

Board Briefs

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

RECOGNITION / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- Recognized the artwork of **Harley Shepherd**, a sixth grade student at Portsmouth Elementary School, and her classroom teacher, **Molly Glockner**.
- Recognized the following traffic scouts, all sixth grade students at Portsmouth Elementary School, for leading the “Pledge of Allegiance”: **Jacob Call; Lori Keaton; Caleb King; Abby Parcell; and Kiri Urbach;** and traffic scout supervisor **Monte Kremin**.
- Heard a BEST Practice Presentation from **Jeremy Clark**, Intervention Specialist at Portsmouth Elementary School, shared a brief overview of a strategy he uses to increase fluency with his students. Two of his students, **Shane Abrams and Morgan Gosnell**, both second graders, assisted with the presentation.

Board President Clarence Parker read the following statement:

In light of the recent outcry, criticism and controversy that has grown out of the City’s announcement that it would like to sell us Spartan Stadium, Branch Rickey Park, and its surrounding properties for \$1; and even more importantly, in light of the preliminary assessment of those properties and the estimated and projected cost for renovating and upgrading them, by both a general contractor and a structural engineer, I would like to propose that this Board move forward with our original plan to build a brand new sports complex on the proposed site, adjacent to our new educational facilities. And that we authorize the Superintendent to notify Mr. Baughman and the City Officials that we do not feel that this is in the best interest of our District, our students and/or our citizens to pursue their proposal of such a sale any further.

The board voted unanimously to approve the recommendation of President Parker.

PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS

A. Certificated

- Accepted resignation from the following individual, effective November 16, 2006: **Becky Duncan (Co-mock trial sponsor at PHS)**.
- Approved a **change in status** for the following individual, effective the 2006-2007 school year: **Amy Keating (Co-mock trial sponsor at PHS to Mock trial sponsor at PHS)**.
- Employed the following individuals as **substitute teachers** effective January 3, 2007: **Tracy Campbell; James Jewell; Mark Morrow and Chrystal Wells**.
- Approved the following **supplemental contract**, effective the 2006-2007 school year: **Suzanne Keller** (Yearbook sponsor at PJHS).
- Approved the appointment/reappointment of the following non-licensed individual as a **non-teaching coach** effective the 2006-2007 school year: **Alison Hull (Co-head seventh grade girls basketball coach at PJHS)**.
- Approved amending contract of the **Facilities Coordinator** to reflect a contract ending date of “**June 30, 2008 or at the completion of the new athletic complex**”.

B. Classified

- Approved a **change in status** for the following employees: **Cindy Birkhimer** (Secretary-Attendance & Discipline – Probationary Status to Secretary-Attendance & Discipline – Regular Status); **Janie Book** (Aide I-Paraprofessional – Active Status to Aide I-Paraprofessional – Medical Leave of Absence, Without Pay, December 18, 2006 through the end of the 2006-2007 School Year); **Robert Coffey** (Bus Driver – Probationary Status to Bus Driver – Regular Status); **Donna Davis** (Head Cook/Manager VI – Probationary Status to Head Cook/Manager VI – Regular Status); **Pam Ervin** (Receptionist/Secretary – Probationary Status to Receptionist/Secretary – Regular Status); **Sandy Merritt** (Secretary-Principal/Vice Principal – Probationary Status to Secretary-Principal/Vice Principal – Regular Status); **Stephanie Miller** (Receptionist/Secretary – Probationary Status to Receptionist/Secretary – Regular Status); **Harry Mullen** (Bus Driver – Probationary Status to Bus Driver – Regular Status); **Rita Rollins** (Custodian I – Probationary Status to Custodian I – Medical Leave of Absence, Without Pay, October 26, 2006 through the end of the 2006-2007 School Year); **Mary Salyers** (Cook I – Probationary Status to Cook I – Regular Status); **Betty Thacker** (Aide I-Paraprofessional – Active Status to Aide I-Paraprofessional, Medical Leave of Absence, Without Pay, October 26, 2006 through the end of the 2006-2007 School Year); **Anita Tindall** (Secretary-Principal – Probationary Status to Secretary-

- Principal – Regular Status); and **Jane Zeune** (Head Cook/Manager VI – Probationary Status to Head Cook/Manager VI – Regular Status).
- Employed the following individual as a **substitute aide**, effective January 3, 2007: **Kelley Simpson**.
 - Employed the following individuals as **substitute cooks**: **Kimberly Eichenlaub** (effective January 3, 2007); **Iris Mills** (effective December 14, 2006); **Kelley Simpson** (effective January 3, 2007); **Linda Sowards** (effective December 11, 2006); **Inez Carol Wells** (effective December 6, 2006); and **Crystal Wilson** (effective December 15, 2006).
 - Employed the following individual as a **substitute custodian**, effective January 3, 2007: **Kevin Call**.

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

- Approved the **revised Organizational Chart** for the 2006-2007 school year.
- Authorized the Superintendent and Treasurer to **advertise for architects or design build services, appraisers, etc.**, in connection with the new athletic sports complex.

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 pertain 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.
- Acknowledged **approval of grant application** to, and **receipt of partial grant award** from, the Clyde and Maycel Clark Foundation in the total amount of **\$275,000** to provide revenue to close-in PHS gymnasium and install heating and ventilation system.