4th grade: Virtual Learning Academy - Oliver Camacho / Son of Ricardo Camacho and Hannah Camacho

5th grade: East Central - Susan Smith / Daughter of Jimmy Smith and Hollye Smith

6th grade: East Central - Brighton Turner / Daughter of Lane Turner and Christi Turner

7th grade: Rome Middle School - Asa Cook / Son of Russell Cook and Cameron Cook

8th grade: Virtual Learning Academy - Aria Dublin / Daughter of Liya Dublin and Octavia Wade

9th grade: Rome High School - Diego Reyes / Son of Gaspar Reyes and Ana Rivera

10th grade: Rome High School - Ansley Filetti / Daughter of Jacob Filetti and Tara Filetti

11th grade: Rome High School - Isabella Campbell / Daughter of William Campbell and Eliana Campbell

12th grade: Rome High School - John French / Son of Brian French and Rachel Roberts

We had some of these participants win at the Northwest Georgia RESA Regional level and therefore, advanced to the state competition. As a note of information, state winners will be chosen in May.

East Central:

1st place winner, 5th grade - Susan Harper Smith

1st place winner, 6th grade - Brighton Turner

Elm Street:

1st place winner, 2nd grade - Brinley Harrison

Honorable Mention, Kindergarten - Evelyn Ontiveros

Superintendent's Report

Attendance

The attendance winner for the seventh month of school is West Central Elementary School at 96.08%.

At the secondary level, Rome Middle School had 93.48%.

The staff attendance winner is West End Elementary School at 95.79%.

Personnel

On a Jackson/Burge motion, the Board unanimously approved Mr. Byars' personnel recommendations for reemployment for the 2022-2023 school year.

On a Blanchard/Burge motion, the Board unanimously approved Mr. Byars' personnel recommendations for new hires for the 2021-2022 school year and the 2022-2023 school year.

Please see the attachment for a list of the approved personnel changes.

Focus on Student Achievement – Anna K. Davie Elementary

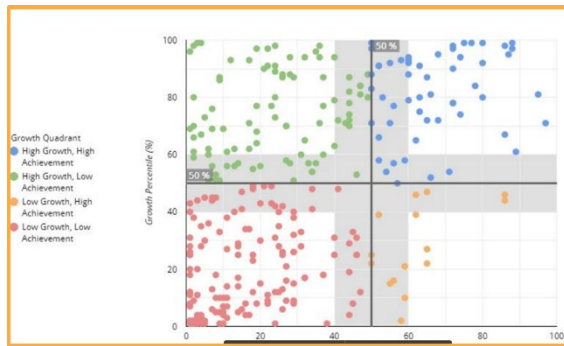
Mrs. Felisha Jackson discussed student achievement at Anna K. Davie Elementary School.

Journeying From GOOD TO GREAT!

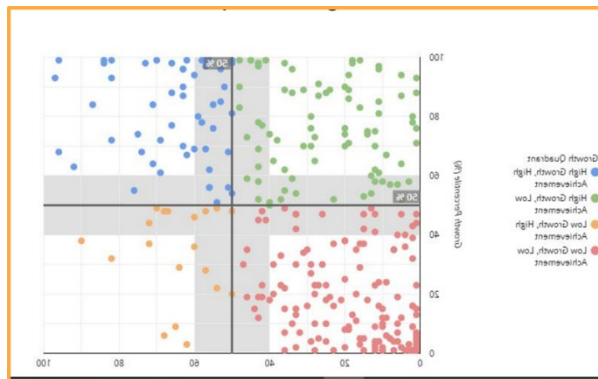
Anna K. Davie Elementary is home to over 450 students in grades Kindergarten through sixth. The school is located in South Rome and receives students from both the South Rome and East Rome communities. The new Anna K. Davie Elementary campus opened in July of 2015. The school has state-of-the-art technology and students have one-to-one devices in grades K-6.

Anna K. Davie is a Title I school and is one of six elementary schools in the Rome City School system; Anna K. Davie serves an economically disadvantaged population. Anna K. Davie's demographics are as follows: 69% of the students are African-American, 15% are Hispanic, 12% are White, 4% are Multi-Racial, 16% are SWD and 13% are ESOL. One hundred percent of students district wide receive free breakfast and lunch as part of a Community Eligibility Provision.

MAP Math Growth Data - Trending Up

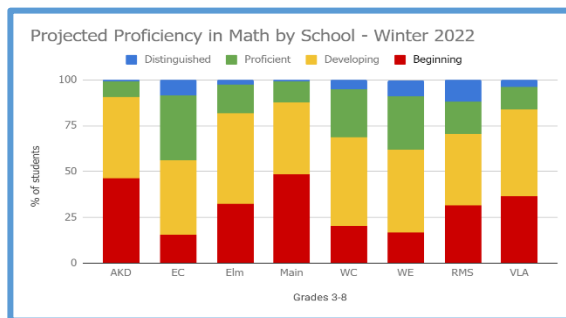
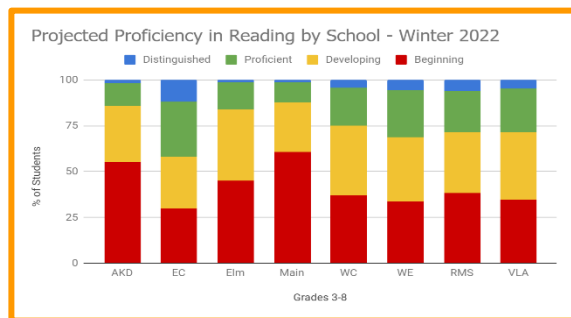


MAP Reading Growth Data - Trending Up



Data on Area(s) of Growth to Focus

- In an effort to improve/grow in math, we began the school year with a plan to roll out and implement Eureka Math. We purchased the necessary materials for teachers and students.
- We collaborated with experts in the field (RESA/GA DOE) who assisted in providing professional development for our teachers. We've added two math interventionists (K-2) and (3-6) to help students receiving T2/T3 services. Current data indicates that we're trending up.




School Improvement Plan Highlights

We systematically held Collaborative Planning sessions for our K-6 teachers to deepen their understanding of curriculum and instruction practices. Specialists,

Interventionists, ESOL teachers, SpEd teachers, and Paras also participated, as needed. * See our detailed Collaborative PL Schedule



Architects of Deeper Learning

 AKD Collaborative Planning 2021-2022 Dr. World: Instructional Specialist	
Dates	Topics/Areas of Focus
8-2-21	Preplanning: Teacher Clarity w/ GADOE
8-31-21	Grading policy, Pre/Post tests, Writing policy, and Teacher Clarity
9-14-21	High expectations Self-assessment checklist, Workshop model *Hook and/or Activating Strategies
9-21-21	The Workshop Model: The closing
9-28-21	The Workshop Model: Work period
10-5-21	Non-negotiables, Success Criteria, Guided Practice, Direct Instruction, Rigor
10-19-21	Math Lesson Planning
11-2-21	Peer Observations
11-9-21	Reading Lesson Planning
11-30-21	Success Criteria-3 focus questions
12-7-21	Peer Observations
1-25-22	MTSS protocols, procedures, and support

2-1-22	RESA ELA w/ Dr. Montgomery
2-2-22	RESA Math w/ Ms. Segars
2-8-22 (no meetings)	Focus Walks w/ GADOE
2-15-22	Teacher In-Service/Parent Conferences (TBD)
2-22-22	Morning- Guided Reading Observations w/ RESA Dr. Montgomery Writing by Design (K-2) Write Score (3-6)
3-1-22	Peer Observations or Mentor/Mentee Meetings
3-8-22	RESA Math w/ Ms. Segars
3-15-22	RESA ELA w/ Dr. Montgomery
4-19-22	RESA Math w/ Ms. Segars

School Improvement Plan Highlights

Our primary focus this year is on Tier 1 Instruction and improving Teacher Clarity. We improved our T1 instruction by:

- Beginning with the foundational components: Teacher Clarity, Lesson Planning, and Instructional Framework-everything builds off these essential components
- Implemented Collaboration among colleagues-communication, sharing ideas, etc. is key
- Implemented Peer Observations-provides opportunities to see other teachers' rituals, routines, teaching styles, strategies, classroom culture, etc.
- Implemented Reflection sheets-promotes self-efficacy and lifelong learning, while critically reflecting on one's own experiences.
- Implemented Model Classroom Success Criteria-teachers who consistently implement Teacher Clarity, best practices, suggestions for PLs/feedback, etc. earn the title of Model Classroom. This promotes teacher clarity and best teaching practices.

Highly Functioning TEAM & PBIS

These teams work together in an effort to promote a positive school climate and culture for our faculty, staff, students and community. We celebrate, appreciate, and motivate our AKD Family.

The PaCK TEAM

Charnita McIntosh - Coach
Rachel White - Coach
Chelsee Robinson - Kindergarten
January Gable - First Grade
Rachel Carter - Second Grade
Chase Bowles - Third Grade
Amanda Lee - Third Grade
Dana Thomas - Fourth grade, Data MGR
Charnita McIntosh - Fifth grade
Demetria Smith - Sixth grade
Kathy Teat - SPED
Angela Byrne - ESOL
Dr. Tiffany World - HTEAM
Christopher Wells - School Counselor
Charles Smith - Behavior Specialist
Lorraine Reeves - AP/PBIS Admin
Felisha Jackson – Principal

PBIS...At AKD, it stands for:

People
Believing
In
Students

As a leader, I seek to build a culture that engages frequently and genuinely with the brand to build relationships. I believe the journey is the REWARD!

We Teach, Love, & Inspire Greatness One Step at a Time

ESPLOST V

The ESPLOST V receipts for the tax period of February 2022 indicate the amount collected was \$634,128. The anticipated ESPLOST amount was \$505,300. This is a positive variance of \$128,828.

Other Items

- The Spring Board Retreat is Friday and Saturday, April 22-23, 2022, at the Rome Board of Education Administrative Offices in the former Boardroom.

New Business

Approve Strategic Waivers School System ("SWSS") Contract Amendment Number 3

Dr. Dawn Williams discussed the SWSS.

WHEREAS, the State Board and the Local Board entered into the Contract for the operation of a Strategic Waivers School System beginning on or about July 1, 2016 to maximize academic and financial accountability;

WHEREAS, the Contract was previously amended on or about July 23, 2020;

WHEREAS, the Local Board approved by a majority vote to amend the Contract to add two years to the contract term.

NOW THEREFORE, the State Board and the Local Board mutually agree to amend the Contract as follows:

1. The Contract is hereby amended to insert the following as new Section 20, to read as follows:

• “This Contract shall become effective on July 1, 2016 and, with the February 2022 amendment due to the unforeseen circumstances as determined by the State Board of Education, which resulted in only two years of accountability data during the five year performance term, will end on June 30, 2025.”

Except as amended herein, the Contract and all previous amendments are unaffected and shall continue in full force and effect in accordance with its terms. If there is a conflict between this amendment and the Contract or any earlier amendment, the terms of this amendment will prevail.

On a Collins/Davis motion, the Board unanimously approved the Strategic Waivers School System Contract Amendment Number 3.

Adopt Resolution for Revision of the Five-Year Facilities Plan

Mr. Tim Williams discussed the revision of the five-year facilities plan.

Grade Organizational Pattern

- Current Grade Organization: (K-6) (7-8) (9-12)
6 Elementary Schools / Middle School / High School
- Current Plan Grade Organization: (K-5) (6-8) (9-12)
6 Elementary Schools / 6th Grade academy / Middle School / High School
- Revised Plan Organization: (K-5) (6-8) (9-12)
6 Elementary Schools / **New Middle School** / High School

Proposed Rome Middle



Facility Need

Priority	Application Funding FY	Facility Name	Support			Additions		New		Renovations			Eligible Need	Local
			Code	Type	\$	Units	\$	Units	\$	Units	\$	Modifications		
1	TBD	New Rome Middle	7201		\$0	0	\$0	99	\$20,183,685	0	\$0	\$0	\$20,183,685	\$34,816,315
2	TBD	Rome Middle Facility	0293		\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2	TBD	Anna K. Davie Facility	0114		\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4	TBD	West Central Elementary Facility	0173		\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5	TBD	West End Elementary Facility	2054		\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
6	TBD	East Central Elementary Facility	0275		\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
7	TBD	Elm Street Elementary	0105		\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
8	TBD	Main Elementary Facility	0376		\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
9	TBD	Rome High Facility	0193		\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$115,440
10	TBD	Rome 6th Grade Academy (North Height Facility)	4052		\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Priority	Total of all projects				\$0	0	\$0	99	\$20,183,685	0	\$0	\$0	\$20,183,685	\$34,931,755

* Use the following code to identify support items:			Total improvement costs eligible for earning entitlement	\$20,183,685
C = Kitchen			Total improvement costs ineligible for earning entitlement	\$34,931,755
D = Cafeteria			Total other local costs that are not part of the State Capital Outlay program	\$0
G = Administration				
M = RR/Circulation				

FACILITIES SURVEY TEAM FOR THE ROME CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

Date of Survey Team Visit: April 11, 2022

CURRICULUM, GRADE DISTRIBUTION AND FACILITY NEEDS

From the presentation on the changes to the Local Facilities Plan presented by Rome City Schools, the Survey Team confirms the following factors and changes to the current Local Facilities Plan:

1. Current and Proposed grade organizational pattern
2. The projected student FTE distribution
3. The Available and to be Constructed Instructional Spaces
4. The Economic Impact to implement and operate proposed grade organizational pattern
5. The Geographical location of schools

The Survey Team on April 11, 2022 has Reviewed and Validated the Rome City Schools Facilities Plan to reflect the new grade organization as presented to the survey team.

By majority vote

The survey Team recommends acceptance of the proposed curriculum and space needs, grade distribution, and facility needs as presented in the local plan for all instructional facilities as presented in the official facilities plan. The survey team certifies The Local Facilities Plan after reviewing the needs and priorities as presented on the Total Needs Tab.

Signatures

 Survey Team Member (Rusty Lount – Dalton City)

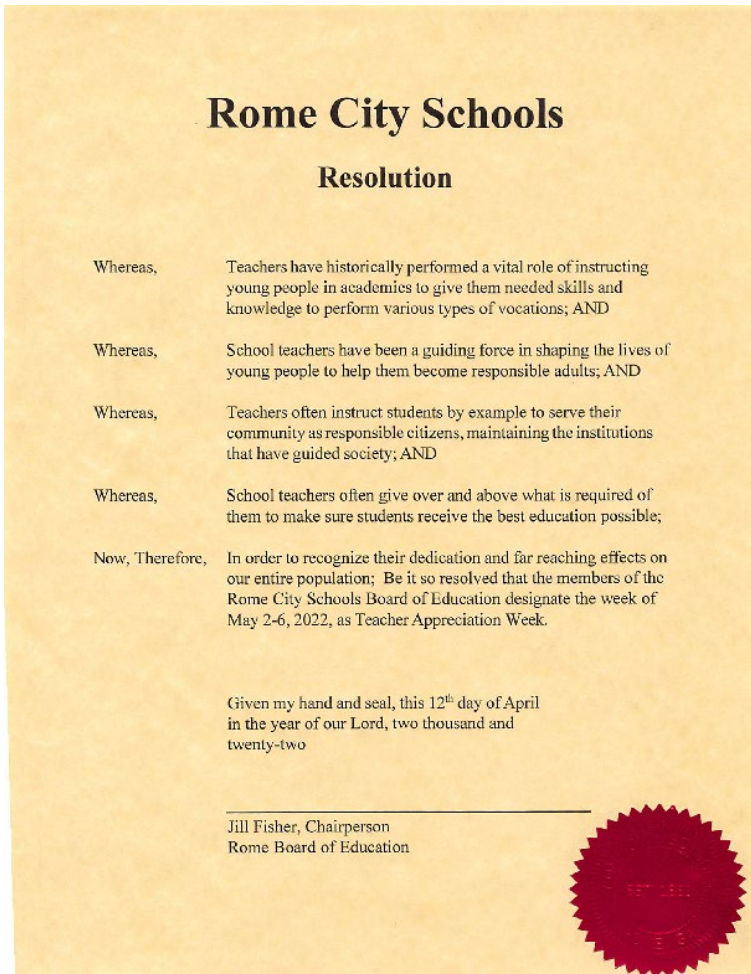
 Survey Team Member (Jacob Wix – Paulding County)

 Survey Team Member (Jason Hogan – Rabun County)

 Survey Team Member (Chris Crowe – Murray County)

On a Jackson/Blanchard motion, the Board unanimously approved the revised five-year facilities plan.

Adopt Teacher Appreciation Week Resolution



The Rome City Schools Board of Education designates the week of May 2-6, 2022, as Teacher Appreciation Week.

On a Davis/Burge motion, the Board unanimously approved the resolution.

Appoint A. D. Black Scholarship Committee

Mrs. Burge and Mr. Jackson volunteered to serve on the A.D. Black Scholarship Committee.

Other Items

Mrs. Fisher discussed the since Mr. Byars is retiring at the end of May and that the search for a new superintendent is expected to take longer than that, the Board wishes to appoint an interim superintendent. On a Davis/Jackson motion, the Board unanimously approved appointing Dr. Dawn Williams as interim superintendent.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.