

Board Briefs

From the Portsmouth City School District Board of Education
Regular Meeting.....**March 17, 2005**

RECOGNITION / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- Recognized artwork of **James Fletcher**, a third grade student at Wilson Elementary School, and his art teacher, **Dorothy Justice**.
- Recognized **Addalyne Humble**, a third grade student at Wilson Elementary School, for leading the “Pledge of Allegiance”.
- Recognized the following **P.H.S. students** for creating artwork selected for the annual Scioto County High School Art Exhibition: **Sami Waybright (first place watercolors); Drew Howard (first place pastels); Roger Farragher (second place pastels); Narada Harris (third place pastels); Casey Mullins (third place 3D mixed media); and Michael Toller (honorable mention 3D mixed media)** along with their art teacher, **Sharee Price**.
- Recognized the following **P.H.S. Girls Varsity Basketball Team Players** for state and district honors: **Tonya McKenzie (First Team AP Southeast All-District Division III and Special Mention Division III All-State); Sarah Barney and Brya Coleman (AP Southeast All-District Division III)** along with their coach **Joe Albrecht**.
- Heard a BEST Practice presentation by Wilson Elementary Principal **Kristi Toppins**, who discussed how learning good writing strategies helped the students write essays they read on “What Freedom Means To Me”. The program concluded with a song from their patriotic musical, “This Is America”, directed by music teacher **Judy Smith**. The following third grade students read their essays and sang: **Candace Bowman, Cody Ford, Addie Humble, Zackery Jackson, Chelsey Marcum, Aliyah Smith and Woodrow Workman**. The following second and third grade students also participated in the singing: **Jerome Evans, Amara Lattimore and Tarique Lewis**.

PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS

A. Certificated

- Accepted the resignation from the following employee: **Margaret Johnson (Substitute Teacher)**.
- Approved the following **supplemental contract** for the 2004-2005 school year: **Tony Lavinder (National Honor Society sponsor at PHS)**.
- Employed the following tutor for the 2004-2005 school year: **Susan Leadingham**.
- Offered a one year contract (2005-2006) to the following district administrators: **Deborah Call (Principal); Angela Holmes (Principal); Charles Kemp (Principal); Debra McGinnis (Assistant Principal); Tom Smith (Vice Principal); and Kristi Toppins (Principal)**.
- Approved the following **new job descriptions**, in compliance with the Reading First – Ohio Grant, effective March 17, 2005: **Data Manager; District Literacy Coordinator; Literacy Specialist; Resource Coordinator**.

B. Classified

- Accepted the resignation from the following employee: **John Storey (Custodian III – Retirement)**.
- Approved a **change in funding status** for the following employee: **Teressia Bowen (Paraprofessional Aide I – 100% DPIA to Paraprofessional Aide I – 40% McKinney-Vento / 60% DPIA)**.
- Employed the following **substitute aide: Thomas Church**.
- Employed the following **substitute cooks: Tracy Foster & Susan Scherer**.

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

- Approved a **summer staff retreat** for the staff members of **Harding Elementary School** June 20-22, 2005 at Shawnee Resort and Conference Center in Friendship, Ohio.
- Adopted a **Resolution Approving Bid Package D16.0; Security Systems & Clocks Construction Documents and Authorizing the Commencement of Bidding Including the Advertisement for Bids Related to the New East Portsmouth Elementary School, the New Downtown PK-6 Elementary School and the New 7-12 Middle/High School**.
- Adopted a **Resolution Approving Bid Package EP/DE 10.0; Loose Furnishings Construction Documents and Authorizing the Commencement of Bidding Including the Advertisement for Bids Related to the East Portsmouth Elementary School and the New Downtown PK-6 Elementary School**.

TREASURER RECOMMENDATIONS

- Adopted a resolution to accept the amounts and rates, as determined by the Scioto County Budget Commission, on the district's board-adopted Tax Budget for the next fiscal year commencing July 1, 2005, and the levying of said tax necessary within and without the ten mill limitation.
- Approved granting an ***easement and right of way*** to Ohio Power Company for electric and other energy or communication purposes for current or future uses, overhead and underground, in, on, over, through and across the site of the new Portsmouth Elementary School.
- Approved the ***Student Activity Fund Budget*** for the PHS Woodworking Class for the 2004-2005 school year.

CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- Approved ***six (6) personal service contracts***.
- Approved ***one (1) parent volunteer*** for the PHS Boys Tennis Team.
- Approved monthly donations totaling ***\$5,097.50***.
- Approved ***out-of-state athletic trips*** for the Portsmouth High School softball, varsity baseball, and junior varsity baseball teams.
- Approved the following routine financial reports and recommendations: ***Interim Revenues; February 2005 Management/Financial Data; Summary of February 2005 Bills; and Appropriations***.
- Approved payment to ***three (3) vendors*** whose invoices exceeded \$3,000.00.
- Approved reimbursement to ***PHS staff members*** for participating in ***Assessment Development Inservice Training*** on March 7 & 9, 2005.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Acknowledged notification that the four elementary buildings have met the requirements necessary to participate in the ***Ohio School AED Program*** and will be receiving, free of charge, ***one (1) Medtronic LIFEPAK® 500 Automated External Defibrillator (AED) per school, along with program implementation and training sessions***. Helen Wells, School Nurse and Safe, Drug-Free Schools Coordinator, applied to the Ohio School AED Program, which is administered by Akron General Medical Center.
- Acknowledged the dates for this year's observance of ***"Take Your Children To Work Day"***, which will be ***Wednesday, April 27 for Portsmouth Junior High School, and Thursday, April 28, for Portsmouth High School, McKinley Elementary, Harding Elementary, Roosevelt Elementary and Wilson Elementary***.