

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 persons for their outstanding achievements:

- Olympia Principal Nathan White, winner of the School Health Services Award from the SC Association of School Nurses and the Carolina Careers Governor's Award/Educational Champion.
- Twenty-seven students who made perfect scores on the science portion of the Palmetto Achievement Challenge Tests (PACT).
- Richland One employees who achieved 25 years (or more) of service to the district between 7/1/07 and 6/30/08.

Consent Agenda

The Board approved the following items:

- Minutes from the 11/25/08 meeting
- Hiring of personnel
- A leave of absence request
- Abbreviated November financials

Office of the Board

- The Board elected the following officers for 2009: Vince Ford, chairman; Dr. Jasper Salmond, vice-chairman; and Dwayne Smiling, secretary. Dr. Salmond and Barbara Scott were named as board legislative contacts.
- The Board gave first-reading approval to Policy JICG – Tobacco Free Schools.
- The Board gave second-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 adopted its 2009 legislative platform.

Office of Operations

The Board approved the following items

- A contract for a web-based student communications system
- The district's 2007-08 comprehensive audit and financial report
- The district's "E-Rate" funding application for 2009
- The district 2009-2014 technology plan

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of School Commissioners will be held Tuesday, January 13 at the Stevenson Administration Building. Open session begins at 7 p.m.