

Board Briefs

From the Portsmouth City School District Board of Education
Regular Meeting.....October 21, 2004

RECOGNITION / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- Recognized art work of **Aliyah Smith**, a third grade student at Wilson Elementary School, and her teacher, **Dorothy Justice**.
- Recognized **Aliyah Smith** from Wilson Elementary School for leading the "Pledge of Allegiance".
- Heard a BEST Practice presentation by **Linda Browne**, Even Start Program Coordinator, and **Wanda Laack**, Even Start teacher at Wilson Elementary School, on the Even Start Program.

PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS

A. Certificated

- Approved a **change in funding status** for **Becky Campbell (Teacher – 100% Title II to Teacher – 100% DPIA); Kris Newman (Teacher – 84% General Fund / 16% Title V-A to Teacher – 82% General Fund / 18% Title V-A); Shay Pennington (Teacher – 100% General Fund to Teacher – 100% Title II); Klaire Purtee (Teacher – 100% DPIA to Teacher – 100% General Fund); Sue Schmidt (Teacher – 50% General Fund / 50% Title VI-B to Teacher – 100% Title VI-B); and Helen Wells (School Nurse – 75% General Fund / 25% Title IV to School Nurse – 70% General Fund / 30% Title IV).**
- Employed the following **substitute teachers** for the 2004-2005 school year: **Alexandra Copley; Karen Davis; Elizabeth Gowdy; Denise Haney; Danny Jenkins; and William Sember.**
- Approved the following **supplemental contracts** for the 2004-2005 school year: **Jani Evans (Head seventh grade girls basketball coach at PJHS); Dale Foster (Head seventh grade boys basketball coach at PJHS); Linda Howell (Newspaper sponsor at PJHS); Amy Keating (Head eighth grade girls basketball coach at PJHS); Monte Kremin (Traffic scout supervisor at McKinley Elementary); Randy Nelson (First assistant girls basketball coach at PHS); Jay Pendleton (First assistant boys basketball coach at PHS); Darrell Stephenson (Second assistant girls basketball coach at PHS); and Buck Whitely (Head eighth grade boys basketball coach at PJHS).**

- Employed the following **tutors** for the 2004-2005 school year: **Karen Davis and Amy Lowery.**
- Approved the appointment/reappointment of the following non-licensed individuals: **Rocky Fields (Freshman boys basketball coach at PHS); Amy Lester (Swimming coach at PHS); and Anita Tindall (Traffic scout supervisor at Harding Elementary).**
- Approved revised job description for **Secretary-Central Office/Food Service.**
- Approved **revised Salary Table Booklet** pages effective the 2004-2005 school year.

B. Classified

- Approved a **change in funding status** for the following employees: **Shirley Duncan (Elementary Secretary – 100% Auxiliary Services Non-Public Fund to Elementary Secretary – 40% Auxiliary Services Non-Public Fund / 60% General Fund); Trisha Leightenheimer (Aide I – Paraprofessional – 100% IDEA-B to Aide I – Paraprofessional – 100% General Fund); and Linda Rawlins (Aide I – Paraprofessional – 100% General Fund to Aide I – Paraprofessional – 100% DPIA).**
- Approved a **change of status** for the following employee: **Robin Throckmorton (Cook I – Pay Range 4 – Step 4 – 3 Hours/Day – 184 Work Days/School Year – 100% Lunchroom Fund to Aide III – Paraprofessional – Pay Range 33 – Step 1 – 7 Hours/Day – 178 Work Days/School Year – 100% IDEA-B).**
- Employed the following individuals as **substitute aides: Sarah Kremin and Jeanne Leach.**
- Employed the following individual as a **substitute bus driver: Martin L. Horne, Jr.**
- Employed the following individuals as **substitute cooks: Susan Bennett and Mary Salyers.**
- Employed the following individuals as **substitute custodians: Kevin Candler; Rachel Carver; April Church; Melvin Craft; Van Martin; Leon Nelson; and Ricky Whisman.**

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

- Approved the following **new or revised policies: IE – Organization of Facilities for Instruction; IGBJ – Title I Programs; IGBJ-a – Supplemental Educational Services Procedures; JEC – School Admission; JECB – Admission of Nonresident Students; IKG – Valedictorian and Salutatorian; JECBC – Admission of Students from Non-Chartered or Home Schooling; and JO – Student Records.**
- Approved district participation in the **South East Ohio Athletic League (SEOAL)** effective the 2006-2007 school year.

- Approved the **revised Organizational Chart** for the 2004-2005 school year.
- Approved a **Change Order** for **J & H Reinforcing and Structural Erectors** in the amount of \$45,975.00 for the New 7-12 Portsmouth High/Middle School facility to transfer the remaining asphalt paving and stripping along with the remaining lawn and grasses funds from Contract HM02.0 – Sitework, to another contract.
- Approved a **Change Order** for **J & H Reinforcing and Structural Erectors** in the amount of \$27,027.98 for the New 7-12 Portsmouth High/Middle School facility to furnish and install an additional 1,789 tons of 304 aggregate in the Visitors, Staff and Student Parking Lots.
- Approved the **out-of-state field trip** for the Portsmouth Enrichment Program (PEP) to the Clay Center for the Arts and Sciences – West Virginia in Charleston on November 11, 2004.
- Approved **Portsmouth High School and Portsmouth Junior High School** staff attendance at **High Schools That Work conferences** throughout the school year.

TREASURER RECOMMENDATIONS

- Approved the **initial Five Year Forecast** for the 2004-2005 school year.
- Authorized continued operation of **vending machines** in district buildings.

CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- Approved **nineteen (19) personal service contracts**.
- Approved a total of **seventeen (17) volunteers** for McKinley Elementary School, PHS Industrial Arts Program, PHS Boys Track Team, PHS Boys Basketball Team, and Portsmouth Junior High School.
- Approved monthly donations totaling **\$2,010.00**.
- Approved the following routine financial reports and recommendations: **Interim Revenues; September 2004 Management/Financial Data; Summary of September 2004 Bills; Appropriations (Budgets); and Fund-to-Fund Transfers**.
- Approved payment to **three (3) vendors** whose invoices exceeded \$3,000.00.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Acknowledged receipt of two technology grants for the 2004-2005 school year: ***SchoolNet Professional Development Grant*** in the amount of \$4,140.00 which will be used to help send staff members to the Ohio SchoolNet Conference in Spring of 2005; and the ***Ohio Connectivity Grant*** in the amount of \$18,000.00 which will be used to help with the expense of distance learning/video fees and to purchase connectivity equipment for the district.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board adjourned to Executive Session to discuss the appointment and/or employment and/or dismissal, discipline and/or promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or regulated individual. Upon return to Regular Session, the Board took action to amend the current administrative contracts of the Superintendent and the Treasurer to reflect a change in the number of work days, an increase over the next three years in the STRS/SERS pick-up percentage, and a three-year salary schedule for the Treasurer.