

Board Briefings

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

School Board Spotlight

The Board recognized Columbia High, Keenan High and Heyward Career and Technology Center for their participation in the S.C. Department of Education's 2008-2009 Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards Showcase. The Board also recognized H.B. Rhame Elementary Principal Mikell Owens, who was named the South Carolina D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Educator of the Year in recognition of his outstanding support of the D.A.R.E. Program at his school. (*see photos on front page*)

Consent Agenda

The Board approved the following items:

- Minutes from the August 25 board meeting
- Hiring of personnel
- Perishable and non-perishable food items
- City Year Academic Support Program

Office of the Board

Students who participated in the 2009 ROSETA (Richland One Student Experience to Africa) Program presented an overview of what they saw and learned during their visit to Ghana and Morocco this summer.

In other business, the Board approved a bond resolution not to exceed \$10 million for PC replacement and other capital items and bond referendum projects.

Office of Academics

The Board approved the following items:

- A home-schooling request
- The district's elementary water safety and swimming program

The Board also accepted the following items as information:

- A report from Janice Bell-McDowell, Safe and Drug-Free Schools coordinator, on the program
- A report from Deputy Superintendent Debra Brathwaite on literacy learning in Richland One
- A report from Dr. Jennifer Coleman, executive director of assessment, accountability, research and evaluation, on the district's 2009 ACT/SAT results

Office of Operations

The Board approved the following items:

- An increase in the adult meal cost for 2009-2010, from \$3.00 to \$3.10, in accordance with U.S. Department of Agriculture minimum price requirements
- Contracts for the after-school fitness program at Webber Elementary School; drainage development at Keenan High and Gibbes Middle schools; and athletics fields ground maintenance and field painting

The next meeting of the Board of School Commissioners will be held Tuesday, September 22 at Bradley Elementary School. Open session begins at 7:00 p.m.