

Board Briefings

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School Board Spotlight

The Board recognized the following:

- First-place art winners from the South Carolina State Fair: Will O'Neal, Bennett White and William Thomas of Brennen; Kelsey Griffin of Rosewood, Miranda Heydt of Satchel Ford, Tyresha Brown of South Kilbourne and Mega Rivera of Dreher.
- State championship swimmers Ben Blackwell, John Metts, Janson Busby, and Bill Flatt from A.C. Flora High
- Dreher High senior Noah Fram, who posted a perfect score on the ACT
- Employees with five consecutive years or more of perfect work attendance

Consent Agenda

The Board approved the following items:

- Minutes of the 10/27/08 and 10/28/08 meetings
- Hiring of personnel
- A contract to furnish and install security and fire alarms
- An evaluation of the Teaching American History and Grant Program

Office of the Board

Dr. Sanita Savage, coordinator of leadership development in the Professional Development Academy, presented an overview of Richland One's participation in the Darkness to Light statewide initiative. The initiative focuses on the prevention of child sexual abuse through education and awareness. Richland One employees will receive training on recognizing the signs of child sexual abuse and what to do if they suspect a child is being abused. South Carolina is the first state in the nation to have such an initiative in the public schools.

Office of Human Resources

The Board approved the appointment of Sonya Henley to the position of coordinator of testing in the Office of Accountability. Henley is currently employed as an education associate at the State Department of Education.

Office of Academics

Donna Hammett, coordinator of Advanced Academic Programs, presented a report on the three-year strategic plan for gifted and talented students. The Board approved the plan as presented.

Jennifer Coleman, executive director of accountability, assessment, research and evaluation, presented an overview of the district's 2007-08 AYP (adequate yearly progress), SAT, ACT and PACT scores. Seven district schools (Brockman, Columbia, Dreher, Eau Claire, Gadsden, South Kilbourne and E.E. Taylor) met the No Child Left Behind AYP standard. Only nine of the 22 high schools in Richland and Lexington counties made AYP for 2008 and three of them are in Richland One.

Office of Operations

The Board approved the following items:

- Portable walk-through metal detectors
- Change orders related to bond referendum construction projects at Dreher, A.C. Flora and C.A. Johnson high schools.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of School Commissioners will be held Tuesday, November 25 at Olympia Learning Center. Open session begins at 7 p.m.