

Board Briefs

From the Portsmouth City School District Board of Education
Meeting..... October 16, 2003

- Recognized artwork of **Molly Lacy**, a senior at Portsmouth High School, and her art teacher, **Sharee Price**.
- Recognized the following Portsmouth High School Band Members, under the direction of **Shawn Brehm**, for playing “The National Anthem” at the board meeting: **Eric Bihl, Ben Brown, Tara Givens, Jordan Greene, Brie Hill, Emma Hunter, Aerrielle Jones, Rachel Keys, Molly Lacy, Brittany Maxie, David Mosley, Sarah Nagle, Ben Shultz, Evans Staggs, Tim Stewart, Adam Tatum, Dillon Urbach and Jacob Young**.
- Recognized **James Midkiff**, a senior at Portsmouth High School, for being named a Commended Student in the 2004 National Merit Scholarship Program.
- Heard a presentation from **Cyndy Hykes and Becky Duncan**, social studies teachers at Portsmouth High School, regarding steps taken by the high school history department to prepare students for the Ohio Graduation Test (OGT).

PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS

A. Certificated

- Accepted resignation from the following employee: **Amy Goodwin (Substitute Teacher)**.
- Approved a **change in status** for **Twilite Pack (Five Years Training) and Dana Pollock (Master’s Degree)**.
- Hired the following **substitute teachers** effective October 20, 2003: **Jessica Bass, James Bowling, Sascha Durben and Johnna McDonie**.
- Approved the following **supplemental contracts** for the 2003-2004 school year: **Dale Foster (Head eighth grade girls basketball coach at Grant Middle School); Amy Keating (Head seventh grade girls basketball coach at Grant Middle School); Randy Nelson (First assistant girls basketball coach at Portsmouth High School); and Darrell Stephenson (Second assistant girls basketball coach at Portsmouth High School)**.

B. Classified

- Approved a **change in funding status** for the following employee: **Barbara Bolton (Aide I)**.
- Employed **Barbara Veazey** as an **Aide I-Wilson SBH** effective October 13, 2003; and **Susan Adams** as a **substitute secretary** effective October 20, 2003.
- Employed the following non-teacher coaches for the 2003-2004 school year: **Janie Book (Newspaper sponsor at Grant Middle School)** and **Amy Lester (Swimming coach at Portsmouth High School)**.

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

- Approved an agreement with **Harris Publishing** to provide an **alumni directory** as part of the district's "Proud To Be A Trojan" program.
- Approved the **Community Use Agreement** with Pure Balance Fitness LLC.
- Approved a resolution authorizing and directing the Superintendent and Treasurer to take all actions necessary to **enable OSANO to raffle** a donated 1997 Hyundai, with all proceeds going to the Portsmouth City Schools' Foundation or PCSD Scholarship Fund.
- Authorized and directed the Superintendent and/or Treasurer to **remove** two (2) passenger vans from the district's fleet and liability insurance policies. The vans are owned by The Trojan Athletic Boosters and are unsafe for transportation of students or staff, and have been disposed by the athletic boosters.
- Authorized the Superintendent to sign a **Temporary Loan Agreement** with the Southern Ohio Museum regarding the Woodi Ishmael painting, *Jesse Stuart at Plum Grove Church*.
- Approved membership in the **Building Service Contractors Association International (BSCAI)** for Building & Maintenance Program instructor Allan Hanson.
- Approved the **revised 2003-2004 school calendar** which reflects a change in the districtwide inservice day from Monday, November 3, to Friday, December 19. **Staff and students are to report on Monday, November 3.**

TREASURER RECOMMENDATIONS

- Approved a resolution for the **establishment of the Portsmouth City Schools Foundation.**
- Approved an agreement with the **Southern Ohio Medical Center (SOMC)** to provide the **Corporate Get A Life, Employee Wellness Program.**
- Approved the **initial Five-Year Forecast** for the 2003-2004 school year.
- Authorized the Treasurer to enter into a purchasing agreement with **Stand Energy** to purchase a base load of natural gas to secure a “locked in” rate for eighty percent of the estimated usage.
- Approved authorization for the **operation of vending machines** throughout the district.

CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- Approved **eleven (11)** personal service contracts.
- Approved a total of **seventy-three (73) volunteers** for McKinley Elementary School and **one** AmeriCorps Volunteer for Roosevelt Elementary School.
- Approved the following routine financial reports and recommendations: **Interim Revenues, September 2003 Management/Financial Data, Summary of September 2003 Bills, Appropriations (Budgets); and Fund to Fund Transfers.**
- Approved payment to **six (6)** vendors whose invoices **exceeded \$3,000.00.**
- Approved monthly **donations totaling \$2,232.95.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- Acknowledged an **increase in milk prices** effective October 1, 2003.
- Acknowledged that the following staff members from Harding Elementary School will be attending the **National Education Quality Conference** in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on November 5-9, 2003: **Beth Erwin, Lori Lowe, Angela Mercer and Twilite Pack.** Funding for the trip is from the Harding Elementary School Improvement Grant.