

Board Briefings

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School Board Spotlight

W.J. Keenan High School was presented a banner for meeting its Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) goals for student academic achievement as outlined under the federal No Child Left Behind Act (see related story on page one).

Consent Agenda

The Board approved the following items:

- Minutes from the 2/10/09 meeting
- January financials
- Hiring of personnel

Memorial Resolution

The Board presented a memorial resolution to the family of Margie Sartori, who passed away in December. Mrs. Sartori taught at Carver Elementary and Dreher High schools during her 17-year tenure in the district. She was a guidance counselor at W.G. Sanders Middle School at the time of her death.

Office of the Board

The Board approved second reading of the following policies:

- Policy GBAA: Sexual Harassment
- Policy GBRA/GCRA: Health Examinations and Physical Performance Tests
- Policy GCQF: Discipline, Suspension and Dismissal of Professional Staff
- Policy JFB: School Choice

The Board also approved first reading of Policy Revision FF: Naming Facilities and Administrative Rule.

Office of the Superintendent

City Council members Tameika Devine and Dr. Belinda Gergel presented information on the Together We Can Read initiative. On March 19, guest readers will go into the district's elementary schools to read to third-grade classes. The book selected for the initiative is "Charley's Columbia Backyard" by Caroline Bennett.

Office of Academics

English language arts specialist Ginny Morris and Dreher teacher Cindy Ryan presented an update on Reading Apprenticeship in the district. Reading Apprenticeship is an approach used with middle and high school students to improve literacy by providing teachers a variety of strategies to assist struggling readers.

Office of Operations

The Board approved contracts for the purchase of milk products, bread products and a dump truck.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of School Commissioners will be held Tuesday, March 10 in Room 102 of the Stevenson Administration Building. Open session begins at 7 p.m.