

Board Briefs

From the Portsmouth City School District Board of Education
Regular Meeting.....February 24, 2005

RECOGNITION / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- Recognized artwork of **Marysa Addis**, a second grade student at Roosevelt Elementary School, and her art teacher, **Michelle Colvin**.
- Recognized members of the Roosevelt Elementary **Cup Scout Pack 12, Den 2**, for leading the “Pledge of Allegiance”.
- Heard a BEST Practice presentation by Roosevelt Elementary Principal **Charles Kemp** on **the State Improvement Grant (SIG)** on which staff members from both Roosevelt Elementary and Wilson Elementary are collaborating.

PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS

A. Certificated

- Accepted the resignation from the following employee: **Anthony Maynard (Head soccer coach at PHS)**.
- Employed the following **substitute teachers** for the 2004-2005 school year: **Jamie Carver, Judith Doll, Heather Shoemaker, Irma Switalski, and Karen Williams**.
- Approved the following **supplemental contracts** for the 2004-2005 school year: **Curt Clifford (Head boys track coach at PJHS); Chris Cole (Education Channel Program Developer – Channel 25); Jani Evans (Head girls track coach at PJHS); Amy Keating (Assistant girls track coach at PHS); and Randy Nelson (Assistant baseball coach at PHS)**.
- Approved the following **supplemental contract** for the 2005-2006 school year: **Curt Clifford (Head football coach at PHS)**.
- Employed **Mark O'Brien** as the **Technology Coordinator** on a two-year contract (2004-2006) effective February 11, 2005.
- Approved the following **job descriptions** effective February 24, 2005: **Computer Technician (revised) and Technology Coordinator (new)**.

- Approved **Revised Salary Table Booklet Pages** per negotiated agreements between the Portsmouth City Board of Education and Ohio Council 8, AFSCME Local 2684, and the Portsmouth City Teachers' Association.
- Adopted the **revised Organizational Chart** for the 2004-2005 school year.

B. Classified

- Approved a **change in status** for the following employees: **Joe Freytag** (Custodian III – Pay Range 32 – Step 5 – First Longevity Step to Custodian III – Pay Range 32 – Step 5 – Second Longevity Step) and **Jane Zeune** (Cook II – Pay Range 6 – Step 5 – Second Longevity Step to Cook II – Pay Range 6 – Step 5 – Third Longevity Step).
- Approved a **change in funding status** for the following employee: **Barbara Veazey**.
- Employed the following **non-teacher coaches** effective the 2004-2005 school year: **Anthony Cadogan** (Assistant boys track coach at PHS) and **Brad Porter** (Assistant baseball coach at PHS).

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

- Approved the **elimination of Soccer** as a varsity sport effective the 2005-2006 school year.
- Approved **summer staff development options** for staff members of Portsmouth High School and Portsmouth Junior High School due to the lack of funding available for a summer retreat.
- Approved a **change in the name** of the new Portsmouth Intermediate School (grades 4-6) and Portsmouth Primary School (grades PreK-3) to **Portsmouth Elementary School** (grades PreK-6).
- Approved endorsement and support for submission of the **Reading First – Ohio Grant** application to support teachers and students in low performing, high-poverty schools, targeting kindergarten through third grade.
- Approved amending the August, 2004 Locally Funded Initiative (LFI) Memorandum of Understanding with the Ohio School Facilities Commission to **cover cost of making antique water fountains operational**, which were removed from Grant Middle School and installed in the new Portsmouth High/Junior High School.

TREASURER RECOMMENDATIONS

- Approved **renewal of agreement** with the Local Government Services section of the Office of the Auditor of State to provide assistance in completion of the ***Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)*** for fiscal year 2006.

CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- Approved ***six (6) personal service contracts.***
- Approved a total of ***21 parent and staff volunteers*** for McKinley Elementary School and Roosevelt Elementary School Reading Tutors.
- Approved monthly donations totaling ***\$2,668.49.***
- Approved ***out-of-state trips*** for the Portsmouth Junior High School 7th Grade to Newport, Kentucky and for the McKinley Elementary School Traffic Scouts.
- Approved the following routine financial reports and recommendations: ***Interim Revenues; January 2005 Management/Financial Data; Summary of January 2005 Bills; Appropriations; and Fund-to-Fund Transfers.***
- Approved payment to ***three (3) vendors*** whose invoices exceeded \$3,000.00.
- Approved a ***Real Estate Purchase Agreement*** for one piece of property located on Tenth Street, which was ***donated by the owner.***