

Board Briefings

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School Board Spotlight

The Board recognized the following persons for their outstanding achievements:

- Nine students who made perfect scores on the English language arts and math sections of the Palmetto Achievement Challenge Tests (PACT) administered in the spring (students who made perfect scores in science and social studies on PACT will be honored at upcoming board meetings)
- Bianca Rouse of W.J. Keenan High School, the AA Volleyball Player of the Year
- Kelley Sumner of H.B. Rhame Elementary School, the National Elementary Social Studies Teacher of the Year
- The Satchel Ford (Elementary) Fine Arts Committee, recipient of the 2008-2009 State Department of Education Volunteer Group Award

Consent Agenda

The Board approved the following items:

- Minutes from the November 11 meeting
- Hiring of personnel
- A leave of absence request
- October financials
- Contract extensions for the following items: buses for the district-wide fleet; telecommunications system maintenance, parts and services; custodial equipment maintenance and repair services; inspection and repair of basketball backboards; and E-rate eligible information technology equipment hardware and software

Office of the Board

The Board gave first-reading approval to the following board policies: Policy DGA – Authorized Signatures; DIE – Audits/Financial Monitoring; DJD – Expenses (Travel) Reimbursement; DKB (formerly GAL) – Salary Deductions; EEAE – Bus Safety Program; GCBD/GDBD – Staff Fringe Benefits; GCC/GCD – Staff Leave and Absences; GCD/GDD – Staff Holidays; IHBG – Home Schooling; IHBH – Charter Schools; IJNDA – Distance Learning; JJIB – Interscholastic Athletics; JLCEE – Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs); and KB – Parent Involvement in Education.

The Board also gave second-reading approval to several policies: Policy BJ – School Board Legislative Program; IG – Curriculum Development; IGCA – Service Learning; IHBC – Programs for Students At Risk; IHCA – Summer School; ILBB – State Program Assessments; JFAA – Admission of Resident Students; JLD (IKF) – Graduation Requirements; KA – School-Parent-Community Relations (Goals/Priority Objectives); and KD – Public Information Program.

Office of Academics

- The Board approved the district's 2009-2010 Master Course Catalog.
- The Board received an update from Faye Houston, executive director of Student Intervention Services, on nursing services in the district and an update from Toni Kelly-Campbell, social work services coordinator, on the services provided by school social workers.

Office of Operations

- The Board approved a request from Reid Chapel AME Church to use the W.G. Sanders Middle School parking lot for overflow parking when it does not affect school operations.
- The Board approved a request from Dreher High School to install an electronic marquee at the school. The Dreher High Foundation raised the funds to purchase the marquee. Once installed, the marquee will become district property.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of School Commissioners will be held Tuesday, December 9 at the Stevenson Administration Building. Open session begins at 7 p.m.