

Board Briefings

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School Board Spotlight

The Board recognized the following schools, students and staff for their achievements:

- Winners in the district's annual Visual Literacy Festival
- Middle and high school winners from the Region II Science and Engineering Fair
- Hand Middle School student Allen Burnside, who posted South Carolina's top score in the American Mathematics Contest 8
- Winners in the State Superintendent's Writing Awards Program
- The Class 3A State Championship track team from Lower Richland and All-State athletes from various spring sports
- Jasmine Ayers of A.C. Flora High School, recipient of the 2009 Dr. John R. Stevenson Music Scholarship
- Ian Taylor of A.C. Flora High School, recipient of the first Dr. Min Ching Scholarship
- Taylor Patterson of Columbia High School, winner of a 2009 Chevy Cobalt through the Chevy Drive for Perfect Attendance contest

Consent Agenda

The Board approved the following items:

- Minutes from the May 12 board meeting
- April financials
- Contract extensions for fire extinguisher inspection, elevator maintenance service and repair, screening/crusher-run top soil and sand, student athletics accident/injury insurance, inspect and repair gymnasium, stadium and athletics field bleachers, program evaluator services and moving classroom furniture

Office of the Board

The Board presented a memorial resolution to the family of Mattie Garnett, who passed away in April. Mrs. Garnett served as a custodian at Gibbes Middle School for thirty-five years.

The Board also approved a request by the Carolina School for Inquiry charter school for changes to its charter, including adding sixth grade. The school currently serves students in kindergarten through fifth grade.

The Board appointed Alexzena Furgess and Kenneth Corley to fill two vacancies on the district's Hall of Fame Selection Committee. They will serve two-year terms. Marlene McClerklin, Kathy Garrick and Jim Leventis were reappointed to two-year terms on the committee.

The Board approved its meeting schedule for the 2009-2010 school year. The schedule is posted on the district's Web site at www.richlandone.org.

A public hearing was held prior to the Board's second-reading approval of the district's 2009-2010 General Fund budget. Information about the budget is posted on the Web site. Third reading of the budget is tentatively scheduled for the June 23 meeting.

The Board approved first reading of Forest Heights Elementary's 2009-2010 calendar. Forest Heights is the district's only year-round school.

The Board gave first-reading approval to revisions to the student discipline code.

Office of the Superintendent

Dr. Joyce Buxton, grants and planning coordinator, presented information on Richland One's pursuit of district accreditation, focusing on Standard 4 (Documenting and Using Results) and Standard 5 (Resources and Support Systems). The district must meet seven standards to obtain accreditation.

Office of Operations

The Board approved the following items:

- Memorandum of Agreement with the Richland County Sheriff's Department for school resource officers
- Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Columbia for school resource officers
- Contracts for financial audit services and partial roof replacement at Satchel Ford Elementary School

Office of Human Resources

The Board approved contract renewals for the 2009-2010 school year as specified by Chief Human Resources Officer Otha Dillihay.

Office of Academics

The Board gave its approval for two district staff members to travel out of the country for professional development. There will be no cost to the district.

The Board approved Memorandums of Understanding with the University of South Carolina and South Carolina State University for leadership graduate degree programs to be offered to district employees as a collaboration between Richland One and the universities. Participating employees will pay their tuition and fees for the courses. The universities will provide the instructors and the courses will be taught through a combination of on-site and online delivery. The district will provide in-kind services for facility usage and staff time; no district funds will be expended for these programs.

The next meeting of the Board of School Commissioners will be held Tuesday, June 16 at the Stevenson Administration Building. Open session begins at 7 p.m.