

Board Briefs

From the Portsmouth City School District Board of Education
Regular Meeting.....DECEMBER 15, 2005

RECOGNITION / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- Recognized retiring board member **Tess Midkiff** for her service and dedication to the students, staff and community as a member of the Portsmouth City Board of Education from July 13, 200 through December 31, 2005. Mrs. Midkiff did not see re-election in November 2005.
- Heard a vocal music concert of Christmas music presented by the **Sixth Grade Chorus** of McKinley Elementary School, under the direction of **Stephanie Carey**.
- Recognized art work of **Justin Ratliff**, a sixth grade student at McKinley Elementary School, and his art teacher, **Alan Lute**.
- Recognized the following traffic scouts, all sixth graders at McKinley Elementary School, for leading the "Pledge of Allegiance": **Katie Anderson; Brooksie Blue; Megan Cornett; Abbie Emmons; Emily Fancher; Raven Holmes; Andrew Hutchens; Michael Lawson; William Meriwether; Robbie Shugert; Kasey Simpson; and Alex Smith**.
- Recognized the members of the **Sixth Grade Chorus** of McKinley Elementary School, and their teacher, **Stephanie Carey**.
- Recognized the following PHS Football Players for selection to the **2005 All-Area Football Teams**, selected by area coaches: **A.J. Johnson (First Team Offense); Shane Porter (First Team Offense); Cliff Alexander (Second Team Offense); John Walker (Second Team Offense); Mark Webb (Second Team Offense); Chase Barry (Honorable Mention Offense); Cody Farney (Honorable Mention Offense); Matt Spradlin (Honorable Mention Offense); and Adam Tatum (Honorable Mention Offense)**.
- Recognized two district teachers for completing and passing the rigorous testing process for **National Board Certification: Angela Hall, (Preschool Teacher at Roosevelt Elementary and Gayle Hopkins, Librarian at Portsmouth High/Junior High School)**.
- Heard a BEST Practice presentation by **Jeanie Begley**, Guidance Counselor at McKinley Elementary School, on the **Lunch Bunch**, a support program for students who struggle with demonstrating appropriate social behaviors.

PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS

A. Certificated

- Employed the following individuals as **substitute teachers** effective December 16, 2005: ***Susan Fowler and Amanda Phillips.***

B. Classified

- Accepted resignation/retirement from the following individual: ***Donald Dillow (Custodian III)*** effective December 31, 2005; and ***Judy Hunt (Substitute Secretary).***
- Approved a change in status for the following individuals: ***Kimberly Bower (Cook I – Active Status to Cook I – Medical Leave of Absence, Without Pay); Sharon Dillow (Cook I to Aide I – Paraprofessional); Robert Jackson (Student Attendance Services Coordinator – Active Status to Student Attendance Services Coordinator – Medical Leave of Absence, Without Pay); and Regina Webb (Cook I – to Aide I – Paraprofessional).***
- Employed the following individual as a **substitute bus driver**, effective December 5, 2005: ***Harry Mullen.***
- Employed the following individuals as **substitute cooks**: ***Phyllis Crawford; Angela Mills; and April Summers.***
- Approved the following **supplemental coach (non-teacher) contract**: ***Robert D. Jackson (Second assistant boys basketball coach at PHS).***

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

- Approved Agreement with **AppalCORPS AmeriCorps** to host members as reading tutors at schools within the district.
- Approved authorization for the Superintendent and Treasurer to enter into a contract with **Washington Speakers Bureau** for the services of ***Liz Murray*** to return to the district in January 2006.
- Approved a **change order** in the amount of \$23,674.20 to ***Accurate Electric Construction, Inc.***, to replace coax cable by installing j-hooks on cabletray at the new 7-12 middle/high school facility.
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TREASURER RECOMMENDATIONS

- Approved a rate **decrease** for ***district mileage reimbursement*** from **48.5 cents per mile to 44.5 cents per mile** effective **January 1, 2006.**

CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- Approved **eight (8) personal service contracts.**
- Approved **monthly donations** totaling **\$17,352.10.**
- Approved a list of **five (5) volunteers.**
- Approved the following routine financial reports and recommendations: **Interim Revenues; November 2005 Management/Financial Data; Summary of November 2005 Bills; and Appropriations (Budgets).**
- Approved payment to **two (2) vendors** whose invoice exceeded \$3,000.00.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Acknowledged the award of the **Bridging the Gap Grant** in the amount of **\$10,000** to **Judy Sanders, Family & Consumer Science Teacher.**
- Acknowledged an **increase** in milk prices effective December 1, 2005.
- Acknowledged announcement that the **January Tax Budget/Public Hearing** will be held at **1 p.m., Tuesday, January 3, 2006, at PHS, Treasurer's Office.**