

**Board Briefings**  
**AN ABBREVIATED BOARD ACTION REPORT,**  
**PREPARED BY RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE'S**  
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**WEDNESDAY A.M., Jan. 26, 2005**—Richland One's school board, meeting last night at Arden Elementary School, said goodbye to Dr. Ronald Epps, who has been superintendent for the past five-and-a-half years. His last day on the job will be Jan. 31. The board presented him a painting inscribed, "Every mountain is a miracle," a reference to his long-held belief that "For every mountain, there is a miracle." There will be a reception for Dr. Epps Monday, Jan. 31, 3 p.m.–5:30 p.m., at the Stevenson Administration Building.

The board gave first-reading approval to changes to the district and Forest Heights Elementary 2005–06 calendars. The changes to the district calendar would have teachers start work Aug. 2, 2005, and students report Aug. 8, 2005. The first-semester teacher workday would be Saturday, Dec. 17, 2005. Winter holidays for students would be Dec. 19–Jan. 4. The Forest Heights calendar would have students report July 25 and go through June 7, 2006. These calendars will be presented to the board for second reading at the Feb. 8 meeting. The calendars are available on the district's Web site, [www.richlandone.org](http://www.richlandone.org), with a provision for feedback to the administration.

A revised facility rental fee schedule was presented, that will affect outside organizations that use district facilities. Fees are being raised to more nearly reflect district costs. This information will be available on the district's Web site in the near future.

Requests for increases in architectural fees for the Hand Middle and Eau Claire High projects were approved, as the changes in scope of work necessitated. Contracts for telephone and voice mail maintenance were awarded to Ronco Communications, Southeastern Telecom and Sprint. NCS Pearson was awarded a contract for optical mark read scanners.

Contract Construction Company was awarded the bid for additions and renovations at Eau Claire High School. Theatre Consultants Collaborative was awarded a contract to provide performing arts design consulting services. Approval was given to the district's 2005 E-rate application. The E-rate program provides communication and technology for schools at a reduced rate.

Contract extensions were granted to: Graybar Electric for uninterruptible power supplies; US Foodservice for general groceries; and EdSoft Software Corporation for on-line assessment system. The board also adopted its schedule of board meetings for January 2005 through June 2006.

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