

Board Briefs

From the Portsmouth City School District Board of Education
Regular Meeting.....May 17, 2007

RECOGNITION / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- Recognized artwork of **Shaelynn Kraemer**, an eighth grade student at Portsmouth Junior High School, and her art teacher, **Alan Lute**.
- Recognized **Drew Gibson and Evan Sommer** for leading the “Pledge of Allegiance”.
- Recognized **Joe Amburgey** for winning “**Honorable Mention**” at the State Competition for National History Day.
- Recognized **Megan Cornett** for winning **first place** in the 2007 School Funding Essay Contest sponsored by the Ohio Fair Schools Campaign. Also recognized **Tanner Hatcher and Raven Holmes** for winning “**Honorable Mention**” in the essay contest. **Shay Pennington** is their language arts teacher who submitted the essays to the contest.
- Recognized the **Portsmouth High School Bands** for the following awards at the Music Showcase Festival held in Chicago, IL, May 11-12, 2007: **Concert Band (Outstanding Percussion Section, 1st Place Superior Rating); Jazz Band (Outstanding Rhythm Section, Outstanding Brass Section, 1st Place Superior Rating AND Overall Grand Champion-High School Division); Parade Review Band (Outstanding Drum Line, 1st Place Superior Rating); River Begley (Outstanding Soloist, Concert Band – Trumpet); and Brennica Urbach (Outstanding Soloist, Concert Band – Flute)**. Director of Bands **Shawn Brehm** also received recognition from the Board members.
- Recognized **Jacqueline Meriwether** for winning third place in the TALL TALES writing contest sponsored by the Portsmouth Public Library, and her teacher, **Beverly Radabaugh**.
- Recognized the following sixth grade students at Portsmouth Elementary School for their participation in the District 9, National History Day competition: **Caylee Damron; Dasia Kennedy; Izzie Sturgill; Maggie Sturgill; Chris Morgan; Sara Potts; Mariah Hamrick; Tyler Mallory; Kandace Crabtree; Desta Zerayesus-Mays; Cody Cox; and Josh Twaddle**. History Day advisor to the students is **Donna Baker**.
- Recognized **Susan Gray**, Intervention Teacher at Portsmouth Elementary School, for being selected as the second recipient of the **Cornelia McCall Mault Award**.
- Recognized **Michelle Colvin** (Second grade teacher at Portsmouth Elementary School) and **Becky Duncan** (Social studies teacher at

Portsmouth High School) for being selected recipients of the 17th Annual Outstanding Teacher Awards presented each year by the Scioto Area Foundation.

- Heard a **BEST Practice** presentation by **Diana Marsh**, science teacher at Portsmouth High School, regarding the newly acquired greenhouse at PHS, the Environthon Team at PHS, and Women in Science.

PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS

A. Certificated

- Accepted the resignations from the following employee: **Don Turner (Teacher – Retirement)**.
- Approved a **change in status** for the following individual: **Ann Charles (Principal – Retirement – June 30, 2007 to Principal – Retirement – May 31, 2007)**.
- Employed **Melissa Rodbell** as a district **speech therapist** effective August 22, 2007.
- Approved the following individuals for **supplemental contracts** effective the 2007-2008 school year: **Brenda Musser** (Facilitator of special education and Swimming coach at PHS) and **Josh Shoemaker** (Head boys basketball coach at PHS).
- Employed the following individuals as **tutors**: **Cindy Damron** (Effective May 2, 2007) and **Lesley Howard** (Effective April 16, 2007).
- Approved an **additional five days** for Portsmouth High School Guidance Counselor **Myra Shields** to work on student schedules.

B. Classified

- Approved a **change in status** for the following individuals: **Shirley Duncan** (Secretary-Reading First – 225 Work Days/School Year to Secretary-Principal/Vice Principal – 205 Work Days/School Year) and **Regina Ruggles** (Cook 1 – 6 Hours/Day to Cook 1 – 8 Hours/Day).
- Approved the appointment/reappointment of the following non-licensed individuals, effective the 2007-2008 school year: **Rocky Fields** (Cross country coach at PHS); **Amanda Grashel** (Co-seventh & eighth grade cheerleader coach at PJHS); and **Stacey Manchester** (Co-seventh & eighth grade cheerleader coach at PJHS).

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

- Approved a list of **110 candidates for graduation** from Portsmouth High School.
- Approved a **Memorandum of Understanding** between the Portsmouth district and the Scioto County JVS for the Career Technical Program **“Building and Property Maintenance/Intervention Specialist”** for the 2007-2008 school year.
- Approved a **Memorandum of Understanding** between the Portsmouth district and the Scioto County JVS for the Career Technical Program **“Project Lead The Way Pre-Engineering, Levels 1 & 2”** for the 2007-2008 school year.
- Approved the AIA Abbreviated Standard Form of Agreement between the Portsmouth district and **Tanner Stone & Company, Architects**, for the proposed athletic complex project.
- Authorized the Superintendent and Treasurer to enter into a contract with **Exline Surveying, Inc.**, to provide topographic and boundary survey services for the proposed athletic complex project.
- Adopted a **Resolution** supporting the **Summer School Initiative**.

TREASURER RECOMMENDATIONS

- Authorized the Treasurer to make all transactions necessary to close FY2007.
- Approved use of the **SETBAL Program** in closing the current fiscal year.
- Accepted the Proposal from **Clayton Holdings, LLC**, to finance the construction of a new athletic complex, and authorized the Board President and Treasurer to proceed with definitive loan documents to secure financing.

CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- Approved ***two (2) personal service contracts.***
- Approved monthly donations totaling ***\$2,398.00.***
- Approved the following routine financial reports and recommendations: ***Interim Revenues; April 2007 Management/Financial Data; Summary of April 2007 Bills; and Appropriations (Budgets); and a Fund-to-Fund Transfer.***

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Acknowledged an **increase in milk prices** effective May 1, 2007
- Announced that the **Portsmouth High School Graduation** will be Sunday, May 27, 2007, at 2 p.m., in the gymnasium.