

Board Briefings

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School Board Spotlight

The Board honored Caughman Road Elementary, which has been named a PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Support) Ribbon School by the State Department of Education.

Consent Agenda

The Board approved the following items:

- Minutes from the May 26 board meeting
- Hiring of personnel
- Leave of absence
- Contract extensions for Workers' Compensation and property casualty insurance coverage for 2009-2010 and a lease contract for high-speed printers and copiers

Office of the Board

The Board presented a memorial resolution to the family of Eddie L. Moore. Mr. Moore, who passed away in April, was a career development specialist at Olympia Learning Center. He gave two years of dedicated service to the district.

The Board approved the annual reports for the Carolina School for Inquiry, Richland One Middle College and the Midlands Math and Business Academy, as presented by representatives of each charter school. In other action regarding the Midlands Math and Business Academy, the Board voted in favor of the Administration's recommendation to approve the reauthorization of MMBA's charter under a probationary status with the possibility of charter revocation. Issues of non-compliance cited by the district include the school's failure to reach its student academic objectives. The district will do a follow-up review and make recommendations to the Board in November.

Dr. Carlos Smith, assistant to the superintendent/ombudsman, and Dr. Willie Outlaw presented a recommendation from a Board-appointed committee to change the name of C.A. Johnson Preparatory Academy to C.A. Johnson High School, the school's original name. The committee was formed to review and solicit public input regarding a name change request that was submitted to the Board. Outlaw, a community member and Richland One teacher, served as the committee's chairman. The Board unanimously approved the committee's recommendation.

The Board gave first-reading approval to Policy JFAB (Non-Resident Students) and second-reading approval to Policy JFABC (Student Assignments and Transfers) and Policy IHBF (Homebound Instruction). The Board also approved second reading of revisions to the district's student discipline code.

Dr. Jane Eason, co-chair of the Calendar Committee, presented proposed minor revisions to the district's 2009-2010 calendar. Eason said the revisions were necessary to adjust the calendar to avoid conflicts with the PASS writing assessment dates set by the State Department of Education. The revision moves the March teacher work day from March 19 to March 26 and moves the second designated make-up day for students (if needed) to March 26. The Board approved the revisions to the 2009-2010 calendar, which is posted on the district's Web site.

The Board also gave second-reading approval to Forest Heights Elementary's 2009-2010 calendar. Forest Heights is the district's only year-round school. The calendar is posted on the district's Web site.

The Board approved appointing Johnny Bland, a 1978 graduate of Dreher High School and a Richland One parent, to serve a two-year term on the Richland One Hall of Fame Selection Committee. Bland fills the seat formerly held by Jim Leventis.

Office of the Superintendent

Dr. Joyce Buxton, coordinator of grants and planning, presented an update on Richland One's pursuit of district accreditation, highlighting Standard 6 (Stakeholder Communication and Relationships) and Standard 7 (Continuous Improvement). Districts must meet seven standards to earn district accreditation. Additional information about district accreditation is posted on the district's Web site.

Office of Operations

The Board approved the following items:

- Enterprise and internal services fund budgets (Student Nutrition Services, Warehouse, Motor Pool and Print Shop) for the 2009-2010 fiscal year
- Re-roofing at Caughman Road Elementary School
- Keenan High School road widening

Office of Human Resources

The Board approved the following administrative appointments, effective July 1:

- Shenequa Coles, an assistant principal at Columbia High School, was appointed as principal of Columbia High. She will succeed Dr. Sean Alford, who is leaving to take a position in another district.
- Kwamine Simpson, principal of Dennis Middle and Dennis Intermediate schools in Bishopville, will be the new principal at Gibbes Middle School. She will succeed Rick Coleman, who is retiring. Simpson formerly served as an assistant principal at Lower Richland High.
- Ernest Holiday, an assistant principal at Fairfield Central High in Winnsboro, was appointed as principal of W.A. Perry Middle School. He will succeed Demetria Clemons, who is leaving to take a position in another district.

The Board also voted to release Dr. Cynthia Cash-Greene, executive director of Cluster 2 schools, from her administrative contract with the district. Cash-Greene will be the new superintendent of Orangeburg Consolidated District Three.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of School Commissioners will be held Tuesday, June 23 at the Stevenson Administration Building. Open session begins at 7 p.m.