

Board Briefs

From the Portsmouth City School District Board of Education
Regular Meeting.....May 19, 2005

RECOGNITION / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- Recognized artwork of **Zach Craft**, a fifth grade student at McKinley Elementary School, and his art teacher, **Alan Lute**.
- Recognized the following traffic scouts, all sixth grade students at McKinley Elementary School, for leading the “Pledge of Allegiance”:
Richelle Bowman Adam Bray, Monica Call, Drew Gibson, Mitch Gower, Ian Rowland and Evan Sommer.
- Recognized the Portsmouth High School students enrolled in the **Interactive Media and Video Production classes** at Portsmouth High School for being selected as one of 25 schools to receive a \$2,000 grant to put their service-learning project plan on Teen Driver Safety into action.
- Recognized numerous students and staff members for the following accomplishments: **Portsmouth High School Band Achievement at 2005 Music Showcase Festival in Toronto; Portsmouth High School Science Fair Winners; Portsmouth Junior High School Student David Pettit for Superior Rating at State Science Day; McKinley Elementary School Spelling Bee Winners; McKinley Elementary School Science Fair Winners; Scottish Rite Essay Contest Third Place in Sixth Grade Winner from McKinley; American Veterans (AMVETS) Writing Contest Winner from McKinley Elementary School; Portsmouth Public Library Tall Tale Writing Contest Honorable Mention Winner from McKinley Elementary; Young Shakespeare Writing Contest Winners from McKinley Elementary School; and McKinley Sixth Grade Students Who Placed and Won a Spot on the Seventh Grade Power of the Pen Writing Competition Team.**
- Recognized **Lisa Russell**, third grade teacher at Roosevelt Elementary School, and **Julie Sanders-Johnson**, teacher of French at Portsmouth High School, for receiving the **Outstanding Teacher Award** presented annually by the Scioto County Area Foundation.
- Heard a BEST Practice presentation by **Angie Holmes**, Principal of McKinley Elementary School, who along with the following students, shared a brief overview of “Great Things Are Happening at McKinley”:
Katie Boden, Monica Call, Kayla Parker, Brittany Pistole, Santana Shepherd, Rachel Sissel, P.J. Ashworth, and Ronnie Truman.

PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS

A. Certificated

- Accepted resignations from the following employees: **Susan Fowler (Substitute Teacher)** effective May 13, 2005, and **Timothy Mosley (Teacher)** effective August 21, 2005.
- Approved the following **supplemental contracts** effective the 2004-2005 school year: **Cindy Cookson (Science fair sponsor at Wilson Elementary School); Lesley Howard (Science fair sponsor at McKinley Elementary School); Diana Marsh (Science fair sponsor at Portsmouth High School); Kim Newman (Science fair sponsor at Roosevelt Elementary School); and Lanny Rice (Science fair sponsor at Harding Elementary School).**
- Approved the following **new supplemental contract positions** effective the 2005-2006 school year (contingent upon PCTA Memo of Understanding): **Science fair sponsor at Portsmouth Junior High/High School; Science fair sponsor at Portsmouth Elementary School; and Science fair sponsor at East Portsmouth Elementary School.**
- Approved the following **supplemental contracts** effective the 2005-2006 school year: **Chuck Burke (Quiz bowl sponsor at Portsmouth High School); Linda Howell (Newspaper sponsor at Portsmouth High School); Amy Keating (Yearbook sponsor at Portsmouth High School); and Judy Sanders (Senior class sponsor at Portsmouth High School).**
- Approved **revised Salary Table Booklet pages** effective the 2004-2005 school year.
- Approved the following recommendations from a joint committee comprised of two (2) PCTA appointed persons and two (2) Board appointed employees regarding supplemental contracts: **implementation of a supplemental index schedule based on longevity experience; a change in the title and index of the Head Football Coach at Portsmouth High School; and the addition of the supplemental position of Yearbook Sponsor at Portsmouth Junior High School.**
The changes were approved by the Board members contingent on PCTA membership ratification on June 3, 2005.

B. Classified

- Approved the following **Coaches (Non-teacher) supplemental contracts** effective the 2005-2006 school year: **Pamela Allen (Junior class sponsor at Portsmouth High School and Junior/Senior prom sponsor at Portsmouth High School).**
- Adopted the **revised job description** for the **Maintenance** position.

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

- Approved the **SCOCA EMIS Service Agreement (Craig Haney)** with the South Central Ohio Computer Association for the 2005-2006 school year.
- Approved, pending their completion of all district and state requirements, the **list of 2005 Portsmouth High School graduates**.
- Adopted a **Resolution** supporting the **Summer School Initiative** to take place between June 27 and July 22, 2005 at Shawnee State University (Grades K-6) and Portsmouth High School (Grades 7-12).
- Approved mileage reimbursement to **parent volunteer Ryan Carter** for providing student transportation to and from the Power of the Pen State Competition in Wooster, Ohio.
- Approved a change in **cellular phone service provider**, as a cost-savings move for the district and to improve service, from Sprint to **Cingular** effective July 1, 2005.
- Approved a **Special Board Meeting** for Thursday, May 26, at 8:00 a.m., in Room 110 at Portsmouth High School to accept the Security Clock Bids for the new facilities.
- Adopted a **Resolution** in support of a **Constitutional Amendment on School Funding** and directed Treasurer to forward a copy of the resolution to the Educate Ohio Committee, to all statewide education organizations, and to the news media.

TREASURER RECOMMENDATIONS

- Approved the initial **Student Activity Fund Budgets** for the Family and Consumer Science Department for the 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 school years.

CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- Approved **thirty-five (35) personal service contracts**.
- Approved **one (1) PHS Physics/Chemistry Field Trip** parent volunteer.
- Approved monthly donations totaling **\$6,963.05**.
- Approved the following routine financial reports and recommendations: **Interim Revenues; April 2005 Management/Financial Data; Summary of April 2005 Bills; and Appropriations**.
- Approved payment to **two (2) vendors** whose invoices exceeded \$3,000.00.
- Approved stipends for professional development reimbursement hours to **eleven (11) Portsmouth High School teachers** who worked two days to align the content standards; and to **thirteen (13) K-6 teachers** who designed SCITEL lessons as part of an on-going project since February 2005.