



# Board O' Gram

March 14, 2023

Report of Rome Board of Education – Action Compiled by Mrs. Kristin Mikeal Teems, Director of Accountability and Assessment

Members Present: Mrs. Faith Collins, Chairperson  
Mr. Will Byington, Vice-Chairperson  
Mrs. Toni Blanchard  
Mrs. Pascha Burge (attended virtually)  
Dr. Melissa Davis  
Mrs. Jill Fisher  
Mr. Alvin L. Jackson, Sr.

Members Absent: None

Mrs. Collins called the meeting to order at 5:45. Mrs. Blanchard gave the opening prayer and East Central led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

At Mrs. Collins' request, Mrs. Kristin Teems called the roll and determined that the Board had a quorum.

Mrs. Collins explained that the Board had the opportunity to review the Rome City Schools Board Code of Ethics Agreement, that each Board member has signed them, and that the Superintendent has possession of the agreements.

## Minutes and Financial Reports:

On a Blanchard/Fisher motion, the Board members unanimously approved the minutes for the February 14, 2023 regular Board meeting, the March 3, 2023 called meeting, and financial and other reports.

## Public Recognition:

- a. Mrs. Sabrina Teems presented the Rome City Schools Employees of the Month:  
Anna K. Davie Elementary - Chase Bowles  
East Central Elementary - Nikole Millsap  
Elm Street Elementary - Alex Myers  
Main Elementary - Angela Hazelray  
West Central Elementary - Andrew Wilfong  
West End Elementary - Allison Brown  
Rome Middle School - Pam Williams  
Rome High School - Caleb Dallimore

PLC/RTA/VLA - Dudley Freeman

- b. Mrs. Sabrina Teems presented the Rome City Schools Students of the Month:  
Anna K. Davie Elementary - Deslei Johnson  
East Central Elementary - Guadalupe Domingo-Gaspar  
Elm Street Elementary - Kelya Perez Hernandez  
Main Elementary - Isaiah Anderson  
West Central Elementary - Lukas Richards  
West End Elementary - Tailor Porter  
Rome Middle School - Darius Jackson, Jr.  
Rome High School - JaMari Lackey  
PLC/RTA/VLA - Terriana Shields
- c. Dr. Holland recognized our School Board Members in celebration of School Board Appreciation Month. On behalf of the Board, Mrs. Collins thanked both Dr. Holland and the Rome City Schools System.

**Public Comments:**

- a. Mrs. Collins called Ms. Sherrie Montgomery, East Central parent, to the podium to speak. Mrs. Collins explained that Ms. Montgomery would have three minutes to speak and that Mr. Chris Twyman would serve as the time keeper. Ms. Montgomery spoke for a period of 3 minutes. Mrs. Collins assured Ms. Montgomery that the Board takes all comments seriously and that someone will follow up with her in the next

**Superintendent's Report and Recommendations:**

- a. Attendance Report:  
Our elementary attendance winner for the sixth month is West Central Elementary School, at 95.71%.  
Our secondary attendance winner for the sixth month is Rome Middle School, at 92.88%.  
Our staff attendance winner for the sixth month is West End Elementary School, at 95.39%.
- b. Personnel:  
On a Jackson/Fisher motion, the Board unanimously approved Dr. Holland's personnel recommendations for employment for both the 2022-2023 school year and the 2023-2024 school year.

Please see attached for a list of the approved personnel recommendations.

- c. ESPLOST V:

Director of Finance, Mr. Greg Studdard, presented the ESPLOST V receipts for the tax period of February 2023, which indicate the actual amount collected was \$637,361. The anticipated ESPLOST amount was \$505,300. We had a positive variance of \$132,061.

d. Spotlight on East Central Elementary School, presented by Principal, Dr. Wesley Styles:

Dr. Styles recognized his faculty and staff. East Central students presented their house system - 4 houses - with flags, chants, and the meaning of each. The students demonstrated a collaboration of music and physical education with cardio-drumming. Dr. Styles shared information about East Central - Who Are We, Parent Engagement, Beyond the Classroom, Inside the Classroom, & TBRI/PBIS/SEL.

e. Black History Month

Mr. Scott Crabbe and Mrs. Jennifer Perkins reported on Rome City Schools' celebration of Black History Month by presenting Rome City Schools Presents Black History Month video.

f. Other items:

Dr. Holland shared the following: Celebration of School Board Appreciation Week March 13-17, Bridge Day for Rome Middle School students, Spring Break April 3-7, next regular Board meeting April 11, Board Retreat April 21 & 22, Special Shout-Out to Grand Finale for their accomplishments this year.

**Communications:**

None

**Unfinished Business:**

- a. Mr. Crabbe presented the 2023-2024 School Calendar on second reading. Dr. Holland recommended to the Board the 2023-2024 School Calendar on second reading. On a Jackson/Blanchard motion, the Board members unanimously approved the 2023-2024 School Calendar on second reading.

**New Business:**

- a. Mr. Scott Crabbe presented Rome City Schools Board Norms, Protocols, and Procedures divided into 5 categories - Chief Executive Officer, Governance and Responsibility, Communication Among Board Members and the Superintendent, Chain of Command, and Communication with the Media. Dr. Holland recommended to the Board the Rome City Schools Board Norms, Protocols, and Procedures. On a Fisher/Blanchard motion, the Board members approved by 6 to 1 the Rome City Schools Board Norms, Protocols, and Procedures.

- b. Mr. Crabbe presented the revision to the Rome Board of Education FY23-27 5-Year Strategic Plan which is based upon the four cornerstones of Student Achievement, Staff Development, Safety and Operations, and Stakeholder Engagement. The plan contains goals, measurable objectives, and action steps. Dr. Holland recommended to the Board the revision to the Rome Board of Education FY23-27 5-Year Strategic Plan. On a Fisher/Byington motion, the Board members unanimously approved the revision to the Rome Board of Education FY23-27 5-Year Strategic Plan.
- c. Mr. Tim Williams presented the competitive sealed bids from J & R Construction and SmithBuilt Construction for the East Central Elementary School addition. A committee of six members received the bids and rated them. J & R Construction received a rating score of 97.83, and SmithBuilt Construction received a rating score of 91.29. J & R Construction's base bid was \$4,920,375 with six alternates, and SmithBuilt Construction's base bid was \$4,950,000 with six alternates. Dr. Holland recommended to the Board J & R Construction as the contractor for the East Central Elementary School addition. On a Davis/Blanchard motion, the Board members unanimously approved J & R Construction as the contractor for the East Central Elementary School addition. Mr. Williams also gave the Board an update concerning West End Elementary School's building project.
- d. Mr. Studdard presented Rome City Schools' Budget Calendar 2022-2023. This calendar details on a month-by-month basis where Rome City Schools is in the budget process. Dr. Holland recommended to the Board Rome City Schools' Budget Calendar 2022-2023. On a Blanchard/Jackson motion, the Board members unanimously approved Rome City Schools' Budget Calendar 2022-2023.
- e. Mrs. Collins announced that Mrs. Fisher will serve as the delegate and Ms. Blanchard will serve as the alternate delegate for the 2023 GSBA Delegate Assembly in Savannah, Georgia on June 9.

There being no further business, Mrs. Collins adjourned the meeting at 6:39 p.m.