

Board Briefs

From the Portsmouth City School District Board of Education
ORGANIZATIONAL Meeting.....January 13, 2005

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

- Elected **Clarence Parker** as President of the Portsmouth City School Board of Education.
- Elected **Lacey Curtis** as Vice-President of the Board.
- Elected **Tess Midkiff** as the legislative liaison to the Ohio School Boards Association.
- Elected **Tess Midkiff** delegate and **Dr. George Pettit** as alternate to the Delegate Assembly of the 2005 Capital Conference of the Ohio School Boards Association.
- Elected **Lacey Curtis** as Student Achievement Liaison to the Ohio School Boards Association.
- Approved change in name of the **Personnel/Instruction/Curriculum (PIC) Committee to Curriculum/Instruction Committee**. President Parker will announce appointment of board member chairpersons in the near future.
- Scheduled the following Board Meetings for 2005:

January	27	7:00 p.m.	Harding Elementary School
February	24	7:00 p.m.	Roosevelt Elementary School
March	17	7:00 p.m.	Wilson Elementary School
April	28	7:00 p.m.	Portsmouth High School
May	19	7:00 p.m.	McKinley Elementary School
June	23	7:00 p.m.	Plumbers & Steam Fitters Hall
July	21	7:00 p.m.	Plumbers & Steam Fitters Hall
August	18	7:00 p.m.	Plumbers & Steam Fitters Hall
September	15	7:00 p.m.	Harding Elementary School
October	20	7:00 p.m.	Roosevelt Elementary School
November	17	7:00 p.m.	Wilson Elementary School
December	15	7:00 p.m.	McKinley Elementary School
January 12, 2006		7:00 p.m.	Portsmouth High School
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January 26, 2006		7:00 p.m.	Portsmouth High School
- **Approved the following routine financial matters, authorizing the Treasurer to:**
 - Request advances as may be available from the County Treasurer,
 - Adopt a service fund in accordance with ORC, Section 3313.15, Text 93.37,

- Authorize appropriate governmental agencies to release funds for Portsmouth City Schools in district's bank(s) of deposit,
- Report expenditures to board on monthly basis,
- Invest interim revenue funds,
- Report to board of education in a timely manner any new, additional and/or reduced appropriations for general, categorical and/or student activity fund budgets,
- Authorize loans from the general fund to any other fund that might have a deficit balance, with reimbursement made to general fund upon receipt of appropriate state, federal or student activity fund revenues,
- Establish cash reserve funds for the library, food service and the athletic program,
- Establish and maintain petty cash funds,
- Request from County Budget Commission for amended official certificates,
- Authorize responsibility for signing of district checks, and
- Be responsible for the completion of 412 Certificates in accord with ORC, Section 5705.412.

- **Approved the following routine instructional matters:**

- Adopted, readopted, updated and/or revised various district handbooks/booklets (originals are on file in the Treasurer's Office),
- District participation in cooperative special education programs,
- Payment of excess costs associated with special status programs inside and outside of Scioto County,
- Declared it "impractical" to transport appropriate special status students by yellow school buses on regular routes,
- Student, staff member and board member participation in appropriate local, county, conference, state, regional, national and other such programs (all out-of-state travel must be prior approved),
- Acknowledged status of Ohio Academic Content Standards, textbooks, and supplemental and testing materials,
- District participation in the Ohio Department of Education Right to Read Program,
- Staff representation to numerous categorical programs for calendar year 2004.

- **Approved the following routine business matters:**

- Pay for consultation services as deemed appropriate for the operation of the school district,
- Consistency be maintained between the boundaries of the City of Portsmouth and the Portsmouth City School District,

- Board of education, school district and staff membership in appropriate national, state and local organizations,
 - Purchase of insurance to meet the needs of the district,
 - Procedures for obtaining quotes/bids, including development of specifications and legal advertisements,
 - Procurement of surplus materials from the General Services Administration through the Ohio Department of Administrative Services, and other agencies (private or governmental),
 - Building rental fee schedule,
 - Authorization for Superintendent to employ personnel to meet district needs which materialize between board meetings, then reporting same at the next regular meeting,
 - Superintendent appointments of district representatives to local, state and national agencies and organizations,
 - District participation in the National School Breakfast and Lunch Program,
 - Use by non-profit and other appropriate organizations or agencies who request permission to use the district photocopiers at a cost of ten cents (\$.10) per copy, and
 - District participation in student teaching and field experience programs.
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- **Acknowledged district October 2004 enrollment at 2,071 and ten-year enrollment comparison.**

 - **Approved the January Tax Budget for FY2004-2005.**