

Board Briefs

From the Portsmouth City School District Board of Education
Regular Meeting.....January 26, 2006

RECOGNITION / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- Recognized artwork of **Narada Harris**, a senior at Portsmouth High School, and his art teacher, **Sharee Price**.
- Heard a BEST Practice presentation by Portsmouth High School art teacher, **Sharee Price**, on **How Art Helps Students Pass the OGT**.

PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS

A. Certificated

- Accepted the resignation from the following individuals: **Josh Shoemaker (Mock trial sponsor at PHS) and Amy Stamper (Science fair sponsor at East Portsmouth Elementary)**.
- Approved a change in funding status for the following individual: **Sue Schmidt (Teacher 100% Title VI-B to Teacher – 60% Title VI-B / 40% General Fund)**.
- Employed the following **substitute teachers** for the 2005-2006 school year: **Christi Cain-Pridemore; Michele Imes; and Tracy Johnson..**
- Approved the following **supplemental contract** for the 2005-2006 school year: **Bob Craft (Science fair sponsor at East Portsmouth Elementary); Becky Duncan (Co-Mock trial sponsor at PHS); and Amy Keating (Co-Mock trial sponsor at PHS)**.
- Approved **two-year administrative contracts** for the following individuals: **Deborah Call (Principal); Ann Charles (Principal); Betsy Fannin (Director of Elementary Operations); Charles Kemp (Principal); Deb McGinnis (Assistant Principal); Deidra Novinger (Dean); Mark O'Brien (Technology Coordinator); Tom Smith (Vice Principal); Kristi Toppins (Vice Principal); and Tom Walker (Director of Secondary Operations)**.

B. Classified

- Accepted resignation from the following individual: **Bob Jackson (Student Attendance Services Coordinator)**.
- Approved a **change in status** for the following employees: **Anita Jenkins (Aide I – Paraprofessional – Pay Range 12 – Step 4 to Aide I – Paraprofessional – Pay Range 12 – Step 4 – First Longevity Step)**; **Kim Powell (Cook I – Pay Range 4 – Step 2 – 4 Hours/Day to Aide I – Paraprofessional – Pay Range 12 – Step 1 – 7 Hours/Day)**; **Linda Rawlins (Aide I – Paraprofessional – Pay Range 12 – Step 4 to Aide I – Paraprofessional – Pay Range 12 – Step 4 – First Longevity Step)**; **Betty Thacker (Aide I – Paraprofessional – Active Status to Aide I – Paraprofessional – Medical Leave of Absence, Without Pay)**; and **Barbara Veazey (Aide I – Paraprofessional – 75% Early Childhood Special Education IDEA / 25% IDEA-B to Aide I – Paraprofessional – 50% Early Childhood Education IDEA / 25% IDEA-B / 25% General Fund)**.
- Employed the following individual as a **substitute cook**: **Sandra Crawford**.
- Employed the following individual as a **substitute custodian**: **Donald Mosley**.
- Adopted the **revised job description** for the **Attendance Officer**.

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

- Approved a **Change Order** to **The Kenny Huston Company** in the amount of \$18,319.49 for the new 7-12 middle/high school to provide dumpster enclosure with a chain link fence at north area of site.
- Approved a **Change Order** to **The Kenny Huston Company** in the amount of \$15,995.88 for the new 7-12 middle/high school to revise grades and install masonry wall at the southwest corner of the site.
- Approved a **Change Order** to **Boone Coleman Construction, Inc.**, in the amount of \$23,213.35 for the new downtown PK-6 Elementary School to provide undercut and backfill at Union Street per CTL and City Sanitary Inspector.
- Approved a contract with local attorneys, **Johnson & Oliver**, to provide legal assistance with the disposition of real properties generally known at Wilson Elementary, McKinley Elementary, Roosevelt Elementary, Harding Elementary, and Portsmouth High School.
- Approved the purchase of **two (2) 77-passenger conventional school buses** from Edwin H. Davis & Sons, Inc.

TREASURER RECOMMENDATIONS

- Approved the initial ***Student Activity Fund Budgets*** for East Portsmouth Elementary Library and the Portsmouth Junior High School Yearbook for the 2005-2006 school year.

CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- Approved ***three (3) personal service contracts***.
- Approved ***30 parent and staff volunteers*** for the Portsmouth Junior High School "Power of the Pen" competitions.
- Approved monthly donations totaling ***\$2,620.00***.
- Approved one (1) ***out-of-state trips*** for the PHS Show Choir competition in Charleston, WV.
- Approved the following routine financial reports and recommendations: ***Interim Revenues; December 2005 Management/Financial Data; Summary of December 2005 Bills; and Appropriations***.
- Approved payment to ***three (3) vendors*** whose invoices exceeded \$3,000.00.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Acknowledged an ***increase*** in milk prices effective January 1, 2006.
- Acknowledged President Parker's ***Board Committee appointments*** as follows:

Audit/Finance Committee:	Dr. George Pettit, Chairperson Ray Thompson, Vice Chairperson
Business Committee:	Ray Thompson, Chairperson Clarence Parker, Vice Chairperson
Curriculum/Instruction Committee:	Lacey Curtis, Chairperson Barbara Gibson, Vice Chairperson
Co-Curricular Committee: (Athletics, Music, Bands, Etc.)	Clarence Parker, Chairperson Barbara Gibson, Vice Chairperson