

Board Briefs
March 15, 2010
Regular Board Meeting

Jean Craig, principal of Woodfields, introduced the Woodfields drill team and ACTS chorus. The drill team presented the colors, followed by a performance of the National Anthem by the ACTS chorus. A power point slideshow highlighted the teachers, students, parents, and staff of Woodfields. Joey Giles' integrated arts class performed a dance routine entitled "*Prayer.*"

Superintendent Johnson recognized Springfield Elementary as a Palmetto's Finest Finalist for the second consecutive year. This year's winners will be announced on March 23rd in Columbia, SC.

Superintendent Johnson also recognized Merrywood Elementary School as being a Title I Distinguished School Award Finalist. Merrywood is one of the finalist in the Closing the Achievement Gap category. The overall winners from each category will be announced on March 23rd in Columbia, SC.

Superintendent Johnson presented 5th grader Claire Moore of Lakeview Elementary and 8th grader Emily Burton of Westview Middle the State Superintendent of Education's Writing Award for the district.

Superintendent Johnson also presented Maddie Coyle of Brewer with a certificate for being the 2010 Literacy Alive T-shirt design winner. Maddie will also be honored during the Literacy Alive opening ceremony and will receive a special "prize" for her efforts.

Assistant Superintendent Gerald Witt announced elementary school choice letters for the 2010-2011 school year have been sent to elementary schools for distribution to parents. These letters and forms are also available in Spanish.

Assistant Superintendent Pat Ross stated the annual Literacy Alive Celebration will be held April 16, 2010 at the Greenwood Mall from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Assistant Superintendent Gary Johnson reported the district had developed a first draft of next year's budget. There will be an estimated \$ 5 million shortfall in the budget. A work session will be held on March 29th or 30th to further develop the budget for next year.

Southern Management representative Forrest King presented the monthly update on the district's building program.

Board Chairwoman Debrah Miller reminded board members to submit their completed Statement of Economic Interests form to the S.C. Ethics Commission prior to the deadline of April 15, 2010.

In action items, the Board approved a resolution proposed by the S.C. School Boards Association and the S.C. Association of School Administrators that urges the General Assembly to support public schools during this economic crisis.

The Board approved personnel recommendations.

The Board approved the 2010-2011 personnel contract status report.

After executive session, the Board upheld the decision of the administration on a student matter.

Superintendent Johnson announced Cyndi Storer as the new principal of Northside Middle School. She replaces current principal Beth Pinson who is retiring. Bonnie Corbitt was named the new principal of Westview Middle School. Felicia Cartledge has asked to be reassigned from Genesis Education Center. There will be an elementary school vacancy and a vacancy at Genesis Education Center.

The meeting was adjourned.