

# Board Briefings

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an abbreviated board action report prepared by the Office of Communications

## School Board Spotlight

The Board recognized the following students who earned top honors at the Region II Science Fair: Morgan Adams, Crayton Middle School; Robert Price, Brennen Elementary School; James Cardona, Logan Elementary School; and Thomas Kassel, Hand Middle School.

The Council for Educational Facilities Planners International (CEFPI) named Richland One's Gibbes Middle School as the 2008 Best Middle School in South Carolina in the new construction category. The school was designed by the Charleston, SC-based Liollo Architecture education design studio. Lead designer Cherie Liollo presented a framed certificate to the Board. This is the second such award for Gibbes Middle School.

## Consent Agenda

The Board approved the following items:

- Minutes from the 4/14/09 board meeting
- March financials

## Office of the Board

The Board gave first-reading approval to a proposed General Fund Budget for the 2009-10 fiscal year in the amount of \$240,211.638. Budget Services Director Ed Carlon said the proposed budget does not reflect any federal stimulus money that the district may receive and is based on the best estimate of the funding the district will receive for 2009-10. Carlon said there are still several unknowns about funding for next year.

The Board gave second-reading approval of the following board policies:

- Policy IKE – Promotion and Retention
- Policy JIA – Student Sexual Harassment
- Policy IJOA – Student Field Trips

## Office of Operations

The Board approved a bond resolution for refunding of bonds and a contract for after-school care providers.

## Office of Human Resources

The Board approved 2009-10 contract renewals/non-renewals as presented.

## Office of Academics

- Dr. Jennifer Coleman, executive director for accountability, assessment, research and evaluation, gave an overview of the district's 2008 Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate assessment results for 2007-08.
- The Board approved the adoption of textbooks for mathematics (6-8) and English/language arts (9-12) for the 2009-10 school year.
- Kerry Abel, coordinator of dropout prevention and partnerships, presented the district's 2006-07 dropout report.

*The next meeting of the Board of School Commissioners will be held Tuesday, May 12 at Lower Richland High School. Open session begins at 7 p.m.*