

Board Briefs

From the Portsmouth City School District Board of Education
Regular Meeting.....December 21, 2006

RECOGNITION / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- Recognized the artwork of **Frank Penix**, a fourth grade student at East Portsmouth Elementary School, and his art teacher, **Beth Erwin**.
- Recognized the following traffic scouts for leading the “Pledge of Allegiance”: **Andrew Cantwell; Megan Howard, Kiri Huff; and Chad Welch**; and traffic scout supervisor **Beth Erwin**.
- Heard a BEST Practice Presentation from EPE Principal Debbie Call regarding the Intervention/Enrichment Wheel for all students at EPE.

PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS

A. Certificated

- Employed the following individuals as **substitute teachers** effective November 17, 2006: **Jeff Taepke and Heidi Triggs**.
- Approved **supplemental contracts**, effective the 2006-2007 school year, for the following individuals: **Claudette Arms (Co-head seventh grade girls basketball coach at PJHS); Beth Erwin (Traffic scout supervisor at EPE); Jani Evans (Head eighth grade girls basketball coach at PJHS); Chad Hammond (Head eighth grade boys basketball coach at PJHS); Linda Howell (Newspaper sponsor at PHS and PJHS); Tony Lavinder (National honor society sponsor at PHS); Randy Nelson (First assistant girls basketball coach at PHS); Ted Newsome (Head seventh grade boys basketball coach at PJHS); Darrell Stephenson (Second assistant girls basketball coach at PHS); and Buck Whitely (Freshman boys basketball coach at PHS)**.
- Approved the appointment/reappointment of the following non-licensed individuals as a **non-teaching coaches** effective the 2006-2007 school year: **Rocky Fields (Co-first assistant boys basketball coach at PHS); and Aaron Smith (Second assistant boys basketball coach at PHS)**.

B. Classified

- Accepted the resignation from the following employee: **Johnathon Sexton (Substitute Custodian)**.
Approved a **change in status** for the following employees: **Pam Allen** (Secretary-Principal/Vice Principal – Probationary Status to Secretary-Principal/Vice Principal – Regular Status); **Mary Bramblett** (Custodian I – Probationary Status to Custodian I – Regular Status); **Richard Clark** (Custodian III/Grounds/Rover – Probationary Status to Custodian III/Grounds/Rover – Regular Status); **Angela Davis** (Secretary-Student Services – Probationary Status to Secretary –Student Services – Regular Status); **Shirley Duncan** (Secretary-Reading First – Probationary Status to Secretary-Reading First – Regular Status); **Joe Freytag** (Custodian III/Grounds/Rover – Probationary Status to Custodian III/Grounds/Rover – Regular Status); **Gary Martin** (Custodian III-Head Night – Probationary Status to Custodian III-Head Night – Regular Status); **Linda Rigsby** (Secretary-Student Services – Probationary Status to Secretary-Student Services – Regular Status); and **Carl Tackett** (Custodian III-Head Night – Probationary Status to Custodian III-Head Night – Regular Status).
- Employed the following individual as a **Cook I** effective November 17, 2006: **Susan Scherer**.
- Adopted the following **job description**, effective November 16, 2006: **Head Cook/Manager** (revised due to typographical error).

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

- Approved the election of **Barbara Borden-Gibson** to fill the unexpired term of Clarence Parker on the Scioto County Joint Vocational School Board of Education.
- Approved the placement of a **one-page ad** by the Portsmouth City Board of Education in the **2007 Portsmouth High School Yearbook**.
- Amended the personal service contract of **Bill Atwood**, Educational Consultant, to reflect a change in the previously approved Payment Agreement Schedule.

TREASURER RECOMMENDATIONS

- Approved the proposed **lease agreement** between the Portsmouth City School District and the Scioto County JVS for **two modular classroom units**, formerly located at Roosevelt and Wilson sites.
- Approved a **resolution to eliminate**, because of an emergency situation, **the bidding and advertising requirements** for services and equipment necessary for the renovation and installation of a heating unit for the old

gymnasium located at 1149 Gallia Street, and for closure of one side of the gymnasium left open as the result of the demolition of Portsmouth High School.

- Approved the creation of a **Capital Projects Fund** to account for the receipt and disbursement of money for an athletic complex and other education-related capital projects.
- Approved an **increase** in the **mileage reimbursement rate** from 44.5 cents per mile to **48.5 cents per mile**, effective January 1, 2007, in accordance with notification from the IRS of the increase in rate.
- Acknowledged that the **January Tax Budget/Public Hearing** will be held at **1:00 p.m., Thursday, January 11, 2007** at the Treasurer's Office, 923 Findlay Street.
- Approved **Memoranda of Understanding** between the Administration of the PCSD and AFSCME Local 2684 and PCTA as they pertains to the **Medical Mutual HRA Plan for the conversion period for insurance year 2005 (AFSCME & PCTA) and year 2006 (AFSCME only)**. The MOU's are necessary to provide insurance, during the conversion process in moving to an HRA Plan, that is "equal to or better than" as per the negotiated agreements that expires August 31, 2007 (AFSCME) and June 30, 2007 (PCTA). An MOU with PCTA was previously approved in June 2006 for the 2006 insurance year.
- Approved a recommendation from the Portsmouth City Schools Education Foundation Board of Directors **to honor the request of Mark Hunter** to move the contributions made to the Steven Hunter "Hope" Fund to a similar fund under the umbrella of the Scioto Area Foundation, which will provide greater opportunity for applying for grants that donate to 501(c)(3) corporations. In turn, **the SAF will pass on the interest earned** from the principal each year **to the Steven Hunter "Hope" Fund of the PCSD Education Foundation** to be dispersed according to established guidelines.

CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- Approved **one (1) personal service contract**.
- Approved **thirty-nine (39)** volunteers for PES.
- Approved monthly donations totaling **\$119,202.76**.
- Approved the following routine financial reports and recommendations: **Interim Revenues; November 2006 Management/Financial Data; Summary of November 2006 Bills; Appropriations (Budgets); and a Fund-to-Fund Transfer**.
- Approved payment to one (1) vendor whose invoice **exceeded \$3,000.00**.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Acknowledged an **increase in milk prices** effective November 1, 2006.