

Board Briefs

From the Portsmouth City School District Board of Education
Regular Meeting.....April 29, 2004

RECOGNITION / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- Recognized art work of **Brittany Laughlin**, a senior at Portsmouth High School, and her teacher, **Sharee Price**.
- Recognized **Stephanie Phillips**, a senior at Portsmouth High School, for leading the “Pledge of Allegiance”.
- Recognized **Evan Staggs**, a senior at Portsmouth High School, for winning a \$500 vocal music scholarship awarded at the 62nd Annual Scioto County Honors Concert.
- Recognized the directors and members of the “**Expressions**”, Portsmouth High School’s Show Choir, for being named Grand Champion of the Varsity Division at the *Contest of Champions* Show Choir Competition in Ellettsville, Indiana.
- Recognized Grant Middle School students **Stephen Justice**, an 8th grader, and **Brittany Lockhart**, a 7th grader, who participated in district competition and advanced to regional competition in the “Power of the Pen” writing competition. **Stephen** also was the “Best of Round” winner in round 2 at district and finished 11th overall. Other “Power of the Pen” participants who were recognized included: **Kandee Brinkley, Amanda Faulks, Owen Frazier, Sean Gowdy, Miranda Hileman, Lynnsey Kilgore, Andrea Llewellyn, Kiona Rogers, Rachel Terry, Grace Bayless, and Chris Lansing**.
- Recognized Portsmouth High School junior **Michael Purdy** for being nominated and selected to attend the Martin W. Essex School for the Gifted at The Ohio State University this summer.
- Recognized the following Harding Elementary School sixth grade students who participated in the Shawnee State University’s Talent Search Program: **Nick Adkins, David Blair, Christina Bryant, Morgan Bundy, Nick Bundy, Cortney Fodge, Jonathon Garrett, Vincente Glynn, and Jonathon Gold**.
- Board heard from Portsmouth High School teachers **Cyndy Hykes, Brenda Musser, Ted Sanders and Darrell Stephenson** regarding their Demonstration Classrooms as they pertain to literacy strategies.

PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS

A. Certificated

- Accepted resignations from **Justin Blume (Substitute Teacher); Wendi Burns (Substitute Teacher); Sascha Durben (Substitute Teacher); William R. Fields (Teacher/Retirement); Patricia Hamilton (Substitute Teacher); Erin Wawro (Substitute Teacher); and Kristen Wawro (Substitute Teacher).**
- Approved a **change in status** for **Sheri Adkins (From Bachelor's Degree, Step 5 to Five Years Training, Step 5); Jennifer Hughes (From Bachelor's Degree, Step 3 to Master's Degree, Step 3); Elsie McGuire (Funding Change).**
- Employed the following individuals as **substitute teachers: Amanda Bailey; Jenni Burns; Heather Fannin; and Virginia Sturgill.**
- Awarded the following **supplemental contracts** for the 2004-2005 school year: **Joe Albrecht (Head girls basketball coach at PHS); Curt Clifford (Head football coach at PHS); Bob Craft (Head volleyball coach at PHS); Tom Grashel (Athletic Director at PHS); Tiffany Hickman (Cheerleader sponsor at PHS); Rick Hopkins (Head boys basketball coach at PHS); Helen Wells (Girls tennis coach at PHS); and Buck Whitely (Golf coach at PHS).**
- Granted **Continuing Contract Status** to the following teachers for the 2004-2005 school year: **Angela Finn; Lesley Howard; Jill Kolar; Kathleen Moore; and Dana Pollock.**
- Approved the **appointment/reappointment of 76 teachers** for the 2004-2005 school year.
- Approved **116 day-to-day substitute teachers** and **43 tutors** for the 2004-2005 school year.
- Recognized and commended **82 teachers** who have received continuing contracts and are serving in a continuing status in the Portsmouth district.

B. Classified

- Approved a **change in status** for **Cheryl Collier (Cook I to Temporary Aide I); Tennie Lee Dials (Cook I – Medical Leave of Absence to Cook I – Active Status); Amanda Grashel (Central Office Secretary – Probationary Status to Central Office Secretary – Regular Status); Mintha Hamrick (Substitute Aide/Substitute Secretary to Temporary Aide I); Patricia McCallister (Cook I to Temporary Aide I); and Alberta Scherer (Aide I – Funding Change).**
- Employed the following individuals as **substitute aides: Janice Grabeman and Paulette Mitchell.**
- Employed the following non-teacher coach for the 2003-2004 school year: **Brad Porter (Assistant baseball coach at PHS).**

- Employed the following non-teacher coach for the 2004-2005 school year: **Anthony Maynard (Head soccer coach at PHS).**
- Approved the **appointment/reappointment of 28 substitute aides, eight substitute bus drivers; 29 substitute cooks; 21 substitute custodians; and 16 substitute secretaries** for the 2004-2005 school year.
- Recognized and commended the following classified employees who have completed their probationary period and are serving in a continuing status with the Portsmouth district: **23 aides, seven bus drivers, 24 cafeteria employees, 19 custodians/maintenance employees, the kitchen driver/courier, 18 secretaries, and the Student Attendance Services Coordinator.**
- Recognized the probationary status of **Stephanie Miller (Elementary Secretary).**
- Approved the end of **non-teacher (co-curricular) contracts** to be no later than the final day of the school year, with recommendation for contracts for the 2004-2005 school year to be made at a later date in accord with budget and needs of the district.

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

- Approved a **Change Order** in the amount of **\$29,974.04** to Boone Coleman Construction, Inc., for the New Downtown PK-6 Elementary School which would allow for (1) miscellaneous changes to the concrete bus parking lot, (2) costs associated with modifying the manholes and catch basins in staff parking lot and adding a yard drain, (3) additional 6" water main work, and (4) excavation of "Blue Clay" and placement of the "Surge Rock" in the four building pad locations.
- Approved a **Change Order** in the amount of **\$34,491.05** to Boone Coleman Construction, Inc., for the New Downtown PK-6 Elementary School which would allow for (1) addition of Catch Basins #13 and #14, (2) a monetary deduction of \$62.72 to eliminate Manhole #19 and reroute storm line to existing manhole on Union Street, and (3) additional final cistern work.
- Approved a Resolution **authorizing demolition** of Wilson Elementary, Roosevelt Elementary, McKinley Elementary, Harding Elementary and Portsmouth High School and identified fixtures and personal property and thereafter for the foreseeable future **retain and maintain the property** in connection with each for the purpose of either ultimately constructing a replacement facility or for another school use.
- Approved participation by Harding Elementary staff members in a **professional development retreat** at Deer Creek Resort & Conference Center June 12-16, 2004.
- Approved the **out-of-state field trip** to Washington, D.C. on June 4, 5 & 6, 2004 for the **traffic scouts from McKinley Elementary School.**

- Approved the **out-of-state field trip** to Williamsburg, Virginia on June 8-10, 2004 for the **traffic scouts from Harding Elementary School**.
- Approved a **Letter of Agreement** with Ohio University whereby the school district will pay an annual fee of \$350.00 to supplement resources obtained from the State of Ohio and Ohio University for the operation of the **Ohio University Leadership Program (OULP)**.
- Approved an Agreement with **American Red Cross Ohio River Valley Chapter** to provide shelter services when requested in support of disaster relief operations.
- Approved an Agreement with the **South Central Ohio ESC** to provide services for the **hearing impaired program** for the 2004-2005 school year.
- Adopted the following **revised policies** in order to be in compliance with the recently enacted Gun-Free School Act which went into effect April 8, 2004: **GBCB – Staff Conduct and KGB – Public Conduct on District Property**.
- Approved an Agreement with **Ikon Office Solutions** for a 28-Month Image Management Agreement to replace existing copiers in the buildings.
- Approved moving the **June, July and August 2004 board meetings** from Grant Middle School **to Room 201 at Portsmouth High School** due to the scheduled summer demolition of Grant Middle School.
- Authorized a **lease agreement** with Sweetman Music for **percussion instruments** for the PHS instrumental music department with repayment of lease to come from money generated through the PCSD Foundation.

TREASURER RECOMMENDATIONS

- Approved a contract renewal with **School Insurance Consultants** for the 2004-2005 school year.
- Approved a district policy for the **Use of District Cellular Telephones** effective May 1, 2004.
- Approved renewal of the **Vision Service Plan (vision insurance for non-classified)** effective July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2006.
- Approved the **revised Five Year Forecast and Notes**.
- Approved the **Student Activity Fund Budgets** for the 2004-2005 school year.
- Approved the use of **3SG Corporation** for **document imaging purposes** on an as needed basis.

CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- Approved **seven (7) personal service contracts.**
- Approved **volunteers** for the Portsmouth High School Tennis Team and the Short Term Alternative Placement Center.
- Approved monthly donations totaling **\$9,604.39.**
- Approved the following routine financial reports and recommendations:
Interim Revenues; March 2004 Management/Financial Data; Summary of March 2004 Bills; Appropriations (Budgets) and Fund to Fund Transfers.
- Approved payment to **two (2) vendors** whose invoices exceed \$3,000.00.
- Approved one **real estate purchase agreement** for property located on Ninth Street.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Acknowledged an **increase in milk prices** effective April 1, 2004.