

Board Briefs

From the Portsmouth City School District Board of Education
Regular Meeting.....January 29, 2004

RECOGNITION / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- Recognized art work of **Austin Peano**, a 3rd grade student at Roosevelt Elementary School, and his art teacher, **Jill Johnson-Kolar**.
- Recognized seven (7) members of **Cub Scout Pack 2** for leading the "Pledge of Allegiance".
- Recognized several of **Roosevelt's Third Grade Class**, which sang a couple of songs under the direction of music teacher, **Judy Smith**.
- Board members heard from **Principal Charles Kemp and students Jacob Albrecht, Brody Shoupe, and J.T. Grooms** regarding the "**Drop Everything and Read**" (**DEAR**) program at Roosevelt Elementary School.

PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS

A. Certificated

- Employed **Jimmy Gill and Jennifer Lykins** as **substitute teachers**.
- Employed **Ted Newsome** as a teacher effective January 22, 2004.
- Employed **Angie Mercer** as a **tutor**.

B. Classified

- Approved a **change in status** for the following employees: **Carolyn Fuller (Cook VI – Probationary Status to Regular Status); Michael Sowards (Custodian III – Probationary Status to Regular Status); and Jane Zeune (Cook II – Probationary Status to Regular Status)**.
- Employed **Roberta Eveland** as a **Substitute Aide, Substitute Cook, and Substitute Secretary**.

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

- Approved **Change Order No. 2** in the amount of \$67,414.23 to Boone Coleman Construction, Inc., for the new downtown PK-6 elementary school.
- Approved a **change in funding status** for the contract between the school district and Valley Local School District for the technological services of Bruce Ottens.
- Approved payment of stipends to 91 employees for **First Semester "Tech Tuesday"** participants.
- Adopted the **revised** Calamity Day Handbook.
- Approved district membership in the **Ohio Middle School Association (OMSA)** for Tom Smith.
- Approved a recommendation to conduct a **Special Board Work Session** on Saturday, February 28, 2004, starting at 8:00 a.m., at Hill View Retirement Center.
- Approved a **Resolution Approving Project Schedule, Detailed Estimate of Construction Cost and Construction Documents and Authorizing the Commencement of Bidding Including the Advertisement For and the Review of Bids for Certain Bid Packages Related to the Construction of the New Downtown PK-6 Elementary School.**
- Approved a **Resolution Approving Project Schedule, Detailed Estimate of Construction Cost and Construction Documents and Authorizing the Commencement of Bidding Including the Advertisement For and the Review of Bids for Certain Bid Packages Related to the Construction of the New East Portsmouth Elementary School.**

TREASURER RECOMMENDATIONS

- Approved entering into a service agreement with **Mecca-Tech, Inc.**, for the Ohio Community Alternative Funding Source Program (CAFS) and the HIPPA Business Associate Agreement.
- Accepted a grant from the **Scioto County Area Foundation** in the amount of \$3,503.00 for specified projects of the **Portsmouth Enrichment Program (PEP).**

CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- Approved **nine (9)** personal service contracts.
- Approved a total of **twenty-eight (28)** volunteers for the Portsmouth High School Mock Trial Team and Power of the Pen Competition Parent Drivers.
- Approved monthly donations totaling **\$577.16**.
- Approved the following routine financial reports and recommendations: ***Interim Revenues; December 2003 Management/Financial Data; Summary of December 2003 Bills; and Appropriations (Budgets)***.
- Approved payment to **three (3) vendors** whose invoices exceed \$3,000.00.
- Approved two (2) **out-of-state trips** for the Portsmouth High School Show Choir.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Acknowledged a **decrease in milk prices** effective January 1, 2004.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Heard a final report from Tess Midkiff, Chairperson of the PHS Utilization Committee, regarding the disposition of Portsmouth High School. ***After hearing all proposals, the committee is disheartened to report that it has not been presented with a viable and sustainable proposal for the renovation and reuse of the Portsmouth High School building.***