

# ***BOARD BRIEFS***

From the Portsmouth City School District Board of Education  
**REGULAR Meeting.....May 15, 2008**

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## **RECOGNITION / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

- Recognized the collaborative art work of **Cody Carr and Matthew Mitchell**, both fifth grade students at East Portsmouth Elementary School, and their art teacher, **Beth Williams**.
- Recognized the **Portsmouth High School Bands** for their success at the Music Showcase Festival held at Lebanon High School in conjunction with Kings Island.
- Recognized **Joe Amburgey** (Individual Exhibit) for winning a “First Place Medal” in the State Competition for National History Day, and his teachers/advisor, **Donna Baker and Becky Campbell**. Joe now advances to the national competition in June to be held in Washington, D.C.
- Recognized the following students participating in the Interactive Media Class at **Portsmouth High/Junior High School** who earned **Student EMMIE Awards: Maggee Colley; Sean Gowdy; Howard Harcha; and Matt Harcha**.
- Recognized **Angie Mercer**, first grade teacher at East Portsmouth Elementary School, for being selected the winner of the **2008 Cornelia McCall Mault Award**.
- Recognized the following teachers for being selected for the “**Outstanding Teacher Award**” presented each year by the Scioto Area Foundation: **Angie Mercer** (first grade teacher at East Portsmouth Elementary School) and **Kathy Darnell** (Family & Consumer Science Teacher at Portsmouth High/Junior High School).
- Heard a **BEST Practice** presentation by **Angela Byers**, Reading First Intervention Teacher at East Portsmouth Elementary School, featuring the Leap Track system and how it is used for intervention.

## **PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS**

### **A. Certificated**

- Accepted resignations from the following individuals, effective the dates indicated: **Brenda Musser (Retirement – June 30, 2008)**.
- Approved a **change in status** for the following individuals: **Debbie Call** (Principal – 2 Year Contract – 203 Days to Teacher – 1 Year Contract – 183 Days).
- Approved **supplemental contract** for the following individual, effective the 2008-2009 school year: **Joe Albrecht** (Athletic director at Portsmouth High School).
- Approved revised **Salary Table Booklet Pages** effective the dates indicated.

- Approved **revised Job Description** for the Literacy Specialist & School Literacy Consultant.

## **B. Classified**

- Accepted resignation from the following individuals, effective June 30, 2008: **Joyce Coakley** (Substitute Aide & Substitute Secretary); and **Faye Eshem-Wheeler** (Aide I – Paraprofessional).
- Approved a **change in status** for the following employee: **Carol Phipps** (Nighttime Custodian I – Pay Range 29 – Step 5 – First Longevity Step to Daytime Head Custodian III – Pay Range 32 – Step 3 – First Longevity Step).
- Approved the **appointment/reappointment**, effective the 2007-2008 school year, of the following non-licensed individual: **Judy Church** (Yearbook sponsor at Portsmouth Junior High School).
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## **SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Approved the annual **Portsmouth Elementary School Traffic Scout Trip** to Washington, D.C., scheduled for June 6-8, 2008.
- Approved the list of **Candidates for Graduation** at Portsmouth High School, pending their completion of all district and state requirements.
- Approved the **Food Service Price Schedule** for the 2008-2009 school year, including ala carte menu items.

## **TREASURER RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Authorized the Treasurer to **make all transactions necessary to close FY-2008**, with said transactions to be reported to the Board in July, 2008.
- Approved the use of the **SETBAL Program** for use in closing the current fiscal year.
- Approved the **Revised Five-Year Forecast and Notes** for FY2008.
- Approved continued participation in **cooperative contracts** with the South Central Ohio Educational Service Center for the following programs in 2008-2009: **hearing impaired; audiology; supplemental services teachers; physical therapy; and occupational therapy.**
- Approved a **Resolution** to solicit proposals/applications for the **District public depositories** for the five-year period beginning September 1, 2008.

## CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- Approved **four (4)** personal service contracts.
- Approved the following routine financial reports and recommendations: ***Interim Revenues; April 2008 Management/Financial Data; Summary of April 2008 Bills and Appropriations (Budgets).***