

Board Briefings

October 13, 2009 • Stevenson Administration Building

an abbreviated school board action report prepared by the Office of Communications

School Board Spotlight

The Board recognized the following:

- Alcorn Middle School for being designated a Promise Place by America's Promise Alliance
- Financial Services for receiving the highest honors in financial reporting and accounting for the 21st consecutive year (*see front page*)
- Winners of the Diane Harlin Awards for Excellence in Bookkeeping for 2008-2009: Bridget Bookert of Olympia Learning Center; Frances Burns of Hand Middle; Sandra Reep of H.B. Rhame Elementary; Demetrius Williams of Hyatt Park Elementary; and Irma Richardson of E.E. Taylor Elementary (*see front page*)

Consent Agenda

The Board approved the following items:

- Minutes from the September 22 board meeting
- Hiring of personnel
- Leaves of absence

Office of the Board

- The Board gave second-reading approval to Board Policy GCF (Staff Hiring: Administrative and Instructional Support) and Board Policy GCQA/GCQB (Staff Reduction in Force) and first-reading approval to Board Policy GCOA (Evaluation of Staff).
- Dr. Carlos Smith, assistant to the superintendent, and Keenan High teacher Juanita Wilson, presented the recommendation from a committee appointed by the Board to review and receive public input regarding a proposal to rename the Keenan Theatre on Pine Belt Road in honor of the late Freddie E. Grace, Jr. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the committee's recommendation to change the name of the facility to "The Freddie E. Grace, Jr. Theatre." Grace, who was the district's lead orchestra teacher, died in April after 26 years of service to the district.

Office of Operations

The Board approved the Administration's proposal for use of previously approved funds, including setting aside \$1.5 million to ensure that instructional needs are not disrupted in the event of another state budget cut this school year.

Office of Human Resources

The Board approved two promotions:

- Andress Carter-Sims, a coordinator in the Office of Accountability, Assessment, Research and Evaluation, was promoted to director of school improvement in the Office of Curriculum and Instruction.
- Deborah Green-Wilson, an English language arts consultant in the Title I office, was promoted to coordinator of English language arts/parent and family literacy.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of School Commissioners will be held Tuesday, October 27 at Dreher High School. Open session begins at 7:00 p.m.