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Daniel said he did not know of any lawsuits between the authority and the city that he said were reported.

Daniel explained the history of the dispute during the meeting. He said the city wanted to expand their water system in the late 80's and the water authority joined to help build the system, which grew beyond the city limits of Hiwassee and out into the county.

Now the city is looking to expand their system again, and the water authority may have to pay more for their water to help fund the growth.

The dispute about how much the city should be charging the authority has been going on for months. The city wants to charge \$1.18 per thousand gallons. The authority wants to pay \$1.05 per thousand gallons. The thirteen cents difference has mushroomed into talk of possible litigation.

Now the authority is publicly requesting a disinterested party to come in and study how much is a fair price. The current contract between the city and authority runs out in 2010. Daniel said the authority is looking into building its own water treatment facility.

savings of \$200-300 for every homeowner in Georgia. This budget also funds education, maintains funding for the GBI crime labs, restores funding to Meals on Wheels, and expands state health services. This bill passed easily with bipartisan support 167-5.

The decisions made at the State Capitol affect all Geor-

gians, especially in the tough times we are all facing. For this reason I want to hear from you. Please contact me at my office in Atlanta at (404) 656-0177 or by email at [stephen.allison@house.ga.gov](mailto:stephen.allison@house.ga.gov). Another way for you to stay connected is by visiting my website at [www.allison08.com](http://www.allison08.com). I look forward to hearing from you soon.

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the podium to give the Lions a plaque and thank them for their generous service.

This year's honor students were Amber Allen, Ian Calhoun, Nicole Conrad, Amber Davis, Chase Ellis, BreeLee Garrett, Joshua Gilliland, Meghan Herr, Bryan LaRoche,

Hannah Mathis, Kayla Osborn, Elizabeth Parsons, Ellie Parton, and Joshua Stroud.

This year's SAT awards went to Thomas Black, Paige Brewster, Ian Calhoun, Wayne Carpenter, Chase Ellis, Meghan Herr, and Elizabeth Parsons.



Principal Perren gives a plaque to this year's star teacher Melissa McConnell. Photos by David Seckinger

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recently rejected an offer from the Clay-Towns joint authority to return property to Towns County.

During last week's meeting, Kendall stayed silent throughout most of the meeting.

The Clay County members of the joint development authority obviously were wanting to end the joint venture and let Towns County have the property along with the debt. The debate came up about lien of record debt versus total debt. For instance, some companies have done work for the development that have yet to be paid. These companies fall in the total debt category.

The problem is that nobody on the joint authority seems to know how much money is owed in all. Numbers ran from about \$10,000 to \$110,000 then potential debts

like lawyer fees were brought to light.

Joint Authority member Steve Hindsman asked how this could end.

Kendall said Towns County would not accept all debts not previously recorded because the county would only accept legally recorded existing debts.

Hindsman suggested mediation during the next meeting. Many people including Kendall seemed to think it was a good idea. Hindsman said both parties should be in separate rooms.

The board agreed to have more solid numbers at the next meeting and to resolve this matter in the fewest meetings necessary.

On Monday, Kendall said the results of Thursday's hearing could render the March 10 meeting at 10 a.m. at the Clay County Courthouse unnecessary.