

Board Briefs

From the Portsmouth City School District Board of Education
Regular Meeting.....April 28, 2005

RECOGNITION / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- Recognized artwork of **C.J. McMahon**, a seventh grade student at Portsmouth Junior High School, and his art teacher, **Alan Lute**.
- Recognized **Kaitlyn Carter and C.J. McMahon**, seventh grade students at Portsmouth Junior High School, for leading the “Pledge of Allegiance”.
- Recognized the following **Portsmouth Junior High School students** for their success and participation in the **Power of the Pen** educational writing program: **Kaitlyn Carter (First place overall at district, Sixth place with a superior rating and Best of Round for the second round of writing at regional, and advances to state competition); Kacee Mosley (Seventh place at district, Fifteenth with honors at regional, and advances to state competition); Haley Bradford; Rachael Carter; Justin Lamblin; Andrea Llewellyn; Kayla Rodino; Kiona Rogers; Brittni Rowland; Eli Sanford; and Ruthie Stanley**. Also recognized the efforts and dedication of Power of the Pen teacher coach **Sue Schmidt**.
- Heard a BEST Practice presentation by **Sue Schmidt**, Power of the Pen teacher coach, who along with two of the students who participated in the Power of the Pen competition, **Kaitlyn Carter and Miranda Hileman**, shared a power point program of their experiences in this writing competition.

PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS

A. Certificated

- Accepted disability resignations (retirement) from the following employees, who, in accordance with the Revised Code, have leave of absence status with the school district for five years from the effective date of their disability retirement: **Michael Russell; Susan Craig; and Paula Crawford**.
- Approved a **change in status** for the following employee: **Molly Addis (Teacher – Leave of Absence [without pay] 2004-2005 school year to Teacher – Leave of Absence [without pay] 2005-2006 school year**.

- Employed the following individuals as **substitute teachers** effective April 29, 2005: **Robyn Hambrick and Christy Knauff**.
- Approved the following **supplemental contracts** effective the 2005-2006 school year: **Joe Albrecht (Head girls basketball coach at PHS); Tom Grashel (Athletic director at PHS); Tiffany Hickman (Cheerleader sponsor at PHS); Rick Hopkins (Head boys basketball coach at PHS); Arthur Lard (Volleyball coach at PJHS); Shay Pennington (Head volleyball coach at PHS); Helen Wells (Girls tennis coach at PHS); and Buck Whitely (Golf coach at PHS)**.
- Approved a **revised Salary Table Booklet page** effective the 2005-2006 school year.
- Granted **continuing contract status** to the following teachers effective the beginning of the 2005-2006 school year: **Richard Arthur; Kathi Cassity; Becky Duncan; Jennifer Hughes; and Steve McGinnis**.
- Approved the appointment/reappointment of **77 teachers** for the 2005-2006 school year.
- Approved the appointment/reappointment of the following for the 2005-2006 school year: **79 Day-by-Day Substitute Teachers and 29 Tutors**.
- Recognized and commended **84 teachers who have continuing contracts** and are serving in a continuing contract status with the school district.

B. Classified

- Accepted disability resignation (retirement) from the following employee, who, in accordance with the Revised Code, has leave of absence status with the school district for five years from the effective date of disability retirement: **Carl Horsley**.
- Approved a **change in funding status** for the following employees: **Karen Conkle (Aide I – 100% General Fund to Aide I – 100% IDEA-B); Alan Hughes (Aide I – 100% General Fund to Aide I – 100% DPIA); and Betty Thacker (Aide I – Paraprofessional – 100% General Fund to Aide I – Paraprofessional – 100% DPIA)**.
- Approved the appointment/reappointment of the following for the 2005-2006 school year: **18 Substitute Aides; 4 Substitute Bus Drivers; 13 Substitute Cooks; 18 Substitute Custodians; and 11 Substitute Secretaries**.
- Recognized and commended **26 Aides – Paraprofessionals, 7 Bus Drivers, 23 Cafeteria Employees, 18 Custodians & Maintenance, the Kitchen/Driver Courier, 19 Secretaries, and the Student Attendance Services Coordinator** who have completed their probationary period and are serving in a continuing status with the school district.

- Recognized the ***probationary status*** of the following employee: **Gary Martin (promotion probationary period August 15, 2005 employee continuing status attained)**.
- Approved ***non-teacher (co-curricular) contracts*** be ended no later than the final day of the school year, with recommendations for contracts for the 2005-2006 school year to be made at a later date.

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

- Approved a ***summer staff retreat*** for the staff members of **Portsmouth High School and Portsmouth Junior High School** June 6-8, 2005 at Portsmouth High School.
- Approved participation and cooperation with the ***Pilasco-Ross Special Education Regional Resource Center*** for the 2005-2006 school year to provide programs and services for children with disabilities.
- Approved a minor revision to the 2005-2006 school calendar to include ***four days for kindergarten orientation*** in order to administer the KRA-L test.
- Approved the adoption for purchase of a **Reading Program** for Grades K-6 published by Macmillan/McGraw Hill.
- Accepted the quote of ***Four Seasons Environmental, Inc.***, as the district's **Maintenance Plan Advisor** in accord with OSFC requirements.
- Approved joining as a partner the ***Fit2Play Association*** by entering into a free Basic Membership, in order to continue use and maintenance of exercise equipment purchased from National School Fitness Foundation.
- Adopted a ***Resolution*** supporting the district's request for ***Waiver Days of Instruction*** (equal to 25 student instructional hours) for the 2005-2006 school year.

TREASURER RECOMMENDATIONS

- Approved the ***revised Five-Year Forecast and Notes*** for FY-2005.
- Approved the ***Student Activity Fund Budgets*** for the 2005-2006 school year.

CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- Approved **eleven (11) personal service contracts.**
- Approved **one (1) PHS Honors History Field Trip Chaperone and five (5) McKinley Elementary School Reading Tutor** volunteers.
- Approved monthly donations totaling **\$574.00.**
- Approved **out-of-state athletic trips** for the Portsmouth High School Chemistry & Physics Classes, Harding Elementary School Traffic Scouts, and Harding Elementary School Second Grade Field Trip.
- Approved the following routine financial reports and recommendations: **Interim Revenues; March 2005 Management/Financial Data; Summary of March 2005 Bills; Appropriations; and Fund-to-Fund Transfers.**
- Approved payment to **four (4) vendors** whose invoices exceeded \$3,000.00.