

WEDNESDAY A.M., April 28, 2004—Richland One’s school board, meeting last night at Lower Richland High School, gave first–reading approval to the 2005–06 school calendar. According to the calendar, students’ first day will be Aug. 10, and students’ last day will be May 23. The board also gave first–reading approval to the 2004–05 calendar for Forest Heights Elementary. This school operates on a modified, year–round calendar. July 19 will be students’ first day, and June 9 will be their last day.

The board nominated King B.L. Jeffcoat to run for regional director of the S.C. School Boards Association.

First–reading approval was given to Policy JFABD, Admission of Homeless Students. First–reading approval was not given to Policy GCC/GDC, Staff Leaves and Absences, which will be returned to the administration committee for consideration.

The board approved a library book replacement plan in the amount of \$865,675. A recent survey of books in district schools shows the average age of collections districtwide is 19 years.

Contract extensions were approved to Ikon Office Solutions for a high–volume, digital copier; and to Bender–Burkot and School Specialty.

The following contracts were awarded by the board: custodial services at Southeast Middle, Crayton Middle and Olympia Campus to Environmental Service Systems; Owner–Controlled Insurance Program for the construction bond projects; Butler Hardware and Specialty Company for bulk–purchase of finished hardware; Dell Computer for districtwide PC replacement; Joe Singleton Company for bus drive, parking and drop–off improvements at Horrell Hill Elementary; CBG, Inc., for driveway improvements at Hyatt Park Elementary; Carrier Carolinas to furnish rooftop HVAC units at Lower Richland High; Penn Contracting for additions and renovations at Hopkins Middle; and Burns Automotive for two 2004 12–ton van–body trucks with lift and toolbox.

The board approved the sale of designated, district–owned properties in the vicinity of Dreher High, which must be moved between May 1 and June 1.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be Tuesday, May 11, 7 p.m., at Sanders Middle School.

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