

Board Briefs

From the Portsmouth City School District Board of Education
Meeting..... April 25, 2002

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- The “Pledge of Allegiance” was led by members of the **Harding Elementary School American Girl Club**, under the direction of Lori Lowe and Suzanne Keller. The students also sang the American Girl Theme Song.
- **Mrs. Angela Mercer, Reading Recovery Teacher**, shared student data reflecting the success of students participating in the Reading Recovery Program at Harding Elementary.
- **John Payne, Bond Underwriter from A. G. Edwards & Sons, Inc.**, shared a brief overview of the bond sale process.

PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS

A. Certificated

- Accepted resignations from the following employees: **Kelly Blake (Substitute Teacher); June Book (Tutor); Barbara Brant (Teacher); Aaron Duncan (Assistant Baseball Coach at PHS); Benjamin Gill (Substitute Teacher); William Frank Gilliland (Substitute Teacher); Christina Hadjiyannis (Tutor); Robin Hammond (Substitute Teacher); Deanna Osborne (Substitute Teacher); and Charles Simpson (Substitute Teacher).**
- Approved the appointment/reappointment of the following individuals: **Mari Shiveley (Substitute Teacher); and Chad Hammond (Assistant Baseball Coach at PHS).** and the following individuals for the 2002-03 school year: **Curt Clifford (Head Football Coach at PHS); Robert Craft (Head Volleyball Coach at PHS); Rocky Fields (Cross Country Coach at PHS); Tiffany Hickman (Cheerleader Sponsor at PHS); Rick Hopkins (Head Boys Basketball Coach at PHS); Mark Spears (Head Girls Basketball Coach at PHS); Helen Wells (Girls Tennis Coach at PHS); Bob West (Athletic Director at PHS); and Buck Whitely (Golf Coach at PHS).**
- Approved the following non-teacher coach for the 2002-03 school year: **William Groff (Head Soccer Coach at PHS).**
- Due to the uncertainty of availability of appropriate funding, the realignment of curriculum, and decline in projected enrollment, the following programs, positions and/or course offerings were approved to be eliminated for the 2002-2003 school year: **Reading Recovery Teachers (2); Special Needs Teacher (1); Parent Liaison Position (1); Guidance**

Position (1); Home Economics Position (1); and Physical Education Position (1).

- The contracts of the following teaching personnel were approved to be suspended effective August 25, 2002, as part of a reduction in force due to declining enrollment and loss of revenue: **Sabrina Amburgey, Richard Arthur, Jacqueline Bell, Jennifer Blankenship, Kathi Cassity, Cathy Coriell, Suzanne Keller, Wanda Laack, and Constance Sites.**
- The following administrative position was approved to be eliminated: **Assistant Treasurer.**
- The current employment contract of the following administrative employee was approved to be suspended effective July 1, 2002: **Roby Bach.** As a result of this reduction in force, **John Hendricks** was approved to be assigned to serve as the **principal of Roosevelt Elementary School** and Title/DPIA Coordinator for the 2002-03 school year.
- Approved Continuing Contract status for the following teachers for the 2002-03 school year: **Becky Campbell and Laurie O'Brien.**
- Approved the appointment/reappointment of **77 teachers** effective the 2002-03 school year.
- Approved the appointment/reappointment for the 2002-03 school year of **day-to-day substitute teachers and tutors.**
- Recognized and commended a list of **79 teachers** who have received continuing contracts and who are serving in a continuing status with the school district.
- Approved the **teacher and non-teacher supplemental contracts** be ended no later than the final date of the school year, with the recommendations for the contracts for the 2002-03 school year to be made at a later date in accord with budget and needs of the district.

B. Classified

- Accepted resignations from the following employees: **Paul Cremeans (Retirement – Custodian I); Joan Duncan (Substitute Secretary); and Brian Setser (Substitute Bus Driver).**
- Approved the appointment/reappointment of the following individuals for the remainder of the 2001-02 school year: **Robin Carnley (Substitute Bus Driver) and Cecilia Morris (Substitute Secretary).**
- Due to a lack of funds and declining enrollment, the board approved the following employee, currently employed under probationary status, will be terminated effective June 7, 2002: **Sharon Dillow (3 Hour Cook – PHS).**
- Approved the elimination of the following nonteaching positions, due to declining enrollment and loss of revenue: **Aide (1) Library and Aide (3) ISS.** The employees currently occupying these positions have displacement rights and may choose to exercise these rights during the month of August (date to be announced) in accordance with the negotiated agreement.
- Approved the appointment/reappointment of the following nonteaching positions for the 2002-03 school year: **Substitute Aides; Substitute Bus**

Drivers; Substitute Cooks; Substitute Custodians; and Substitute Secretaries.

- Recognized and commended those employees listed in the following groups: ***Aides, Bus Drivers, Cafeteria Employees, Custodians, Kitchen Driver/Courier, Maintenance Employee, Secretaries, and Student Attendance Services Coordinator.***
- Recognized the probationary status of the following employees: ***Barbara Bolton (Aide I); Donna Greene (Aide I); and Amanda Grashel (Elementary Secretary).***

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

- Approved the reimbursement from the Reading Excellence Act Grant to **22 teachers** who had completed the necessary requirements for the ***addition of reading endorsement to their professional certificate.***
- Adopted a new policy: ***Naming of School Facilities.***
- Approved providing ***Baldrige Training*** opportunities during the remainder of the 2001-2002 school year and throughout the summer.
- Approved ***Real Estate Purchase Agreements*** on **13 parcels** of property located on the site of the new middle and high school facilities.
- Approved a Resolution ***authorizing Bonnie Johnson and Ralph Applegate*** to negotiate terms of, and to execute contracts and closing documents on properties located in Phase I and Phase II of the district's property acquisition program.

TREASURER RECOMMENDATIONS

- Approved ***Student Activity Fund Budgets*** for the 2002-03 school year.
- Approved ***yearly maintenance agreements*** for newly purchased payroll equipment.

CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- Approved 24 personal service contracts.
- Approved the following routine financial reports and recommendations: ***Interim Revenues, March 2002 Management/Financial Data, Summary of March 2002 Bills, Transfers, Appropriations, and Advances/Loans.***
- Approved the payment to ***six vendors*** whose invoices exceed \$1,000.
- Approved monthly donations totaling ***\$300.00.***
- Approved field trip requests for ***McKinley Elementary School Traffic Scouts to Washington, D.C., June 7-9, 2002 and Even Start Participants to the Newport Aquarium on July 15, 2002 and to Camden Park on August 13, 2002.***

- Approved reimbursement from the ***Raising the Bar Grant*** to district staff for their participation in staff development sessions.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Acknowledged a list of ***Mathematics and Science Courses*** to be offered at Portsmouth High School beginning with the 2002-03 school year. All students graduating from Portsmouth High School, beginning with the freshman class of 2001-2002, will graduate with an Algebra and Geometry background.
- Acknowledged that a ***new second grade report card***, designed by second grade teachers and endorsed by the Board Personnel/Instruction/Curriculum (PIC) Committee, is currently being field-tested at Wilson Elementary School and parent input is being gathered. The new report card will be in use for all second grade students in the 2002-03 school year.
- Acknowledged observance of ***Take Your Children To Work Day*** in the district on ***Friday, May 3, 2002***.
- Acknowledged a notice from Modern Foods, Inc., reflecting a ***decrease*** in milk prices effective March 1, 2002.