

Board Briefs

From the Portsmouth City School District Board of Education
Regular Meeting.....April 26, 2007

RECOGNITION / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- Recognized artwork of **Ben McCann**, a senior at Portsmouth High School, and his art teacher, **Sharee Price**.
- Recognized **Ben McCann** for leading the “Pledge of Allegiance”.
- Recognized the following PHS art students whose artwork was selected for inclusion in the All-County High School Art Show held at the Southern Ohio Museum: **Katie Click, Howie Crabtree, Melissa Craft, Dylan Gemperline, Brooke Jones, Sarah Leslie, Ben McCann, Trisiti Mollett, Matt Runyon and Heather Wood**. Their art teacher is **Sharee Price**.
- Recognized **Marlita Cadogan**, a senior at Portsmouth High School, for her state-level Certificate of Excellence from the 2007 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards Program for exemplary volunteer service.
- Recognized **Mark O’Brien**, Coordinator of Educational Media & Technology, who received the prestigious “**My Boss Is a Patriot**” **Certificate of Appreciation** from the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.
- Recognized the following sixth grade students for their participation and success in the District 9, National History Day competition at the University of Rio Grande: **Joe Amburgey** (First Place Gold Medal and “Superior” rating for individual project; advances to state competition); **Kaleb Burchett, Jayllen Carter, Alex Grashel, Jonathan Montieth, and Levi Porter** (“Superior” rating for team project); **Chelsey Schmidt and Harley Shepherd** (“Excellent” rating for group exhibit); and **Lori Keaton, Stephanie McGarey, Julia Sutherland, and Kiri Urbach** (“Excellent” rating for group exhibit). **Donna Baker** is the History Day Advisor.
- Recognized the following students for winning and/or placing in the **Scioto County Science Fair**: **Evan Sommer** (Third place, 8th grade); **Kyle Johnson** (Third place, 7th grade); and **Megan Cornett** (Honorable Mention, 7th Grade).
- Recognized **Evan Sommer**, 8th grade student at Portsmouth Junior High School, for winning in the 17th Annual District 14 Science Day; he now advances to state competition.
- Recognized **Corrin Barker**, a 6th grade student at Portsmouth Elementary School, for winning **third place** in the **Scottish Rite Club Essay Contest**. Her teacher is **Karen Green**.

- Recognized Portsmouth High School teacher, **Judy Sanders**, for being selected to receive the **Simon Kenton Council's Boy Scouts of America 2007 Silver Beaver Award** for distinguished service to youth.

PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS

A. Certificated

- Accepted the resignations from the following employees: **John Craig (Tutor); Helen Jordan (Substitute Teacher); Mary Lemon (Substitute Teacher); John Little (Teacher – Retirement); and Tammy Trinidad (Substitute Teacher).**
- Employed **Eddie Scott** as **Principal** effective the 2007-2008 school year.
- Approved the following individuals for **supplemental contracts** effective the 2007-2008 school year: **Shawn Brehm (Band camp director at PHS); Curt Clifford (Head football coach/weightlifting at PHS); Sally Gower (Show choir director at PHS); Tom Grashel (Athletic Director at PHS); Rick Hopkins (Head volleyball coach at PHS); Arthur Lard (Volleyball coach at PJHS); Tiffany Newsome (Cheerleader sponsor at PHS); Helen Wells (Girls tennis coach at PHS); and Buck Whitely (Golf coach at PHS).**
- Approved **revised Salary Table Booklet pages** effective the 2007-2008 school year.
- Approved **continuing contract status** for the following teachers: **Helen Allen; Jeanie Begley; Pam Cartee; Aaron Duncan; Jeff Holmes; and Tami Mucha.**
- Approved the appointment/reappointment for the 2007-2008 school year of **eighty (80) teachers.**
- Approved the appointment/reappointment for the 2007-2008 school year of **fifty-three (53) substitute teachers and twenty-one (21) tutors.**
- Recognized and commended **eighty-two (82) teachers** with continuing contracts.
- Approved **thirty-one (31) teachers** who are eligible to receive the **\$2,000 yearly stipend**, effective the 2007-2008 school year, for **Master's Degree Plus 15 semester hours beyond Master's Degree.**

B. Classified

- Accepted the resignations from the following individuals: **Susie Conner (Substitute Cook); DeAnna Hay (Substitute Cook & Substitute Custodian); Sarah Kremin (Substitute Aide); Sandy Merritt (Secretary-Principal/Vice Principal – Retirement); Shirley Parker (Cook I – Retirement); Kelley Simpson (Substitute Aide & Substitute**

Cook); Linda Sowards (Substitute Cook); and Karen Walker (Secretary-Payroll Clerk – Retirement).

- Approved a **change in status** for the following employees: **Ty Seth** (Bus Driver – Pay Range 30 – Step 5 – Third Longevity Step – 7 Hours/Day – 180 Work Days/School Year to Nighttime Custodian I – Pay Range 29 – Step 5 – Third Longevity Step – 8 Hours/Day – 260 Work Days/School Year) and **Ray Spriggs** (Nighttime Custodian I – Pay Range 29 – Step 4 – Second Longevity Step to Daytime Head Custodian III – Pay Range 32 – Step 2 – Second Longevity Step).
- Approved the **disability retirement**, granted by the SERS to **Kathleen Fairchild**, effective February 1, 2007.
- Approved the appointment/reappointment, effective the 2007-2008 school year, of **thirteen (13) substitute aides, seven (7) substitute bus drivers, sixteen (16) substitute cooks, thirteen (13) substitute custodians and six (6) substitute secretaries.**
- Recognized and commended **twenty-two (22) aides-paraprofessionals, one (1) attendance officer, six (6) bus drivers, eighteen (18) cafeteria employees, twenty (20) custodians/ maintenance employees, and eighteen (18) secretaries/executive assistants** who have completed their probationary status and who are serving in a continuing status for the 2007-2008 school year.
- Approved ending **non-teacher (co-curricular) contracts** of **fourteen (14) positions** no later than the final day of the school year, with recommendations for the 2007-2008 school year to be made at a later date in accord with budget and needs.

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

- Confirmed by vote the dates for the **required make-up days** due to exhaustion of the five state-approved Calamity Days.
- Approved a **Change Order** to Boone Coleman Construction in the amount of **\$39,941.56** to provide for the removal of foundation and breaking of concrete floors at sub-basement and for installation of engineered fill where sub-basement was removed at former PHS.
- Approved a **Change Order** to Boone Coleman Construction in the amount of **\$32,948.30** to install engineered fill where the sub-grade air ducts were removed and to provide for removal of foundation and breaking of concrete floors at sub-grade air ducts at the former PHS.
- Approved annual **traffic scout trip** to Washington, DC for students from **Portsmouth Elementary School.**
- Approved **traffic scout trip** to Cincinnati, OH, for students from **East Portsmouth Elementary School.**

TREASURER RECOMMENDATIONS

- Approved **student activity fund budgets** for the 2007-2008 school year.
- Approved the ***Telephone Services Policy Regulations***.
- Approved continued participation in **cooperative contracts** with the South Central Ohio Educational Service Center for the 2007-2008 school year for the following programs: ***Hearing Impaired, Audiology, Supplemental Services Teachers, Physical Therapy, and Occupational Therapy***.
- Approved the 2007-2008 **equipment Maintenance Agreement** with Hank's Sales and Service for the printer in the Treasurer's Office.

CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- Approved ***forty-three (43) personal service contracts***.
- Approved monthly donations totaling **\$1,621.14**.
- Approved the following routine financial reports and recommendations: ***Interim Revenues; March 2007 Management/Financial Data; Summary of March 2007 Bills; and Appropriations (Budgets)***.
- Approved ***payment to six (6) vendors*** whose invoice exceeds **\$3,000.00**.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Acknowledged the establishment of the **Jerry Douthat Musical Instrument Scholarship**, which will offer, in collaboration with the band director and the Douthat family, a brand new band instrument to a Portsmouth City School District student who may otherwise not be able to participate in band.