

BOARD BRIEFS

From the Portsmouth City School District Board of Education
REGULAR Meeting.....April 24, 2008

RECOGNITION / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- Recognized art work of ***Olivia James***, a sophomore at Portsmouth High/Junior High School, and her art teacher, ***April Deacon***.
- Recognized the following 7th grade students from “Keller’s Crew”, for leading the “Pledge of Allegiance”: ***Annie Clayton; Lori Keaton; Mollie McCain; Katherine Meriwether;*** and ***Courtney Schweinsberg***.
- Recognized the following **Portsmouth High/Junior High** students who placed in the building and county spelling bee: ***Abbie Emmons*** (first place building and sixth place county); ***Justin Ottney*** (second place building and second place county).
- Recognized the following PHS/PJHS students for earning a “Superior” rating at the 18th Annual District 14 State Science Day: ***David Pettit and Evan Sommer***.
- Recognized the following students in the PHS/PJHS **Tech Prep Teacher Pathway Class** who earned an “Excellent” rating at the Tech Prep Showcase: **Senior Autism Team: *Lynnsey Kilgore; April Smith; and Princess Zamora;*** **Junior Building Blocks of Development Team: *Steven Conley; Aurora Depuy; Josh Garrison; and Emily Hopkins.*** The Tech Prep Teacher Pathway instructor is **Linda Browne**.
- Recognized the following seventh grade students for earning a “Superior” rating at the District IX competition for National History Day and advancing to the state competition: ***Joe Amburgey*** (Individual Exhibit); ***Lori Keaton, Katherine Meriwether, Julia Sutherland and Kiri Urbach*** (Group Documentary); ***Caylee Damron and Tyler Mallory*** (Group Exhibit); and ***Tennisha O’Neill*** (Individual Performance).
- Recognized the following students for earning an “Excellent” rating at the District IX competition for National History Day: ***Kandace Crabtree, Izzie Sturgill, Maggie Sturgill and Desta Zerayesus-Mays*** (Group Exhibit); ***Candace Bowman, Ali Miller and Hadyn Schmidt*** (Group Exhibit); ***Cody Ford and Tre’ Greene*** (Group Exhibit); and ***Destiny Campbell and Lynnsey Williams*** (Group Exhibit).
- Recognized the following students for earning a “Good” rating at the District IX competition for National History Day: ***Jacob Albrecht*** (Historical Paper); and ***Drew Miller and Joey Riley*** (Group Exhibit). History Day Advisor is **Donna Baker**, and assistant is **Becky Campbell**.

- Recognized the students and staff at **Portsmouth Elementary School** for raising \$826.19 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's "Pennies for Patients" program. **Jeanie Begley**, PES Guidance Counselor, spearheaded the campaign.
- Recognized **Jill Albrecht, Courtney Clifford and Amanda Grashel** for spearheading the "Strike Out Cancer and Hit It Hard" fund raising event for cancer research, raising over \$3,500.00.
- Heard a **BEST Practice** presentation featuring topics from the following students of Suzie Keller's 7th grade girls science class: **Annie Clayton; Lori Keaton, Katherine Meriwether, and Mollie McCain.**

PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS

A. Certificated

- Accepted resignation from the following individuals, effective the dates indicated: **Lisbet Fuentes (Substitute Teacher – June 30, 2008); Candace McHenry (Teacher – Retirement – May 31, 2008); and Cassandra Simon (Substitute Teacher – June 30, 2008).**
- Approved a **change in status** for the following teachers: **Jordan Click** (Teacher – 100% Reading First-Ohio Grant to Teacher – 100% Title I); **Abby Hughes** (Teacher – 100% Title I to Teacher – 100% Reading First-Ohio Grant); **Sheri Mougey** (Teacher – Five Years Training – Step 9 to Teacher – Master's Degree – Step 9); **Jason VanDeusen** (Teacher – 100% Reading First-Ohio Grant to Teacher – 100% Title I); **Regina Walburn** (Teacher – Five Years Training – Step 13 to Teacher – Master's Degree – Step 13); and **Angela Wallace** (Teacher – 100% Title I to Teacher – 100% Reading First-Ohio Grant).
- Approved the **disability retirement** granted by the State Teachers Retirement System for **Karen Green**, effective February 1, 2008.
- Approved **continuing contract status** effective the 2008-2009 school year to the following teachers: **Amy Gerard, Laura Greenhill, Angie Hall, and Cassie Morris.**
- Approved the **appointment/reappointment** for the 2008-2009 school year of **eighty-seven (87) teachers.**
- Approved the **appointment/reappointment** for the 2008-2009 school year of **fifty-seven (57) day-by-day substitute teachers and twenty-five (25) tutors.**
- Recognized and commended **eighty-one (81) teachers** with continuing contracts.
- Approved **thirty-nine (39) teachers** who are eligible to receive the **\$2,000 yearly stipend**, effective the 2008-2009 school year, for **Master's Degree Plus 15 semester hours beyond Master's Degree.**

B. Classified

- Accepted resignation from the following individuals, effective June 30, 2008: **Mary Bramblett (Substitute Bus Driver); Tom Church (Substitute Bus Driver); Mary Jo Coriell (Retirement – Aide I-Paraprofessional); Phyllis Crawford (Substitute Cook); Marilyn Kallam (Substitute Aide); Ama Simpson (Substitute Aide & Substitute Cook); and Wilma Smith (Substitute Aide).**
- Approved a **change in status** for the following employees: **Richard Clark** (Nighttime Head Custodian III – Portsmouth Elementary School – 120 day probationary period to Nighttime Head Custodian III – Portsmouth Elementary School); **David Hall** (Daytime Head Custodian III to Custodian III-Grounds/Rover); **Jimmie Lewis** (Bus Driver – Pay Range 31 – Step 1 – 6 Hours/Day – 180 work Days/School Year – Medical Leave of Absence, Without Pay to Nighttime Custodian I – Pay Range 29 – Step 1 – 8 Hours/Day – 260 Work Days/School Year – Active Status); and **Joan Sparks** (Cook I – Medical Leave of Absence, Without Pay – September 1, 2007 through 2007-2008 School Year to Cook I – Medical Leave of Absence, Without Pay – 2008-2009 School Year).
- Approved the **appointment/reappointment**, effective the 2008-2009 school year, of **thirteen (13) substitute aides, three (3) substitute bus drivers, nine (9) substitute cooks, nine (9) substitute custodians, and nine (9) substitute secretaries.**
- Recognized and commended **twenty-three (23) aides-paraprofessionals; one (1) attendance officer, seven (7) bus drivers, nineteen (19) cooks, nineteen (19) custodians/maintenance employees, and seventeen (17) secretaries/ executive assistants** who are serving in a continuing status for the 2008-2009 school year.
- Approved ending **non-teacher (co-curricular) contracts of sixteen (16) positions** no later than the final day of the school year, with recommendations for the 2008-2009 school year to be made at a later date in accord with budget and needs.

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

- Confirmed the following **district make-up days** for the 2007-2008 school calendar as a result of excessive calamity days: **Friday, May 30, 2008** (Make-up day for District – End of 4th Nine Weeks for PHS/PJHS and PES); **Monday, June 2, 2008** (Make-up day for EPE – End of 4th Nine Weeks for EPE – Record Keeping Day / No School For Students at PHS/PJHS and PES); **Tuesday, June 3, 2008** (Record Keeping / No School for Students at EPE)
- Adopted a **Resolution** supporting the **Summer School Initiative.**
- Adopted the following five (5) new or revised **policies: EB – Safety Program (revised); EBAA – Report of Hazards (new); EBBA – First Aid (revised);**

EBC – Emergency/ Safety Plans (Revision of EBC and Replaces EBD – Crisis Management); and ECG – Integrated Pest Management (new).

- Adopted a **Resolution** supporting the District's request from the Ohio Department of Education for Waiver Days of Instruction of **twenty-five (25) student instructional hours** for the 2008-2009 school year.
- Approved the following **three (3) Memorandum of Understanding** with the Scioto County Career Technical Center: **Building and Property Maintenance/ Intervention Specialist; Marketing Education; and Project Lead the Way Pre-Engineering Levels 1 & 2.**

TREASURER RECOMMENDATIONS

- Approved **Student Activity Fund Budgets** for the 2008-2009 school year.
- Approved the **Revised Amended Certificate** for the 2007-2008 school year.
- Approved the **Revised Appropriations Resolution** at the fund level for the 2007-2008 school year.
- Approved the **HVAC Coordinators membership** in the National Fire Protection Association.

CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- Approved **thirty-six (36)** personal service contracts.
- Approved **three (3) East Portsmouth Elementary School** parent volunteers.
- Approved **monthly donations** totaling **\$1,560.00**.
- Approved the following routine financial reports and recommendations: **Interim Revenues; March 2008 Management/Financial Data; and Summary of March 2008 Bills.**
- Approved payment to **one (1) vendor** whose invoice **exceeded \$3,000.00.**