

Board Briefs
April 19, 2010
Regular Board Meeting

Belinda Turner, Greenwood County Director of Adult Education, introduced Adult Education skills teacher Elise Collins, who gave an overview of the program. A PowerPoint slideshow highlighted students, staff, and achievements of the Adult Education program.

Superintendent Johnson presented the Springfield Elementary staff with a plaque to recognize the school for being named a Palmetto's Finest Finalist for the second consecutive year.

Superintendent Johnson recognized the Merrywood Elementary staff and commended the school for being named a South Carolina Title I Distinguished School. Merrywood finished second statewide in the Closing the Achievement Gap category.

Superintendent Johnson thanked all District 50 employees for their participation in this year's Literacy Alive Celebration.

Superintendent Johnson announced that Nurses Day will be on Wednesday, May 12, 2010.

Superintendent Johnson recognized 13 newly named National Board Certified Teachers.

Board Chairwoman Debrah Miller reminded Board members of the Day at the Capitol on Wednesday, April 28, 2010.

Assistant Superintendent Patricia Ross gave an overview of data from the 2009 SC Annual District and School Report Cards. All district schools scored average or above in the Absolute Rating category of the report card.

Assistant Superintendent Gerald Witt reviewed changes to the 2010-2011 *Students Rights and Responsibilities Handbook* and presented the policy for first reading.

Assistant Superintendent Randy Vaughn presented an updated version of the district's Staff Conduct Policy for first reading.

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

In the monthly financial update, Assistant Superintendent Gary Johnson reported that 90% of the vacancies that have occurred in the district since August 2009 have remained vacant. He noted that savings in current year salaries will help take care of budget cuts in the upcoming school year.

In action items, the Board gave preliminary approval to the FY11 general budgets for Greenwood School District 50 and the G. Frank Russell Career Center.

The Board approved bids for the paving at the Instructional Services Center, the District Office, and Springfield Elementary School.

The Board approved moving one in-service day from the first semester to the second semester in the 2010-2011 district calendar.

The Board approved all personnel recommendations as presented by Assistant Superintendent Randy Vaughn.

Following an executive session to discuss contractual and legal matters, no action was taken. The Board meeting was then adjourned.