

# Board Briefs

From the Portsmouth City School District Board of Education  
Regular Meeting.....March 20, 2003

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## RECOGNITION / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- Recognized artwork of **Jay Daehler**, a sophomore at Portsmouth High School, and his art teacher, **Sharee Price**.
- Recognized thirteen members of the **Portsmouth High School Band** who performed the “National Anthem”, and band director, **Jeff Freytag**.
- Recognized the **Portsmouth High School Concert Band**, and director **Jeff Freytag**, for receiving a “superior” rating and advancing to state competition as a result of the OMEA District 17 Large Group Competition.
- Recognized the following Grant Middle School students who advanced to regional competition in the Power of the Pen Writing Competition: **Kandee Brinkley and Teah Broughton** (both seventh graders) and **Maggie McKenzie and Julie Storts** (both eighth graders). Also recognized the following who participated in the district competition and teacher advisor **Sue Schmidt: Marlita Cadogan, Ashley Cook, Stacey Heck, Nathalie Johnson, Elizabeth Mault, Stephanie McClaskey, Hali Schiltz and Brennica Urbach**.
- Recognized the following Portsmouth High School students, and art teacher **Sharee Price**, for creating artwork chosen for exhibit in the Scioto County High School Art Show: **John Burns, Katie Daehler, Shane Harris, Drew Howard, Molly Lacy, Brittany Laughlin, Adam McKenzie, Chuck Richards, Veronica Rollins, Nikki Schmidt and Randall Scott**.
- Recognized the following Portsmouth High School Print Shop workers, along with teacher **Art Lard**, for their expertise and assistance to the Treasurer’s office in printing & assembling the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR): **Jessie Brunner, Bethany Jones, Amber McKenzie, Nola Sartin and Andrew Storey**.
- Recognized the following Portsmouth High School students, and art teacher **Sharee Price**, for creating artwork selected for display in the “Youthful Visions” exhibit at the Portsmouth Public Library in observance of “Youth Art Month”: **Jenny Adams, John Burns, T.J. Chinn, Jay Daehler, Katie Daehler, Shane Harris, Michael Hickman, Drew Howard, Steven Hunter, Molly Lacy, Brittany Laughlin, Tyler Morgan, Matt Mullins, Veronica Rollins, Sara Scharbrough, Nikki Schmidt, Brandon Steele, Seth Steinhauer and Mike Toller**.

- For the BEST Practice presentation, **Tony Lavinder**, Portsmouth High School Science Teacher, reviewed and explained the high school science curriculum and how a common assessment is being written for all areas of science.

## PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS

### A. Certificated

- Approved a **change in funding status** for two teachers: **Allen Hanson** (from 100% General Fund to 100% Parity Aid) **and Sue Schmidt** (from 75% General Fund / 25% Title VI-B to 75% Title I / 25% Title VI-B).
- Employed the following as a **substitute teacher and tutor: Wanda Laack**.
- Awarded supplemental contracts to the following: **Joe Albrecht (PHS Head Softball Coach); Chuck Burke (PHS Head Boys Track Coach); Jani Evans (Grant Middle School Head Girls Track Coach); Rick Hopkins (PHS Assistant Softball Coach); Art Lard (PHS Head Girls Track Coach); Randy Nelson (PHS Assistant Baseball Coach); and Mark Spears (Grant Middle School Head Boys Track Coach)**.
- Offered contract of employment to the following administrators: **Debra McGinnis (Assistant Principal – 2 years); Tom Smith (Principal – 2 years); Kristi Toppins (Principal – 2 years); and Mark Williams (Director of Educational Media & Technology – 2 years)**.
- Non-renewed the contract of employment for the following administrators: **Molly Addis (Assistant Principal) and John Hendricks (Principal)**.

### B. Classified

- Accepted resignation of **Beth Ann Hughes (After School Mall Assistant)**.
- Approved a change in status from **second longevity step** to **third longevity step** for **Robert Warnock (Custodian III)**.
- Employed the following non-teacher coaches: **Anthony Cadogan (PHS Assistant Boys and Girls Track Coach) and Dan Ruggiero (PHS Boys Tennis Coach)**.

## SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

- Approved the **revised Gifted Identification Plan policy**.
- Approved out-of-state trips for **Harding Elementary Traffic Scouts and After School Mall Boys History Club to Washington, DC, in June; Grant Middle School After School Mall to New York City and Washington, DC, in April; the trip over spring break to Chicago for the American Girl Clubs of Harding and Roosevelt Elementary schools; and the PHS Girls Track Team to the Annual Red Devil Relays in Russell, Kentucky.**

## TREASURER RECOMMENDATIONS

- Approved district participation in the **L.I.F.T. (Leadership In Fitness Training) America Program** sponsored by the National School Fitness Foundation.
- As a result of approval of participation in the L.I.F.T. America Program, the board approved entering into a three-year **Master Lease Purchase Agreement** with Fifth Third Bank, for equipment lease. This cost will be reimbursed to the district upon submission by the Treasurer of requested documentation to the National School Fitness Foundation.
- Approved an **Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources** for the 2002-2003 school year.
- Approved the **Revised Annual Appropriation** at the fund level for the 2002-2003 school year.

## CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- Approved **eleven (11)** personal service contracts.
- Accepted monthly donations totaling **\$360.00**.
- Approved **thirteen (13) volunteer chaperones** for the American Girl Club Trip to Chicago; and **two volunteer coaches (PHS Baseball Team)**.
- Approved the following routine financial reports and recommendations: **Interim Revenues, February 2003 Management/Financial Data, Summary of February 2003 Bills, Transfers and Appropriations.**
- Approved payment to two (2) vendors whose **invoices exceeded \$1,000.00**.
- Approved **real estate purchase agreements** with ten (10) property owners.

## INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Acknowledged a **decrease in milk prices** effective Mach 1, 2003.
- Acknowledged that the district will apply for the **Even Start Grant**.