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## School board gets \$18K to fund needs

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At the Monday meeting of the Anson County Board of Education, Wadesboro Rotary Club representatives Don Altieri and George Truman presented Superintendent Greg Firm with two checks totaling more than \$18,000.

Funds from the donation will help buy 20 laptops for the Progress Energy Cyber Center, located at the Rotary Science Center and Planetarium. Progress Energy provided \$12,000 toward the project. The difference was made up by Rotary and other local donations.

Altieri said another \$1,500 will go to the creation of a mobile science lab. The lab is being designed and constructed using an enclosed aluminum trailer, purchased specially for this project.

Altieri said in a written statement that Planetarium Director Holly Walters will be able to use the mobile lab to transport equipment and materials to schools throughout the county where she works with teachers and students on learning programs.

Total value of the mobile science lab is more than \$3,000, Altieri said.

Anson County is one of the first districts in North Carolina to adopt the new online technology SchoolSpring, which centralizes human resources management, according to an e-mail from SchoolSpring representative Jennifer Hill.

A web-based educational recruiting and applicant tracking service, SchoolSpring will cut down on time needed for the school hiring process.

Firm said he used SchoolSpring during his tenure as a superintendent in Connecticut. He said in a written statement that "SchoolSpring will afford us the opportunity to leverage technology in our effort to more effectively and efficiently use valuable public resources to create and sustain a 'best of class' work force."

Costs normally devoted to recruitment, including travel, lodging, admission costs (job fairs), will be eliminated, Firm said.

Since 2001, SchoolSpring has offered a online solutions for job seekers and recruiters in the education market. Founded by educators for educators, the company's mission is to provide an efficient and cost-effective method of connecting educators with jobs.