

# Board Briefs

From the Portsmouth City School District Board of Education  
Regular Meeting.....December 16, 2004

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## RECOGNITION / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- Recognized art work of **Drew Howard**, a senior at Portsmouth High School, and his teacher, **Sharee Price**.
- Recognized members of the **P.H.S. Show Choir “Expressions”** for singing “The National Anthem” and Christmas music.
- Recognized **Portsmouth High School Social Studies Teacher Cyndy Hykes** for achieving **National Board Certification**, the first Portsmouth district teacher to do so.
- Recognized members of the **P.H.S. Football Team and Coach Curt Clifford** for recent state, district and local recognition for their efforts on the football field.
- Heard a BEST Practice presentation by Portsmouth High School teachers **Cyndy Hykes, Steve McGinnis and Tom Sanders** concerning **Advanced Placement (AP) Classes**.

## PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS

### A. Certificated

- Accepted the resignation from the following **substitute teachers: Lydia Bell, James Bowling, Deborah Darland, Krista Ferguson, Frank Higginbotham, Leslie Kinker, Susan Lonney, Jennifer Lykins, Jane Murray, Gerri Nourse, Lisa Pruitt, Jennifer Stamper, and Randy Ward**.
- Employed the following **substitute teachers** for the 2004-2005 school year: **Eddie Moore; John Morton; Courtney Sanford; and Leslie Williams**.
- Employed the following employee as a **tutor** on an “as needed” basis for the 2004-2005 school year: **Brenda Himes**.

### B. Classified

- Accepted resignation from the following **substitute cooks: Patricia Craft; Roberta Eveland; and Leah Hill**.

- Approved a **change in funding status** for the following employee: **Alberta Scherer (Aide I – Paraprofessional – 35% Early Childhood Special Education IDEA / 65% IDEA-B to Aide I – Paraprofessional – 100% General Fund)**.
  - Employed the following individual as a **substitute aide and substitute cook: Tamara Mueller Brumfield**.
- C. Accepted the resignation and Memorandum of Agreement with **Douglas Pack** effective December 17, 2004.

### SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

- Approval by the Board of Education to **place a one-page ad** in the Portsmouth High School yearbook in support of the district's high school students.
- Approved a **Change Order to Scioto Masonry Builders, Inc.**, in the amount of \$34,798.44 for the New PK-6 East Elementary School.

### TREASURER RECOMMENDATIONS

- Approved the **rate increase for mileage reimbursement** from the current 36¢ per mile to **40.5¢ per mile** effective January 1, 2005.

### CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- Approved **seventeen (17) personal service contracts**.
- Approved **26 parent volunteers** for Harding Elementary School.
- Approved monthly donations totaling **\$2,711.59**.
- Approved the following routine financial reports and recommendations: **Interim Revenues; November 2004 Management/Financial Data; Summary of November 2004 Bills; and a Fund-to-Fund Transfer**.
- Approved payment to **four (4) vendors** whose invoices exceeded \$3,000.00.
- Approved a **real estate purchase agreement** for a parcel located on Ninth Street in Portsmouth.

### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Acknowledged that **Amy Keyser** would be added to the list of previously approved entry year teachers to be mentored for the remainder of the school year in preparation for the Praxis III Assessment.
- Acknowledged that the **January Tax Budget/Public Hearing** will be held at **1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 4, 2005**, at Portsmouth High School, Treasurer's Office (Room 220).