

Board Briefs

From the Portsmouth City School District Board of Education
Meeting..... August 22, 2002

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RECOGNITION / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- Recognized artwork of Aerielle Jones, 8th grade student at Grant Middle School, and her art teacher, Jennifer Hughes.

PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS

A. Certificated

- Accepted resignations from the following employee: ***Jacqueline Bell (Teacher)***.
- Recalled ***Cathy Coriell*** as a teacher effective the 2002-2003 school year.
- Approved a ***change in funding status*** for 39 certificated staff; and approved a ***change in status*** for one teacher.
- Approved supplemental contracts for ***Monte Kremin (Traffic Scout Supervisor at McKinley Elementary)***.
- Hired the following substitute teachers: ***Sabrina Amburgey; Wendi Burns; Emily Cox; Patricia Hamilton; Erin Mearan; Gary Monroe; Timothy Mosley; and Larissa Strayer***.
- Approved the appointment/reappointment of the following non-licensed individuals: ***Michael Chandler (Assistant Soccer Coach at PHS); Vance Lasswell (Assistant Football Coach at PHS); and Anita Tindall (Traffic Scout Supervisor at Harding Elementary)***.

B. Classified

- Approved a change in status for ***Kathleen Fairchild (Cook); Donna Greene (Cook); Pamela McCann (Cook); Pamela McNeil (Elementary Secretary); Connie Parker (Cook); Shirley Parker (Cook); Regina Ruggles (Cook); Alberta Scherer (Cook); and Teresa Scott (Cook)***.
- Approved a change in funding status for four (4) classified staff members.
- Approved the appointment/reappointment of the following individuals: ***Sharon Dillow (Cook); Christopher Pitts (Substitute Bus Driver & Substitute Custodian); and Sharon Weghorst (Substitute Cook)***.

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

- Approved district membership in the **National Staff Development Council**.
- Approved the **Organizational Chart** for the 2002-2003 school year.
- Adopted the **Scioto County Teen Tobacco Education Program, Use of Tobacco Products or Possession of Tobacco Products by Students in Grades 6-12** for inclusion in the district Student Code of Conduct effective the 2002-2003 school year.
- Approved a **Memorandum of Understanding** among REACH, the SSU Children's Learning Center, and the Portsmouth City School District. This is a collaborative effort that will serve at-risk, 3- to 5-year old children.
- Re-adopted the **Honor Roll Policy** to include grades 2-12; adopted a "pilot" period for **Advanced Placement Classes** on a pass/fail option at PHS; and approved the **Acceleration Policy**.
- Approved a **district-wide field trip rubric/schedule** for the 2002-2003 school year.
- Approved a Resolution supporting the district's request to the Ohio Department of Education for **a waiver of twenty-five (25) student instructional hours for the 2002-2003 school year**.
- Approved **beginning and dismissal times** for students and teachers effective the 2002-2003 school year.
- Voted to ask the Division of Liquor Control document **the district's objection** to a liquor permit but that we do not request a hearing. A permit was requested by Holzack, Inc., 1901 Eighth Street, 1st Floor Only, Portsmouth, Ohio, which is located within 500 feet of Wilson Elementary School.
- Based on the recommendation of Tanner, Stone & Company, approved hiring **CRM Land Surveying** of Portsmouth, Ohio, to perform surveying services for the new facilities project.

TREASURER RECOMMENDATIONS

- Approved notification from AFSCME of **increase in dental/vision/life/prescription drug insurance coverage**.
- Approved **cash reserve/change funds** for the 2002-2003 school year.
- Approved appointment of **building cashiers** and administered the Oath of Office to new Elementary Secretary **Pam McNeil**.

CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- Approved **38** personal service contracts.
- Approved **25 volunteers** for the Portsmouth High School Girls Volleyball team; **74 volunteers** for Portsmouth High School Football team; and **22 volunteers** for the Portsmouth High School Soccer Team.
- Approved the following routine financial reports and recommendations: ***Interim Revenues, July 2002 Management/Financial Data, Summary of July 2002 Bills, Transfers; and Appropriations (Budgets).***
- Approved reimbursement to individuals for their participation in the following district staff development sessions: ***Portsmouth High School Retreat (July 30-August 1, 2002); Baldrige Teacher/Student Partnership (July 31-August 1, 2002); Baldrige Orientation Training (August 6-7, 2002); Dr. Laurence Martel Inservice (August 8-9, 2002); and Harding Elementary School Retreat (August 11-14, 2002).***
- Approved payment to vendors whose invoices **exceeded \$1,000.00.**