

Board Briefings

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School Board Spotlight

The Board recognized the three Lower Richland High School JROTC cadets – Tia Brown, Kelsey Grochow and Marcie Huguenin – achieved honor cadet status.

Consent Agenda

The Board approved the hiring of personnel, leaves of absence, June financials and contract extensions for Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Richland County Sheriff's Department for school resource officers; MOA with the Sheriff's Department for crossing guards; MOA with College Summit; and MOA with City Year.

Office of the Board

The Board voted in favor of the administration's recommendation not to grant a request to rezone the Godbold Place subdivision for the Flora cluster schools instead of the Keenan cluster. The Board also approved the administration's recommendation to allow students who live in the subdivision to complete the highest grade at the schools they're currently attending and to require that they submit a request for an administrative school transfer if they would like to remain in the Flora cluster beyond that.

Office of Academics

The Board approved a contract with Columbia College to provide teachers who work at the district's A+ Schools to earn a master of education degree in divergent learning at the college. The district will pay the teachers' tuition at a rate discounted by Columbia College. Teachers who have a bachelor's degree only and who have worked at an A+ School for at least one year will be eligible to enroll. Teachers who complete the program will be required to work at least three more years at an A+ School.

The Board also approved a contract with WestEd to provide eight days of professional development in Reading Apprenticeship training for the A+ Schools.

Office of Human Resources

The Board approved the following administrative appointments:

- Brian Chatman will be an assistant principal at A.C. Flora High School. Chatman comes to Richland One from Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School, where he was an assistant principal.
- Dr. Antonia (Toni) Cappelletti will be the new executive director of curriculum and instruction. Cappelletti currently holds the same position in Dorchester Two.
- Ericka Hursey, who has been a coordinator in the department for three years, was named the new director of Adult and Community Education.
- Sheneque Jackson will serve as the principal leader at Gibbes Middle School. Jackson currently serves as the principal of New Ellenton Middle in Aiken.
- Dr. Ronald Stroman, currently an assistant principal at Newberry High School, will be an assistant principal at C.A. Johnson Preparatory Academy.

Office of Operations

The Board approved the following items:

- 2007-08 special revenue projects budgets
- 2007-08 enterprise and internal service funds
- A contract with Raptor Technologies Inc. to provide visitor tracking software and equipment district-wide
- A contract with D&H Distributing Company to furnish and deliver 710 new TI-84 Plus graphing calculators to be used by AAP math students at the district's middle schools
- A recommendation from the administration to move forward with securing a new lease for the property at 913 and 915 Whaley Street or explore the possibility of purchasing the property. The main office for Transportation Services is located on that property, which the district has leased from the property owner for the past 25 years.
- Budget transfers related to the 2002 bond referendum projects based on various requirements needed to complete the projects

The next meeting of the Board of School Commissioners will be held Tuesday, August 14 at the Stevenson Administration Building. Open session begins at 7 p.m.