

Board Briefings

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Spotlight

The board recognized the following:

- Award of Educational Achievement (High Schools That Work) winners from Columbia, Keenan and Lower Richland high schools
- State History Day winners from Crayton and Hand middle schools
- State drama winners from Hopkins Middle School
- Brennen Elementary for its 2006 Flagship School of Promise award
- Richland One's selection as one of the 100 best communities for music education
- Keenan's Robo Raiders for winning the Judge's Award at the FIRST Robotics International Competition

Consent Agenda

The board approved the following items:

- Minutes from the 4/25/06 meeting
- Leave requests and hiring of personnel
- April financial statements
- Contract extensions for security/fire monitoring, security guard services, grass cutting services, refuse disposal, pest control, termite inspection, lease of portable classrooms and arbitrage services.

Policy EFJ Wellness/Student Nutrition

The board approved first reading of Policy EFJ Wellness/Student Nutrition.

Swimming and Water Safety Pilot

Dr. Carlos Smith, assistant to the superintendent, and Beth Barry, health and PE specialist, reported on the pilot program that provided swimming lessons to second-grade students at Carver-Lyon, Gadsden and Pine Grove elementary schools. It is recommended that the program be implemented for all Richland One second-grade students beginning in September 2006.

2004-05 Dropout Report

Toni Kelly-Campbell, coordinator of social work services, presented a report on Richland One's dropout rate. Dropout numbers generally increased over the previous year.

Reading Grant

Linda Gillespie, Reading First grant coordinator, reported on the program's progress at Mill Creek, Hyatt Park, Greenview and Carver-Lyon elementary schools.

Action Items

The board approved a contract for high-speed printers and copiers and purchase of property on Ravenel Street.

Administrative Appointment

The board named Franklin Threatt as director of student transportation. He is currently an area supervisor in the Lexington/Richland Five transportation department.

The board's next regularly scheduled meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 13 in Room 102 of the Stevenson Administration Building.