

# Board Briefs

From the Portsmouth City School District Board of Education  
Regular Meeting.....January 27, 2005

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## RECOGNITION / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- Recognized artwork of **Brandon Jackson**, a third grade student at Harding Elementary School, and his art teacher, **Lanny Rice**.
- Recognized members of the Harding Elementary **Girl Scout Troop #270** for leading the “Pledge of Allegiance”.
- Heard a BEST Practice presentation by Harding Elementary Principal **Debbie Call** on **Short-Cycled Assessments**.

## PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS

### A. Certificated

- Accepted the resignation from the following individuals: **Mary Lemon (Substitute Teacher); Erin Mearan (Substitute Teacher); Matthew Nourse (Substitute Teacher); and Jay Pendleton (First assistant boys basketball coach at PHS)**.
- Employed the following **substitute teachers** for the 2004-2005 school year: **Helen Jordan; Warren Kelley; George McGlone; Shannon Mowery; Heather Staggs; Crystal Turvey; and Gail VanKirk**.
- Approved the following **supplemental contract** for the 2004-2005 school year: **Suzanne Keller (Science Fair Sponsor at PJHS)**.
- Approved a revised page in the **Salary Table Booklet** effective January 1, 2005.
- Rescinded the November 18, 2004 resolution of intent to employ a substitute teacher due to a licensure issue, effective November 15, 2004.
- Authorized the Superintendent to authorize the Treasurer to **execute payment to Mark Williams** for his sick leave/severance.
- Authorized the Superintendent to execute the **resignation agreement** of **Lori Lowe**.

## B. Classified

- Accepted resignation from the following **substitute cooks: Patricia Parker and Becky Phipps.**
- Approved a **change in status** for the following employees: **Cheryl Collier (Aide I – Paraprofessional – Probationary Status to Aide I – Paraprofessional – Regular Status); Kathleen Fairchild (Cook I – Probationary Status to Cook I – Regular Status); Patricia McCallister (Aide I – Paraprofessional – Probationary Status to Aide I – Paraprofessional – Regular Status); Kimberly Powell (Cook I – Probationary Status to Cook I – Regular Status); Daniel Schmidt (Second assistant boys basketball coach at PHS to First assistant boys basketball coach at PHS); Joan Sparks (Cook I – Probationary Status to Cook I – Regular Status); and Robin Throckmorton (Aide III – Paraprofessional – Probationary Status to Aide III – Paraprofessional – Regular Status).**

## SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

- Approved a **Service Provider Agreement** with **SCOCA** for Internet Access 100Mb Level Services at the district's six (6) buildings.
- Approved a **Letter of Agreement** with the **Southern Ohio Medical Center** to help assess educational need and provide tutorial services to those adolescents admitted for long-term stay in the SOMC Inpatient Rehab Unit.
- Approved district inclusion in a grant application being filed by SCOCA for funding for **IVDL equipment.**
- Approved a contract with **Cary McVey to sculpt** a Trojan warrior, shield, etc., on three (3) concrete columns from Grant Middle School which are to be incorporated into the new middle/high school facility.

## TREASURER RECOMMENDATIONS

- Approved **transfer of \$44.10 in the Unclaimed Money Fund** to the General Fund.
- Approved a **Student Activity Fund Budget** for the PHS Media Club and a **revised Student Activity Fund Budget** for the Central Office Vending for the 2004-2005 school year.
- Authorized the Treasurer to enter into an agreement with **Stand Energy** for a three month fixed rate for the purpose of natural gas.
- Authorized the Treasurer to enter into an agreement with **Refco Securities** to provide institutional clearing services for investments made through Multi-Bank Securities.

## CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- Approved ***nineteen (19) personal service contracts.***
- Approved ***25 parent and staff volunteers*** for the Portsmouth Junior High School “Power of the Pen” competitions.
- Approved monthly donations totaling ***\$3,416.00.***
- Approved ***out-of-state trips*** for the PHS Band (competition at Toronto/Niagara Falls) and for the PHS Show Choir (competitions at Charleston, WV; Mooresville, IN; and Ellettsville, IN)
- Approved the following routine financial reports and recommendations: ***Interim Revenues; December 2004 Management/Financial Data; Summary of December 2004 Bills; Appropriations; and Fund-to-Fund Transfers.***
- Approved payment to ***three (3) vendors*** whose invoices exceeded \$3,000.00.