

# Board Briefings

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*an abbreviated school board action report prepared by the Office of Communications*

## School Board Spotlight

The Board honored Logan Elementary School and the Richland One Middle College, recipients of the Red Carpet award from the State Department of Education (*see photos on front page*).

Dr. Martin Cwiakala, an engineering teacher at W.J. Keenan High School, was recognized for being the first teacher in South Carolina to receive the Jerry Zucker Entrepreneurial Spirit Award from the State Department of Education. The Zucker award recognizes individuals with exceptional vision, creative ingenuity and the ability to take creative ideas and use them to develop marketable products.

## Consent Agenda

The Board approved the following items:

- Minutes from the June 16 and June 23 board meetings
- Hiring of personnel
- Online Instructional Management System
- Debt Collection Services
- Memorandums of Agreement for certified athletics trainers
- 2009 Abbreviated June Financials

## Office of the Board

The Board took the following actions:

- Denied a request received from the Midlands Math and Business Academy to be heard by the Board
- Approved an action plan that is designed to allow district staff to complete a comprehensive review of the Midlands Math and Business Academy's charter implementation and student achievement success and to provide technical support and recommendations to MMBA for improvement

## Office of Operations

The Board took the following actions:

- Approved contracts for various HVAC replacements and a monthly trunking fee to support district-wide radio communication system
- Approved bond construction project changes for Alcorn, Gibbes and Hand middle schools and A.C. Flora, C.A. Johnson and Keenan high schools
- Agreed to form a committee to review a request to change the name of the old Keenan Theatre on Pine Belt Road, solicit input from the community and bring back a recommendation to the Board

## Office of Human Resources

The Board approved the appointment of Monica Speaks as an assistant principal at Columbia High School. Speaks previously was a math teacher at Columbia High.

The Board also approved reclassifying Dr. Robert Kirton to the position of executive director of career and technology education and the Richland One Middle College. Kirton formerly was the director of CATE and executive director of the ROMC.

## Office of Academics

The Board approved the following items:

- A Memorandum of Agreement between Richland One and the College Summit Inc. The College Summit provides a comprehensive system intended to increase college enrollment rates.

- A recommendation from the Administration to change the high school start time from 8:15 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. Superintendent Dr. Percy Mack said the change will not affect bus pick-up times which will remain the same as last year. The high school dismissal time will continue to be 3:15 p.m. Elementary and middle school start and dismissal times will remain the same.

***The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of School Commissioners will be held Tuesday, August 11 at the Stevenson Administration Building. Open session begins at 7 p.m.***