

Board Briefs

From the Portsmouth City School District Board of Education
Regular Meeting.....March 18, 2004

RECOGNITION / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- Recognized art work of **Kyle Johnson**, a 4th grade student at McKinley Elementary School, and his teacher, **Alan Lute**.
- Recognized the following traffic scouts, all sixth graders at McKinley Elementary School, for leading the *Pledge of Allegiance*: **London Carr, Sarah Kendall, David Pettit, Collin Poage, Rachel Snyder, Hannah Walsh**.
- Recognized **131 students and staff members** for their successes and contributions to the Portsmouth City School District.
- Board heard about **STEPS**, a research-based reading assessment being piloted at McKinley Elementary School.

PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS

A. Certificated

- Accepted the resignation from **Paul M. (Mike) Davis, (Retirement) Special Education Teacher at Wilson Elementary School**, effective May 31, 2004; and **Sam Maroudis (Substitute Teacher)**.
- Approved a **change in status** for **Jamianne Grooms (from Teacher – Active Status to Teacher – Medical Leave of Absence)** and **Michael Russell (from Director of Pupil Personnel/Special Education – Active Status to Director of Pupil Personnel/Special Education – Medical Leave of Absence)**.
- Employed the following individuals as **substitute teachers**: **Cassandra Block, Caysee Dickerson, Jeremy Whitt**.
- Approved a **supplemental contract** for **Linda Browne** for additional Even Start coordinator services.
- Approved two-year contracts (2004-2006) for the following administrators: **Ralph Applegate (Director of Business Affairs); Ann Charles (Principal); Betsy Fannin (Director of Curriculum/Instruction [K-12] & Elementary Operations); Lori Lowe (Principal); Deidra Novinger (Dean); Michael Russell (Director of Pupil Personnel); and Tom Walker (Director of Secondary Operations & Alternative School)**.
- Approved **revised Salary Table Booklet pages** effective the 2003-2004 school year.

B. Classified

- Accepted the **retirement resignation** of **Rissa Cotton (Central Office Secretary)** effective June 30, 2004.
- Approved a **change in status** for **Cheryl Collier (Cook I - Probationary Status to Regular Status); David Hall (Custodian I - First Longevity Step); and Angela McGlone (Cook I - Probationary Status to Regular Status)**.
- Employed **Brenda Pyles** as a **substitute aide and substitute secretary**.

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

- Approved resolution to **increase the number of members** on the PCSD Foundation Board of Directors from nine (9) to fifteen (15), adding four (4) additional community members and two (2) additional parents.

TREASURER RECOMMENDATIONS

- Approved the new **Corporate Get A Life yearly agreement** with the Southern Ohio Medical Center.
- Adopted a **Records Disposal Policy** that would establish a district records commission to govern matters pertaining to district records, their retention and disposal.
- Approved a new agreement with Southern Ohio Medical Center's Center for Occupational Medicine for the purpose of **random substance abuse testing and bus driver physicals**.
- Adopted a **Tax Budget** for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2004.

CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- Approved **fourteen (14) personal service contracts**.
- Approved a total of **thirty-eight (38) volunteers** for Portsmouth High School, McKinley Elementary School, and the Short Term and Long Term Alternative Placement Centers.
- Approved monthly donations totaling **\$2,366.00**.
- Approved the following routine financial reports and recommendations: **Interim Revenues; February 2004 Management/Financial Data; Summary of February 2004 Bills; and Appropriations (Budgets)**.
- Approved payment to **seven (7) vendors** whose invoices exceed \$3,000.00.
- Approved **out-of-state trips** for the Portsmouth High School Varsity Baseball Team, Softball Team, and Girls & Boys Track Teams; and for the Portsmouth High School Chemistry & Physics Class.