

Board Briefs

From the Portsmouth City School District Board of Education
Regular Meeting.....September 22, 2005

RECOGNITION / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- Recognized art work of **Austin Elrod**, a sixth grade student at Harding Elementary School, and his art teacher, **Beth Erwin**.
- Recognized the following Harding Elementary School traffic scouts for leading the “Pledge of Allegiance”: **Patrick Bias, Leann Hackworth, Brendan Herrforth, Michael Hill, Kyla Matthews, Shyanna Matthews, Jessica Monroe, Amanda Smith, Brookelyn Newell, Austin Patterson, Pagie Rheinscheld, Will Toleman, and Travis Wright**; and their supervisor, **Pam McCann**.
- Recognized the following staff and students honored with the Portsmouth Daily Times 2005 Reader’s Choice Awards: **Judy Smith, Best Teacher – First Place; Bill Vest, Best Teacher – Second Place; Portsmouth High School, Best High School Band (Shawn Brehm, Director), Best Football Team (Curt Clifford, Head Coach) and Best Basketball Team (Rick Hopkins, Head Coach); and Curt Clifford, Best Coach – Second Place**.
- Heard a BEST Practice presentation by Debbie Call, Principal, and Lori Lemaster, Reading First-Ohio Data Manager, on the topic of **“Utilizing Data in the Classroom”**.

PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS

A. Certificated

- Accepted resignations from the following employees: **Jenni Burns (Substitute Teacher) and Jimmy Gill (Substitute Teacher)**.
- Approved a **change in status** for the following individuals: **Shelly Fannin (Teacher – Five Years Training – Step 3 to Teacher – Master’s Degree – Step 3) and Twilite Pack (Teacher – Five Years Training – Step 5 to Teacher – Master’s Degree – Step 5)**.
- Employed the following individuals as **substitute teachers** effective September 23, 2005: **Garnet Bussell; Cynthia Durant; Heather Knapp; Wallace McClurg; Kellie Reedy and Randall Schlegel**.

- Approved the following **supplemental contract** effective the 2005-2006 school year: **Chris Cole (Boys tennis coach at PHS); Jani Evans (Head seventh grade girls basketball coach at PJHS); Chad Hammond (Head eighth grade boys basketball coach at PJHS); Linda Howell (Newspaper sponsor at PJHS); Amy Keating (Head eighth grade girls basketball coach at PJHS); Suzie Keller (Yearbook sponsor at PJHS); Randy Nelson (First assistant girls basketball coach at PHS); Kim Newman (Science fair sponsor at Portsmouth Elementary School); Ted Newsome (Head seventh grade boys basketball coach at PJHS); Josh Shoemaker (Mock trial sponsor at PHS and Second assistant girls basketball coach at PHS); Amy Stamper (Science fair sponsor at East Portsmouth Elementary School); and Buck Whitely (Freshman boys basketball coach at PHS).**
- Employed the following individual as a **tutor** effective September 26, 2005: **Mark Morrow.**
- Approved a **revised Salary Table Booklet page** effective the 2005-2006 school year.
- Approved a **blanket change in funding** for staff members previously reported as paid through DPIA for the 2005-2006 school year who will not be funded through Poverty Based Assistance.

B. Classified

- Accepted resignation from the following individual: **Brenda Pyles (Substitute Aide and Substitute Secretary).**
- Approved a **change in status** for the following individuals: **John Bentley (Custodian III – Pay Range 32 – Step 5 – Second Longevity Step to Custodian III – Pay Range 32 – Step 5 – Third Longevity Step); Karen Conkle (Aide – Pay Range 5 – Step 5 – 78 Work Days/School Year to Aide I – Paraprofessional – Pay Range 12 – Step 3 – 178 Work Days/School Year); Janice Dressler (Bus Driver – Pay Range 30 – Step 5 to Bus Driver – Pay Range 30 – Step 5 – First Longevity Step); Shirley Duncan (Elementary Secretary – Pay Range 20 – Step 5 – Second Longevity Step to Elementary Secretary – Pay Range 20 – Step 5 – Third Longevity Step); Carolyn Fuller (Cook VI – Pay Range 10 – Step 4 – First Longevity Step to Cook VI – Pay Range 10 – Step 4 – Second Longevity Step); Rita Rollins (Cook 1 – 5 Hours/Day to Cook 1 – 6 Hours/Day); and Teresa Scott (Cook I – 4 Hours/Day to Cook I – 5 Hours/Day).**
- Employed the following individual as a **substitute aide and substitute secretary**, as needed, effective September 23, 2005: **Judy Spriggs.**
- Approved the following **non-teaching supplemental contract** effective the 2005-2006 school year: **Dan Schmidt (First assistant boys basketball coach at PHS).**

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

- Approved a resolution adopting the district's **2005-2006 Revised Fiscal Caution Financial Recovery Plan** and authorized Superintendent to send official notification to State Superintendent Susan Tave Zelman.
- Approved continuation of **"Tech Tuesdays"** for staff professional development opportunities.
- Approved payment of **out-of-district mileage**, as needed, to **surrogate parents** required to attend IEP meetings on behalf of the student involved.

TREASURER RECOMMENDATIONS

- Approved **renewal rates** for **Anthem dental insurance** for period October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006, for certified employees, administrators, and administrative assistants.
- Approved **renewal rates** for **Medical Mutual health insurance** for period October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006, for all employees.
- Approved the **2005-2006 permanent appropriations at the fund level**.
- Approved the **Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources** for the 2005-2006 school year.
- Approved an **increase** in the **mileage rate reimbursement** to district employees from **40.5 cents per mile to 48.5 cents per mile** for all business miles driven between September 23 and December 31, 2005.

CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- Approved **thirty-two (32) personal service contracts**.
- Approved **monthly donations** totaling **\$41,703.32**.
- Approved the following routine financial reports and recommendations: **Interim Revenues; August 2005 Management/Financial Data; and Summary of August 2005 Bills**.
- Approved payment to **eight (8) vendors** whose invoice exceeded \$3,000.00.
- Approved **stipend reimbursement** to staff members who participated in professional development sessions in June and August 2005.
- Approved the following individuals to provide **Lead Mentor** or **Mentor** services, as needed, during the 2005-2006 school year: **Laura Greenhill (Lead Mentor); Polly Bowman (Mentor); Candace McHenry (Mentor); Jennifer Shoupe (Mentor); and Eunice Stephenson (Mentor)**.
- Approved a **real estate purchase agreement** for property located at 926 Waller Street, for future expansion of district facilities.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Acknowledged district participation in ***Cooperative Special Education programs*** for the 2005-2006 school year.
- Acknowledged the ***asbestos abatement and demolition schedule*** for Harding Elementary School, Portsmouth High School, McKinley Elementary School, Roosevelt Elementary School and Wilson Elementary School.