

# Board Briefings

*April 22, 2008 • Burnside Elementary School  
an abbreviated school board action report prepared by the Office of Communications*

## **School Board Spotlight**

The Board honored the Burnside Elementary Destination ImagiNation team for placing second in the state competition and qualifying for the Global Finals in Knoxville, TN in May.

Senior Deputy Sherrick Hill, who serves as the school resource officer for John P. Thomas and Brockman elementary schools, was recognized by the Board for being named the 2008 South Carolina DARE Officer of the Year.

## **Consent Agenda**

The Board approved the following items:

- Minutes from the April 4 and April 10 board meetings
- February and March financials
- Contract extension for student transportation, zoning and management systems software
- Memorandum of Agreement for the Masters in Three Program with Columbia College

## **Office of the Board**

The Board gave first-reading approval of the district's 2009-10 academic calendar. Under the proposed calendar (Calendar A) recommended by the district's calendar committee, students' first day of school for the 2009-10 school year would be August 17, 2009 and students' last day of school would be May 28, 2010. The calendar is scheduled for second and final reading at the May 13 board meeting.

The Board also approved first reading of the district's 2008-09 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$253,918,919. A public hearing will be held prior to second reading of the budget at the May 13 board meeting.

## **Office of Academics**

The Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding between the district and the State Department of Education to establish Richland One's second Star Academy dropout prevention and academic acceleration program at Eau Claire High School. Olympia Learning Center is currently the only site in the district with the Star Academy program.

The Eau Claire Star Academy would target over age eighth- and ninth-graders in the district's A+ Schools who have failed one to two years. Through the Star Academy, students take a rigorous course of study that enables them to complete enough core subjects to complete ninth grade and enter the 10th grade. The Eau Claire program is scheduled to begin in August.

## **Office of Operations**

The Board approved the following items:

- Change orders related to the bond construction projects at Crayton, Gibbes, Hand, A.C. Flora, Eau Claire, C.A. Johnson, Lower Richland and Dreher
- Flexibility transfers for special revenue funds
- A contract with Follett Software Company to provide library media management software
- Funding for the completion of Phase I of Student Nutrition Services' new meal delivery system pilot project
- A contract with Preferred Construction Company to renovate the welding shop at Heyward Career and Technology Center

*The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of School Commissioners will be held Tuesday, May 13 at Hopkins Elementary School. Open session begins at 7 p.m.*