

Board Briefings

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

School Board Spotlight

The Board recognized the following students:

- Richland One's Lt. Governor's Writing Award winners Loma Jones of Burnside Elementary School and Samuel Trump of Hand Middle School
- Midlands Boys and Girls Club Youth of the Year Whitney Myers of Dreher High School

Consent Agenda

The Board approved the following items:

- Minutes from the 1/22/08 and 1/31/08 board meetings
- A leave-of-absence request
- Hiring of personnel
- A contract extension for Indefinite General Delivery

Office of the Board

Memorial resolution - The Board presented a memorial resolution to the family of Naomi Billie, who was a cafeteria worker at Webber Elementary School. Ms. Billie died January 11, 2008. She gave eight and one-half years of service to Richland One.

Superintendent search - The Board selected the firm of BWP & Associates of Libertyville, IL to conduct the superintendent search.

Office of Academics

Title I math/technology consultant Andress Carter-Sims presented information to the Board on DesCartes, an assessment tool used to gauge students' academic achievement and help teachers guide their instruction based on the data. DesCartes is being piloted in 18 elementary, middle and high schools in the district.

Office of Operations

The Board voted 5-2 against a recommendation to award a contract for Phase 3 of the additions/renovations at A.C. Flora High, citing opposition to using funds budgeted for other construction projects that have not been completed. Board members Rob Tyson and Dr. Jasper Salmond voted in favor. The Administration plans to bring back another recommendation to the Board.

The Board approved awarding contracts to the following:

- Seon to provide school bus video cameras
- The University of South Carolina for program evaluation for the Teaching American History Grant with the work to be paid for from grant funds
- Colleagues on Call for High-Yield Instructional Strategies training

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of School Commissioners will be held Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at the Lewis Greenview Elementary School.