

Board Briefs

From the Portsmouth City School District Board of Education
Regular Meeting.....September 21, 2006

RECOGNITION / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- Recognized the artwork of **Caleb King**, a sixth grade student at Portsmouth Elementary School, and his classroom teacher, **Molly Glockner**.
- Recognized the following sixth grade students, all traffic scouts, from Portsmouth Elementary School for leading the “Pledge of Allegiance”: **Jacob Call; Jayllen Carter; Caylee Damron; Alex Grashel; Lori Keaton; Caleb King; Abby Parcell; Levi Porter; Howard Robinson; Tyler Robinson; Kiri Urbach**; and traffic scout supervisor **Monte Kremin**.
- Recognized the following team of teachers who were selected as one of 16 individuals or teams who will be awarded the **Walter-Horn Partnering for Progress Award** for implementing a three-tiered model of support which has been successful in meeting the needs of all the students: **Leslie Clifford; Bathsheba Colley; Jeri Hughes; Janie Kremin; Cassie Morris; and Kristi Toppins**.
- Heard a BEST Practice Presentation from **Charles Kemp and Beth Born** who addressed what is being done to get better math scores, such as using power standards, vocabulary building, and questions formatted like the assessment students will see.

PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS

A. Certificated

- Accepted the resignation from the following employee: **Kellie Reedy (Substitute Teacher)**.
- Approved a **change in funding status** for the following individuals: **Molly Addis** (100% General Fund to 100% Poverty Based Assistance Intervention); and **Julie Hughes** (100% Title I to 100% General Fund).
- Approved a **change in status** for the following individuals: **Rebecca Cyrus** (Teachers – Bachelor’s Degree – Step 2 to Teacher – Five Years Training – Step 2); **Julie Horn** (Teachers – Bachelor’s Degree – Step 11 to Teacher – Five Years Training – Step 13); **Amy Keyser** (Special

Education Teacher – Bachelor’s Degree – Step 3 to Special Education Teacher – Five Years Training – Step 3); **Leslie Kinker** (Teacher – Bachelor’s Degree – Step 3 to Teacher – Five Years Training – Step 3); and **Julie Sanders-Johnson** (Teacher – Five Years Training – Step 13 to Teacher – Master’s Degree – Step 13).

- Employed the following individual as a **special education teacher** effective October 2, 2006: **Jon Born**.
- Employed the following individuals as **substitute teachers** effective September 22, 2006: **Michael Arthur; Garnetta Booker; Talitha Malone; Jeffrey Nickel; Heather Schilling; and Geneva Windsor**.
- Approved payment of the \$2,000 stipend to the following teachers for attaining **Master’s Degree plus 15 semester hours** beyond issuance of their Master’s degree: **Linda Browne; Aaron Duncan; Christopher Duncan; Rebecca Duncan; Karen Green; Chad Hammond; Susan Leadingham; Amy Lowery; Sharon Price; and Jacqueline Snider**.

B. Classified

- Accepted resignation from the following individual: **Jennifer Penley (Flag corps director at PHS)**.
- Approved a **change in funding status** for the following employees: **Betty Thacker** (Aide I – Paraprofessional – 100% Poverty Based Assistance to Aide I – Paraprofessional – 100% General Fund) and **Barbara Veazey** (Aide I – Paraprofessional – 100% General Fund to Aide I - Paraprofessional – 100% Poverty Based Assistance).
- Approved a **change in status** for the following employees: **Mary Jo Coriell** (Aide I – Paraprofessional – Pay Range 12 – Step 5 – First Longevity Step to Aide I – Paraprofessional – Pay Range 12 – Step 5 – Second Longevity Step); **Ronald Crawford** (Custodian III-Grounds/Rover – Probationary Status to Custodian III – Grounds/Rover – Regular Status); and **Kay Stapleton** (Central Office Secretary – Pay Range 25 – Step 5 – First Longevity Step to Central Office Secretary – Pay Range 25 – Step 5 – Second Longevity Step).
- Employed the following individual as a **cook** effective August 18, 2006: **Mary Salyers**.
- Employed the following **non-teaching coach**, effective September 7, 2006: **Jennifer Matheny** (Flag corps director at PHS).

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

- Approved a **Resolution Authorizing the President and Treasurer to Enter Into an Amendment to the Agreement for Professional Design Services (Construction Manager Involved) with Tanner Stone & Company Related to the Ohio School Facilities Commission Classroom Facilities Assistance Program Project.**
- Authorized the Treasurer and Superintendent to pursue, negotiate the terms of, and execute contracts pertaining to a feasibility study regarding PHS property and adjacent parcels.
- Adopted the following **revised policies: School Board Conferences, Conventions and Workshops, BHBA-P; Board Member Compensation and Expenses, BHD; Travel Reimbursement Policy, BL; Expense Reimbursement, DLC; Expense Reimbursement Procedures, DLC-P; and Certificated Staff Visitations and Conferences, GCLA-P.**

TREASURER RECOMMENDATIONS

- Approved **renewal rates** with **Medical Mutual** health insurance for period October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007, for all employees.
- Approved the **2006-2007 permanent appropriations** at the fund level.
- Approved the **2006-2007 Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources.**
- Authorized the Treasurer to contract with **Allen's Auctions, Inc.** to sell donated property located at **903 Bertha Avenue**, with proceeds going for new facility enhancements.

CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- Approved **sixty-eight (68) personal service contracts.**
- Approved the following volunteers for the 2006-2007 school year: **East Portsmouth Elementary Volunteer; Portsmouth Elementary School Volunteers (PTO Officers); PJHS Volleyball Team Volunteer; PJHS Cheerleading Volunteer Coach; PHS Trojan Athletic Boosters Volunteers; and PHS National Honor Society Volunteers.**
- Approved monthly donations totaling **\$18,561.00.**
- Approved the following routine financial reports and recommendations: **Interim Revenues; August 2006 Management/Financial Data; Summary of August 2006 Bills; and Advances/Loans.**
- Approved payment to two (2) vendor whose invoices **exceeded \$3,000.00.**
- Approved **reimbursement payment for professional development hours** to teachers received training in the use of Progress Book on August 17, 2006.