

# Board Briefings

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## **Swearing-In Ceremony**

Prior to the board meeting, the board held a reception and swearing-in ceremony for newly elected and re-elected board members.

Dr. Jasper Salmond (Seat 1) was re-elected to serve a fifth term on the board. At-large member Jeanette McBride, the board's secretary-treasurer, was re-elected to a second term on the board. Rob Tyson, a newcomer to the board, won the election to Seat 3. Tyson succeeds former board member Lane Quinn, who decided not to run for re-election after 12 years of service on the board.

## **School Board Spotlight**

The Board recognized the following individuals, schools and organizations for their achievements:

- Students who won first-place awards for their artwork displayed at this year's State Fair
- Kathy Hope of W.G. Sanders Middle School, who was named the South Carolina Social Studies Teacher of the Year
- Kara Conder of Hand Middle School, who was selected as the South Carolina Dance Educator of the Year
- The district's four 2006 Red Carpet Award-winning schools: Brennen Elementary, Carver-Lyon Elementary, Forest Heights Elementary and Gadsden Elementary

## **Consent Agenda**

The Board approved the following items:

- Minutes from the 10/24/06 meeting
- Hiring of personnel
- Leaves of absence
- Contract extensions for furnishing and installing security systems and fire alarm systems and for refrigerated equipment repairs

## **Request for Naming a Portion of a Facility**

Board Vice Chairman Dwayne Smiling said the board received a request to name the new Hopkins Middle School auditorium in honor of the late Ulysses R. Barber, who was the first principal of what was then known as Hopkins High School. The board will appoint a committee to consider the request and to make a recommendation to the board.

## **Strategies for Improving Language Arts and Social Studies**

Language arts consultant Ginny Morris and social studies consultant Dr. Jane Eason presented information on the strategies the district is using to improve students' performance in the areas of language arts and social studies.

## **Administrative Appointment**

The Board approved the appointment of Lisa McClain as the district's coordinator of performance evaluation systems in the Office of Human Resources. McClain is currently an assistant principal at W.A. Perry Middle School.

## **Office of Operations**

The Board approved a contract for the inspection of basketball backboards in gymnasiums throughout the district. The Board also approved special revenue project funds for the 2006-07 fiscal year.

*The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of School Commissioners will be held November 28 at St. Andrews Middle School. Open session begins at 7 p.m. Board meeting minutes and agendas are posted online at [www.richlandone.org](http://www.richlandone.org); click on the School Board link.*