

Board Briefings

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an abbreviated board action report prepared by the Office of Communications

School Board Spotlight

- Dr. Les Sternberg, dean of the College of Education at the University of South Carolina, presented the district a plaque in appreciation for its support of USC's teacher education program.
- The Board of School Commissioners honored Isreal Tyler, who has served as special assistant to the Board since 1997, upon her retirement from the district. Tyler has worked in Richland One for 29 years.

Consent Agenda

The Board approved the following items:

- Minutes from the June 5 and June 12 board meetings
- Hiring of personnel
- Leaves of absence
- Approval of May financials
- Contract extensions for debt collection services; custodial services; records management and document storage services; arbitrage rebate calculation and compliance services; providing, delivering and installing new electronic whiteboards; providing lawn care services; waste and water treatment services; vended and non-vended beverage services; a Memorandum of Agreement with City Year; and a Memorandum of Agreement with Epworth Children's Home

Office of the Board

The Board approved the following items:

- Third reading of the district's 2007-08 general fund budget in the amount of \$235,286,626 – The budget includes an average salary increase of 5.3 percent for certified and non-certified district employees.
- Second reading of the revised student discipline code which goes into effect this fall
- An agreement to lease the old Hopkins Elementary School to the Glory Temple Worship Center for an additional 25 years
- The Board approved a revision of the bylaws for the Carolina School for Inquiry but voted in favor of the administration's recommendation not to grant a request from the charter school to add sixth grade next year.

Office of Academics

- Thelma Clavon presented an update on the Challenger Learning Center and its activities and services.
- The Board approved a recommendation from the administration to implement a Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) pilot in district schools next year. MAP provides a tool to track student academic growth that mirrors the Palmetto Achievement Challenge Tests (PACT) and the High School Assessment Program (HSAP). Thirty-one schools will participate in the pilot.

Office of Human Resources

The Board approved the following administrative appointments:

- Linda Norton, currently principal of Mt. Pleasant Middle School in Bishopville, will be an assistant principal at Gibbes Middle School next year.
- Dr. Robert Rhinehart, who currently works as the program manager of the Career Center at USC, will be the new recruitment and retention coordinator in the Office of Human Resources.

Office of Operations

- The Board voted to award a contract to L.A. Barrier and Son Inc., to provide screenings, crusher-run, and top soil. The Board also voted to award contracts to Reap Associates, LLC, and Resources Associates Inc. to provide program evaluator services.

The next meeting of the Board of School Commissioners will be held Tuesday, July 10 at the Stevenson Administration Building. Open session begins at 7 p.m.