



# Board O' Gram

July 18, 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 (left the meeting @5:52)  
Dr. Melissa Davis  
Mrs. Jill Fisher  
Mr. Alvin L. Jackson, Sr.

Members Absent: None

Mrs. Collins called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. Mrs. Blanchard led the prayer followed by 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.

## Minutes and Financial Reports:

On a Jackson/Blanchard motion, the Board members unanimously approved the minutes for the June 13, 2023 regular Board meeting, financial report, and other reports.

## Public Recognition:

None

## Public Comments:

None

## Superintendent's Report and Recommendations:

### a. Attendance Report:

None

### b. Personnel:

On a Davis/Fisher motion, the Board unanimously approved Dr. Holland's personnel recommendations for employment for both 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 June 2023, which indicate the actual amount collected was \$710,674. The anticipated ESPLOST amount was \$505,300. We had a positive variance of \$205,374.

d. Spotlight on Rome Middle School, presented by Principal, Mr. Christian Barnes:

Mr. Barnes began his presentation with a Step Team performance in which both students and teachers participated and Grand Illusion singing. Mr. Barnes then shared his powerpoint presentation, Be RMS - Respectful, Motivated, and Safe. Throughout the presentation, Mr. Barnes spoke about celebrations of success, family engagement, diversity, and programs involving academics, athletics, and the arts. The spotlight presentation ended with a video of various students and teachers explaining why they each loved RMS.

e. Other items:

Dr. Holland shared the following: Exemplary Leaders' Retreat on July 13th & 14th at Rome High School, Exemplary Teachers' Retreat on July 19th-21st at Rome High School @9:00 a.m., First Day Back to School Event on July 24th @ 9:00 a.m. at the Rome City Auditorium, PrePlanning starts on July 24th, Rome High School's Meet Your Teacher on July 26th, and other Meet Your Teacher Events on July 27th with times posted online and on social media, and First day of School is July 28th.

**Communications:**

Dr. Holland presented the Rome City Schools' Keeping Schools Safe Multi-Tiered Safety Pyramid Plan.

**Unfinished Business:**

None

**New Business:**

- a. Mr. Scott Crabbe presented the July to December fundraiser requests from each of the schools - Anna K. Davie Elementary School, East Central Elementary School, Elm Street Elementary School, Main Elementary School, West Central Elementary School, West End Elementary School, Rome Middle School, and Rome High School. On a Jackson/Davis motion, the Board members unanimously approved the July to December fundraiser requests.

There being no further business, Mrs. Collins adjourned the meeting at 5:54 p.m.