

Board Briefings

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an abbreviated board action report prepared by the Office of Communications

School Board Spotlight

The Board recognized the following groups:

- The Busy Bodies team from Greenview Elementary School for winning first place in the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals competition
- A.C. Flora and Dreher students who were part of the All-State Math Team that won the American Regions Math League national championship and team coach Patrick Rybarczyk of Flora
- Four 2007 Richland One graduates who had 12 years of perfect attendance;
- The Kids Academy and the Palmetto Center for Women for achieving national accreditation for their after-school program at Caughman Road Elementary.

Consent Agenda

The Board approved the following items:

- Minutes from the May 29 board meeting
- Hiring of personnel
- Leaves of absence
- Contract extensions for plumbing repairs and maintenance services; grass-cutting and maintenance for stadiums; services to inspect and repair gymnasiums, stadiums and athletics fields; fire extinguisher inspections and maintenance services; elevator maintenance services and repair; courier services; tires, batteries and related services; security guard and support services; and lease contract for high-speed printers

Office of the Superintendent

Superintendent Dr. Allen Coles provided an update on the district's A+ Schools initiative. The five A+ Schools are Alcorn Middle, Gibbes Middle, W.A. Perry Middle, Eau Claire High and C.A. Johnson Preparatory Academy.

Office of the Academics

Kerry Abel, coordinator of attendance and dropout prevention, presented the district's 2005-06 Dropout Report. The dropout statistics show that the district had 236 dropouts in grades 7-12 during the 2005-06 school year, 127 fewer dropouts than in the previous school year. The 2005-06 dropout rate was 3.2 percent which was a 1.7 percent decrease from the 2004-05 school year.

Office of Operations

The Board approved the following items:

- Contracts for installation of gym tile kits at Brockman, Brennen, Horrell Hill, Mill Creek, Gadsden and John P. Thomas elementary schools; furnishing and installation of kitchen equipment; and capital improvements, technology, furnishings and equipment projects
- Budget transfers from 2006-07 funds to cover unexpected costs in certain areas, including utilities
- Awarding contracts for additions and renovations at Columbia High School to Thompson Turner Construction Co.; Walker White Inc.; Burriss Electrical Inc.; and W.B. Guimarin & Co.

The next meeting of the Board of School Commissioners will be held Tuesday, June 26 at the Stevenson Administration Building. Open session begins at 7 p.m.