

Board Briefings

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School Board Spotlight

The Board recognized the following schools, students and staff for their achievements:

- Odyssey of the Mind teams from Greenview Elementary, Brockman Elementary and W.J. Keenan High on earning first-place titles at the state competition
- Four students selected for the All-State Orchestra for 2009
- Heyward Career and Technology Center for making Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for 2008
- Eleven schools for winning Palmetto Gold and Palmetto Silver awards for student achievement gains
- Greenview Elementary Principal Delores Gilliard and longtime Greenview School Improvement Council member Carlos Primus on being named winners of the 2009 Advocate of the Year Award by the South Carolina School Improvement Council (SC-SIC)

Consent Agenda

The Board approved the following items:

- Minutes from the March 24 and April 1 board meetings
- Hiring of personnel

Office of the Board

The Board gave first-reading approval of the following board policies: Policy JFABC – Student Transfers; Policy IKE – Promotion and Retention; and Policy JIA – Student Sexual Harassment. The Board gave second-reading approval of Policy KF – Community Use of School Facilities and Policy EHB – Data/Records Retention.

Office of the Superintendent

Dr. Joyce Buxton, grants and planning coordinator, presented the first in a series of updates on Richland One's pursuit of district accreditation, focusing on Standard 1 (Vision and Purpose). The district must meet seven standards to obtain accreditation.

Office of Academics

Dr. Jennifer Coleman, executive director of assessment, accountability, research and evaluation, gave an overview of the district's 2008 High School Assessment Program (HSAP) and EOCEP (End of Course Examination Program) results.

Office of Operations

The Board approved the following items:

- A recommendation to identify the old Virginia Pack Elementary School, which has been vacant since it was last used during the 2006-07 school year as a temporary site for Gibbes Middle School students and staff, as surplus property and sell it through the district's established procedures
- Change orders related to bond referendum construction projects at Gibbes Middle, Sanders Middle and Eau Claire High schools.
- A transfer of funds to cover higher than anticipated costs for maintenance services, security services and utilities

The next meeting of the Board of School Commissioners will be held Tuesday, April 28 at W.G. Sanders Middle School. Open session begins at 7 p.m.