

Board Briefings

August 28, 2007 • Forest Heights Elementary School

an abbreviated board action report prepared by the Office of Communications

School Board Spotlight

The Board recognized two award-winning district departments:

- Student Nutrition Services received the U.S. Department of Agriculture's 2007 National Best Practices Award for customer service for its Silver Spoon program. Only 12 of the awards are given out annually. The Silver Spoon program uses special rewards and incentives to encourage students to use good manners in the cafeteria and throughout the school.
- Budget Services received the Government Financial Officers Association's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the 11th consecutive year. The award reflects the commitment of Richland One and district staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting.

Consent Agenda

The Board approved the following items:

- Minutes from the August 14 board meeting
- Hiring of personnel
- Contract extensions for procurement audit services and the Medicaid billing and nursing documentation system
- July financials

Office of the Board

The Board gave first-reading approval to Policy KHC (Distribution/Posting of Promotional Materials and Advertising).

Office of Human Resources

The Board approved the following administrative appointments for the 2007-08 school year:

- Otha Dillihay will be the district's new chief human resources officer. Dillihay currently works as a program/policy analyst consultant for the DC Government's Department on Disabilities Services in Washington, D.C.
- Sharon Minnieweather was named the district's new hearing officer. Minnieweather has served as assistant hearing officer for the past eight years.
- Bobbie Hartwell, an AAP teacher at Southeast Middle School, will be an assistant principal at Southeast.

Office of Operations

The Board approved the following items:

- Contracts for pine straw bales, tree service and the Star Academy and I Can Learn programs
- Bond resolutions to issue \$73 million in general-obligation bonds, which will be the last issuance of the \$381 million approved for school construction and renovation through the 2002 bond referendum; issuance of \$2.17 million in bonds to be used for the annual computer replacement program and miscellaneous capital projects; and issuance of \$25 million in bonds needed to complete the 2002 bond referendum projects with repayment to be made over a six-year period.
- A proposal to use previously approved funds
- Deed to water lines and sewer line for W. A. Perry Middle School and deed to water lines for St. Andrews Middle School, both to the City of Columbia.

The next meeting of the Board of School Commissioners will be held Tuesday, September 11 at the Stevenson Administration Building. Open session begins at 7 p.m.