

Board Briefs

From the Portsmouth City School District Board of Education
Regular Meeting.....May 20, 2004

RECOGNITION / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- Recognized art work of **Alex Grashel**, a third grade student at Roosevelt Elementary School, and his teacher, **Jill Kolar**.
- Recognized the following members of Daisy Troop 509 for leading the “Pledge of Allegiance”: **Brianna Craft, Emma Edwards, Grace Hewitt, McKenzie Howell, Valerie Moorhead, Melinsey Ross & Ayla Towns**. Troop Leader is **Jennifer Moorhead**.
- Recognized the **first grade class of Roosevelt Elementary School** for performing two musical selections under the direction of **Judy Smith**.
- Recognized **McKenzie Greene**, a fourth grade student at McKinley Elementary School, for winning first place in the Americanism Essay Contest.
- Recognized the following two teachers who were selected for the **Outstanding Teacher Award** presented each year by the Scioto County Area Foundation: **Judy Smith, elementary vocal music teacher, and Julie Horn, mathematics teacher at Portsmouth High School**.
- Board heard from the following Roosevelt Elementary third grade students and principal **Charles Kemp** on highlights of Right to Read Week: **Joe Amburgey, Adam Burroway, Caylee Damron, Kyle Fuller, Jacob Haskins, Zack Kammler, Conner Lasswell, Justice Richardson, Izzie Sturgill, Maggie Sturgill, and Pajah Williams**.

PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS

A. Certificated

- Approved a **change in funding status** for **Tom Walker**.

B. Classified

- Approved a **change in status** for **Stephanie Miller (Elementary Secretary – Probationary Status to Regular Status)**.
- Employed the following non-teacher coaches for the 2004-2005 school year: **Wendi Burns (Assistant Volleyball Coach at PHS) and Michael Chandler (Assistant Soccer Coach at PHS)**.

- Approved **job descriptions** for the following: **Paraprofessional (New) and Secretary/Accounts Payable Clerk-Central Office (Revised)**.

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

- Approved a **SCOCA EMIS Services Agreement** with the South Central Ohio Computer Association.
- Approved the **list of graduate candidates** from Portsmouth High School, pending their completion of all district and state requirements.
- Adopted the **Summer School Initiative**.
- Approved the **summer professional development retreat** for staff members of Portsmouth High School and Grant Middle School.
- Approved selected staff members to attend the **High Schools That Work National Conference** in Atlanta, Georgia.

TREASURER RECOMMENDATIONS

- Approved the **revised financial forecast and notes**.
- Approved **Medical Mutual of Ohio** as the new health care provider for district employees.
- Approved use of the **SETBAL Program** in closing the current fiscal year.
- Approved membership application and agreement to participate in the **OSBA Group Rating Program** for the 2004-2005 school year as provided under the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation Laws.
- Approved a contract with **Local Government Services (LGS)** to provide services for the compilation of the basic financial statements for year ending June 30, 2004.
- Approved **transfer of funds** from the PCSD Scholarship Fund into a designated account within the PCS Education Foundation for the sole purpose of awarding scholarships.
- Approved the **receipt of funds** donated for the **Portsmouth City Schools' Pep Band** into a designated fund within the PCS Education Foundation for the sole purpose of the Portsmouth City Schools' Pep Band.

CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- Approved **thirty (30) personal service contracts**.
- Approved **volunteers** for the Portsmouth High School Soccer Team and the Short Term Alternative Placement Center.
- Approved monthly donations totaling **\$100.00**.

- Approved the following routine financial reports and recommendations: ***Interim Revenues; April 2004 Management/Financial Data; Summary of April 2004 Bills; and Appropriations (Budgets).***
- Approved payment to ***one (1) vendor*** whose invoice exceeded \$3,000.00.
- Approved ***Gandee & Associates*** being awarded contract for asbestos abatement in five buildings.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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

ADDITIONAL BOARD ACTION

The last item in the board agenda was a resolution that the Board adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose to discuss the appointment and/or employment and/or dismissal, discipline and/or promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or regulated individual; and to review negotiations or bargaining sessions with certificated employees.

When the Board reconvened to Regular Session, they took action to ***approve a new five-year contract*** for Supt. Jan Broughton. Her current contract expires July 31, 2005; thus, the extension of her contract becomes effective August 1, 2005 and expires July 31, 2010.