

Board Briefs

From the Portsmouth City School District Board of Education
Meeting.....November 20, 2003

RECOGNITION / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- Recognized artwork of **Brooksie Blue**, 4th grade student at McKinley Elementary School, and her art teacher, **Alan Lute**.
- Recognized the following traffic scouts, all sixth graders at McKinley Elementary School, for leading the “Pledge of Allegiance”: **London Carr, Sarah Kendall, David Pettit, Collin Poage, Rachel Snyder and Hannah Walsh**. **Monte Kremin** also was recognized as the Traffic Scout Supervisor.
- Recognized the Portsmouth City School District for being selected as a **Chamber Award for Process Excellence (CAPE) Winner** at the Portsmouth Area Chamber of Commerce Second Annual Small Business Awards Breakfast.
- Recognized the following Portsmouth High School Football team players for being selected to the Division IV 2003 Southeast All-District Football Team: **Gerald Cadogan (First Team Offensive Lineman); Tyler Clifford (First Team Defensive Lineman); Justin Skaggs (First Team Defensive Linebacker); Billy Payne (Special Mention); Nick Toppins (Special Mention); J.R. Glockner (Honorable Mention); Justin Nelson (Honorable Mention); Andrew Newman (Honorable Mention); Michael Purdy (Honorable Mention); and Coach Curt Clifford**.
- Recognized **Mrs. Angie Mercer’s First Grade Class** at Harding Elementary School for being named the county-wide champion in the Scioto County Red Ribbon Coalition Door Decorating Contest.
- Recognized **Wilson Elementary School** for having one hundred percent participation in the Door Decorating Contest.
- Recognized the following classes for being **building winners** in the Scioto County Red Ribbon Coalition Door Decorating Contest: **HARDING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Mrs. Angie Mercer’s First Grade (K-2) and Ms. Leslie Kinker’s Third Grade (3-5); MCKINLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Mrs. Jan Osborne’s OH Class (4-5) and Mrs. Angie Wallace’s Fifth Grade Class (4-5); ROOSEVELT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Mrs. Kim Newman’s Second Grade Class (K-2) and Mrs. Eunice Stephenson’s Third Grade Class (3-5); WILSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Mrs. Cornelia Mault’s Second Grade Class**

(TIE) (K-2), Mrs. Cathi Cassity's First Grade Class (TIE) (K-2), and Mrs. Jeri Hughes' Third Grade Class (3-5).

- Recognized Portsmouth High School junior, **Zachary Hannah**, whose anti-tobacco theme winning design was selected for display on an area billboard by the Scioto County Red Ribbon Coalition. Also recognized his art teacher, **Sharee Price**.
- Recognized **Gerald Cadogan** for being selected as one of 1,020 State Finalists in the Wendy's High School Heisman Award Program.
- Recognized the following students, members of Teens United For Fun (TUFF), who assisted in the painting of the murals in the hallways at the Vern Riffe School: **Jonathan Chandler, Amanda Stephenson, Katie Stephenson (a 2003 PHS graduate), and Cristin White**.
- Recognized the following members of the Portsmouth High School Girl's Tennis Team for advancing to district and state competition: **Lindsey Riddlebarger and Julia Storts (doubles team) and Allison Day (singles player)**. Also recognized the girl's coach, **Helen Wells**.
- Heard presentations showcasing "What Do We Do at McKinley?" and the Baldrige data collection at McKinley by **Dave Huffman, Librarian; Jennifer Hughes, 4th Grade Teacher; and Bill Vest, Intervention Teacher**. They were assisted by the following students, all 4th grade students at McKinley: **McKenzie Greene, Raven Holmes, Savannah Kennard, and Kasey Simpson**.

PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS

A. Certificated

- Accepted resignation of **Ronald Mullins (Substitute Teacher)**.
- Approved a **change in status** for **Ted Newsome and William Vest**
- Employed **Judy Riley** as a **substitute teacher**.
- Recalled **Jennifer Blankenship Hughes** effective October 22, 2003.
- Approved **job descriptions** for the following certificated positions: **Pre-School Handicap Teacher (new), Pre-School Handicap Itinerant Teacher**.

B. Classified

- Approved a change in status for **Amanda Grashel (Elementary Secretary to Central Office Secretary)**.
- Approved the appointment/reappointment of the following individuals: **Angela McGlone (Cook I); Cheryl Collier (Cook I); and Becky Phipps (Substitute Cook)**.

- Approved the appointment/reappointment of the following non-licensed individual: **Anita Tindall (Traffic Scout Supervisor at Harding Elementary School)**.
- Rescinded the August 21, 2003 resolution of intent to change the status of classified personnel in so far as it pertains to **Pamela McNeil (Elementary Secretary)**.
- Approved **job descriptions** for the following classified positions: **Secretary – Central Office Curriculum/Instruction & Elementary Operations (revised)** and **Secretary – Central Office Instruction/Secondary Operations & Alternative Placement Centers (revised)**.

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

- Approved moving the **2004 Regular January Board Meeting** to the last Thursday in January (January 29) and the **2004 Organizational Board Meeting** from the second Thursday in January (January 8) to Tuesday, January 6.
- Adopted the “temporary” **Educational Cable Television Channel policy** as a “**permanent**” policy, after review and recommendation by the Board Personnel, Instruction & Curriculum (PIC) Committee.
- Entered into an Agreement between the school district and the City of Portsmouth, Ohio (Portsmouth Police Department) to provide a **School Resource Officer and a School Resource Officer (SRO) Program**.
- Entered into a contract with **Second Presbyterian Church** to provide a site for the district’s **Short-Term Alternative Learning Center**.
- Approved a Letter of Agreement with the **Southern Ohio Medical Center (SOMC)** to help assess educational need and provide tutorial services to those adolescents admitted for long-term stay in the SOMC Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit.
- Adopted a **Resolution Approving Project Schedule, Detailed Estimate of Construction Cost and Design Development Documents Related to the New East Portsmouth Elementary School**.
- Adopted a **Resolution Approving Project Schedule, Detailed Estimate of Construction Cost and Design Development Documents Related to the New Downtown PK-6 Elementary School**.

TREASURER RECOMMENDATIONS

- Approved entering into an agreement with **Wycom Corporation** for the maintenance of signature equipment in the Treasurer’s Office.

CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- Approved **55** personal service contracts.
- Approved **31 volunteers** for the McKinley Elementary School Pee Wee Basketball League.
- Approved **monthly donations totaling \$2,524.24.**
- Approved the following routine financial reports and recommendations:
Interim Revenues; October, 2003 management/financial data; Summary of October, 2003 bills; and Appropriations.
- Approved an **out-of-state athletic event** for Portsmouth High School Boys Varsity, Junior Varsity and Freshman Basketball teams.