

Board Briefings

October 23, 2007 • Meadowfield Elementary School
an abbreviated school board action report prepared by the
Office of Communications

Consent Agenda

The Board approved the following items:

- Minutes from the 10/9/07 board meeting
- Hiring of personnel
- September financials
- A memorandum of agreement with the Columbia Area Mental Health Center

Office of the Superintendent

Sonya Henley, coordinator of testing in Research and Evaluation, gave a report on how Richland One students performed on the 2007 Palmetto Achievement Challenge Tests (PACT).

The results show that the gains made by Richland One students this year exceeded gains made by their peers statewide in 15 of the 24 measures assessed by PACT, as compared with the 2006 results.

Also in 2007, more Richland One students performed at the Basic level or better (in 19 of the 24 measures) and more district students scored at the Proficient and Advanced levels (in 16 of 24 measures).

Office of Academics

Dr. Antonia Gardner, executive director of curriculum and instruction, outlined the district's strategies for improving PACT scores. Next steps will include fully implementing the English language arts instructional framework; monitoring instruction of the math curriculum; providing on-site support to science teachers through regular school visits; and analyzing student diagnostic data to target specific deficiencies in social studies and provide teacher training and support.

The next meeting of the Board of School Commissioners will be held Tuesday, November 13 in Room 102 of the Stevenson Administration Building. Open session begins at 7 p.m. Copies of Board Briefings, agendas and board minutes are available online at www.richlandone.org.