

Board Briefs

From the Portsmouth City School District Board of Education
Regular Meeting.....October 18, 2007

RECOGNITION / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- Recognized creative talent of **Emily Martin**, a fourth grade student at East Portsmouth Elementary School, whose artwork was selected as the front cover of the board agenda, and her art teacher, **Beth Williams**.
- Recognized the following **traffic scouts** from East Portsmouth Elementary School for leading the “Pledge of Allegiance”: **Ashley Brannon; Megan Howard; Emily Martin; Harley Metcalfe; Sierra Metcalfe; Alexis Osborne; Christi Smith; Deanna Smith; and Kristen Vassar**; along with their Supervisor, **Susan Leadingham**.
- Recognized the **Portsmouth High School Girl’s Tennis Team** for achieving second place in the SEOAL-South League. Members of the team are: **Mollie Brandel; Crystal Carpenter; Paige Carson; Kaitlin Carter; Taylor Cooper; Meg Daehler; Annie Glockner; Ashleigh Link; Natalie McCain; Kalyn Purdy; Kayla Rodino; and Ali Shultz**. Also recognized **Annie Glockner and Ashleigh Link** for being selected to the All-SEOAL Team-South. The coach is **Helen Wells**.
- Heard a **BEST Practice Presentation** by **Jodi Wright**, preschool teacher, who shared a brief summary of what the students do in her preschool handicapped classroom.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Supt. Broughton shared that the **PHS Varsity Football Team** is the **champion** of the SEOAL-South League. Congratulations to the team members and coaches!
- Supt. Broughton also shared that the **PHS Volleyball Team** would be vying for the **sectional championship** this Saturday, October 20.

PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS

A. Certificated

- Approved a **change in status** for the following individual: **Jeff Nickel** (Teacher – Bachelor’s Degree – Step 0 to Teacher – Five Years Training – Step 0).
- Employed the following individuals as **substitute teachers**, effective October 19, 2007: **Jeremy Elswick; Jacqueline Good; Carl Knauff; Martha Jane Murray; and Tiffany Pistole.**
- Approved the following individuals for a **supplemental contract** effective the 2007-2008 school year: **Chad Hammond** (Head seventh grade boys basketball coach at PJHS); **Ted Newsome** (Freshman boys basketball coach at PHS); **Jason VanDeusen** (Head eighth grade girls basketball coach at PJHS); and **Buck Whitely** (Head eighth grade boys basketball coach at PJHS).
- Approved the following **non-teaching** positions, effective the 2007-2008 school year: **Mark Robinson** (First assistant girls basketball coach at PHS); and **Kelli Sparks** (Flag corps sponsor at PHS).
- Approved payment to the following teachers of the **\$2,000 annual stipend** for attaining a Master’s Degree plus 15 semester hours beyond the issuance of her Master’s Degree: **Mary Ellen Berry; Pam Murphy; and Betty Spriggs.**
- Approved a **change in funding status** for the following individuals: **Jane Brandel** (Teacher – 100% Reading First-Ohio Grant to Teacher – 100% Literacy Improvement Grant); **Abby Hughes** (Teachers – 100% Reading First-Ohio Grant to Teacher – 100% Title I); **Deb McGinnis** (Assistant Principal – 100% General Fund to Assistant Principal – 100% Literacy Improvement Grant); **Dana Pollock** (Teacher – 100% General Fund to Teacher – 100% Title I); and **Tom Spears** (Teacher – 100% Title I to Teacher – 100% Reading First-Ohio Grant).

B. Classified

- Approved a **change in status** for the following individuals: **Kim Bower** (Cook I – Pay Range 4 – Step 5 to Cook I – Pay Range 4 – Step 5 – First Longevity Step); **Donna Greene** (Cook I – Pay Range 4 – Step 5 to Cook I – Pay Range 4 – Step 5 – First Longevity Step); **Mark Rooney** (Nighttime Custodian I – Pay Range 29 – Step 5 – First Longevity Step to Nighttime Head Custodian III – Pay Range 32 – Step 3 – First Longevity Step); **Ty Seth** (Nighttime Custodian I – Probationary Status to Nighttime Custodian I – Regular Status); and **Joan Sparks** (Cook I – Active Status to Cook I – Medical Leave of Absence, Without Pay).
- Approved the **appointment/reappointment** of the following individuals: **Keith Charles** (Bus Driver – Effective September 24, 2007); **Anita Leslie**

(Cook I – Effective September 26, 2007); and **Iris Mills** (Cook I – Effective September 25, 2007).

- Employed the following individuals as **substitutes**: **Linda Smith** (Aide & Secretary); **Carl Hairston** (Bus Driver); **Jeannie Barnhart** (Cook & Secretary); **Lynsi Eason** (Cook); **Naomi Ferguson** (Cook); **Anna McIntire** (Cook); **Shannon Woodard** (Cook); **Cindy Birkhimer** (Secretary); and **Mary Tomlin** (Secretary).

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

- Adopted the following **revised** policies: GBQ- Criminal Record Checks; IGBA – Programs for Students With Disabilities; and KGB – Public Conduct on District Property.

TREASURER RECOMMENDATIONS

- Approved the **initial Five-Year Forecast** for the 2007-2008 school year.
- Authorized the Facilities Coordinator and Treasurer to solicit quotes and enter into a contract with the vendor submitting the lowest/best quote, not to exceed \$250,000, for the **construction of a warehouse** on District property located on the north side of Ninth Street behind Portsmouth High/Junior High School.

CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- Approved **seventeen (17) personal service contracts**.
- Approved monthly **donations** totaling **\$895.65**.
- Approved **two (2) parent volunteers** for Portsmouth High/Junior School.
- Approved the following routine financial reports and recommendations: **Interim Revenues; September 2007 Management/Financial Data; Summary of September 2007 Bills; and Appropriations (Budgets)**.
- Approved **payment to vendors** whose invoices exceed \$3,000.
- Approved **reimbursement to staff members** for professional development hours on August 13, 14 and 20, 2007 for training and participation in the **Digital Camera Workshop**.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Acknowledged receipt and review of the **2006-2007 Final Evaluation of the Even Start Program**.
- Acknowledged receipt of notification and commended former high school art teacher, **Sharee Price**, for being selected to receive the **2007 Ohio Art Education Association (OAEA) Outstanding Art Teacher Award** as a result of her dedication to her profession at local and regional levels and her hard work as an exemplary educator.