

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 students and staff:

- National History Day award winners and participants from Hand Middle School – Jackie McSorley, Sarah Rhu, Aran Savory and Ginger Seymour
- Fall 2007 Partners In Education Classroom Innovation Teacher Grant recipients – Dywana Smith, Katie Nash, Stephania Autry, Sharonna Hannah, Diana Penning and Sandy Frazier
- Richland One Middle College – 2007 Innovator Award recipient, Southern Growth Policies Board
- Richland One Reading Is Fundamental National RIF Program Excellence Award winner – Ida Thompson, director of instructional technology services, and Pamela Williams, information technology specialist at Pine Grove Elementary, accepted the award on the district's behalf.

Consent Agenda

The Board approved the following items:

- Minutes from the June 26, June 28 and July 10 board meetings
- Hiring of personnel
- A contract extension with KOBAN of Columbia Inc.

Office of the Board

The Board presented special resolutions honoring 2007 Lower Richland High graduates Miesha Walton and Adriana Creech, who alerted and evacuated residents from a fire at their apartment building in June, saving 21 lives.

Oscar Walker, Richland One's appointed representative on the Richland County Board of Assessment Appeals, presented an update on the board's work and property tax assessment-related issues.

Dr. Carlos Smith, assistant to the superintendent, presented a request from the school and community residents to name the Lower Richland High weight room in honor of pro-athlete Richard Seymour of the New England Patriots, who is a graduate of Lower Richland. The Board will appoint a committee to consider the request and bring a recommendation back to the Board.

The Board voted unanimously to approve the Hall of Fame Selection Committee's recommendation to induct four persons into the Richland One Hall of Fame this year. The inductees will be announced at a news conference the week of August 20.

Office of the Superintendent

Superintendent Dr. Allen Coles gave the Board an update on professional development, staffing, after-school programs and other activities related to the district's five A+ Schools (Gibbes, C.A. Johnson, Eau Claire, Alcorn and W.A. Perry) for the 2007-08 school year.

Office of Academics

The Board voted in favor of awarding a contract to the Northwest Evaluation Association for the license to test 14,257 students in grades 2-10 using the Measures of Academic Progress system. The Board also approved awarding a contract to Evans Newton Inc., to develop approximately 80 diagnostic assessments that are aligned to state academic standards and the district's pacing guides.

The Board approved nine requests for home schooling and a request for a physical education requirement waiver.

Office of Human Resources

The Board approved the following administrative appointments for the 2007-08 school year:

- Regenia Rawlinson, a teacher on special assignment at C.A. Johnson Preparatory Academy, will be the district's coordinator of guidance and counseling services.
- June Page, dean of students at Lower Richland High School, will be an assistant principal at LR.
- Dr. Carolyn Donelan, an assistant principal at Southeast Middle School, will be an assistant principal at Caughman Road Elementary.
- Stacy Whitaker, a teacher on special assignment at W.G. Sanders Middle School, will be an assistant principal at Southeast Middle.

Office of Operations

The Board approved the following items:

- A Memorandum of Agreement with the Richland County Sheriff's Department to provide an additional school resource officer for Keenan High School
- Special revenue project budgets
- Contracts for vehicle graphics; partial roof replacements at Lyon Street, Adult Ed and Sandel Elementary; long-range technology plan; student athletics accident/injury insurance; and refuse disposal and collection services.

The next meeting of the Board of School Commissioners will be held Tuesday, August 28 at Forest Heights Elementary School. Open session begins at 7 p.m.