

Board Briefs

From the Portsmouth City School District Board of Education
Regular Meeting.....May 25, 2006

RECOGNITION / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- Recognized artwork of **Jacqueline Meriwether**, a third grade student at Roosevelt Elementary School, and her art teacher, **Jill Kolar**.
- Recognized the following students for leading the “Pledge of Allegiance”:
Brooksie Blue, sixth grade student at McKinley Elementary, and **Jacqueline Meriwether**.
- Recognized the Portsmouth High School Interactive Media Class for winning two first place awards at the annual Ohio University Emmie Awards: **Excellence in Individual/Group Project** and **Excellence in Audio Production**. The Interactive Media Class teacher is **Chris Cole**.
- Recognized **Evan Sommer**, a seventh grade student at Portsmouth Junior High School for placing **first** in the Water/Recycling Conservation Division at the **State Science Fair** held at The Ohio State University.
- Recognized **Brooksie Blue** for winning **Best of Show – Youth** at the Black Art Expo held at the Huntington Museum of Art.
- Recognized the following teachers who were selected for the **2005-2006 Outstanding Teacher Award** presented each year by the Scioto Area Foundation: **Kathy Amburgey** (First Grade Teacher at Roosevelt Elementary School) and **Arthur Lard** (Business Teacher at PHS).
- Heard a BEST Practice presentation update on the **Reading First-Ohio** grant program.

PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS

A. Certificated

- Accepted the resignations from the following employees: **Rebecca Davis (Teacher - Retirement)**; **Allen Hanson (Teacher)**; **Brenda Himes (Teacher)**; **Eddie Moore (Substitute Teacher)**; and **Geneva Windsor (Teacher – Retirement)**.

B. Classified

- Accepted the resignations from the following individual: **Linda Rawlins (Aide I – Paraprofessional)**.
- Approved a **change in status** for the following employees: **Larry Pennington** (Custodian I – 52% General Fund / 48% Lunchroom Fund to Custodian – 100% General Fund) and **Kimberly Powell** (Aide I – Paraprofessional – Probationary Status to Aide I – Paraprofessional – Regular Status).

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

- Approved the **SCOCA EMIS Service Agreement** for additional services to be provided by Craig Haney, SCOCA EMIS Services Coordinator.
- Approved a list of **103 Portsmouth High School Candidates for Graduation**, pending their completion of all district and state requirements.
- Approved a **Resolution** supporting the **Summer School Initiative**.
- Approved a **Change Order** to **J & H Reinforcing and Structural Erectors** in the amount of **\$14,220.00** to add batt in lieu of foam insulation in windows at East Portsmouth Elementary School and Portsmouth Elementary School.
- Approved notifying the **Ohio Department of Liquor Control** that the district **objects for the record**, but does not request a hearing, to the issuance of a liquor license for a business located within 500 feet of Wilson Elementary School.
- Adopted the **revised 2006-2007 school calendar** to reflect four (4) Waiver Days of Instruction.
- Adopted the following policy: **JEDAB – Habitual and Chronic Truancy**.
- Approved the location of the summer board meetings as follows: **June – Portsmouth High/Junior High School; July – Portsmouth Elementary School; and August – East Portsmouth Elementary School**. Specific room location will be announced via the media and the district's web site as determined.
- Approved an **Addendum** to the negotiated agreement between the Portsmouth City Board of Education and the **Portsmouth City Teachers' Association**, which addresses the results of a re-opener on salary and benefits for the last year of the original contract, which expires June 30, 2007.

TREASURER RECOMMENDATIONS

- Approved a proposal from **Superior Office Services, Inc.**, for a 42-month contract to lease **Canon copiers** for use in the school buildings, beginning with the 2006-2007 school year. This is a **cost savings of \$53,970** for the duration of the contract.
- Approved the recommendation of the Portsmouth City Schools Health Insurance Committee to adopt **Medical Mutual Option 4** as presented by Group HealthCare Consultants, Inc.

CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- Approved **thirty-two (32) personal service contracts.**
- Approved monthly donations totaling **\$6,298.00.**
- Approved the following routine financial reports and recommendations: **Interim Revenues; April 2006 Management/Financial Data; Summary of April 2006 Bills; Fund to Fund Transfers; and Appropriations (Budgets).**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Acknowledged **Coming Attractions** which include the following events: **PHS Graduation** (Sunday, **May 28, 1 p.m.**, Boy's Gym); **Campus Tours of New Facilities** (Thursday, June 15, 2-7 p.m., Guided Tours Every 15 Minutes); **Portsmouth City Schools' Foundation Gala (by invitation only)** (Saturday, **August 19**, time to be determined, at PHS/PJHS Cafetorium); and **Ribbon Cutting/Grand Opening Celebration** of Portsmouth High/Junior High School and Portsmouth Elementary School (Thursday, **August 24, 12:30 p.m.** Ribbon Cutting).