

# ***BOARD BRIEFS***

From the Portsmouth City School District Board of Education  
REGULAR Meeting.....February 21, 2008

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## **RECOGNITION / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

- Recognized art work of **Joey Drengacs**, a fifth grade student at Portsmouth Elementary School, and his art teacher, **Jill Kolar**.
- Recognized the following sixth grade traffic scouts from Portsmouth Elementary School for leading the “Pledge of Allegiance”: **Lindsey Austin; Ali Miller; and Alyssa Wampler**.
- Recognized the following **Portsmouth High School** students for winning the **Ohio Mock Trial District Competition**, defeating Wheelersburg High School: **Scott Blevins; Monica Call; Andrew Chabot; April Clark; Annie Glockner; Howard Harcha; Kaitlin Livingston; Natalie McCain; Kiona Rogers; Eli Sanford; and Andrea White**. Also recognized **April Clark and Howard Harcha** for being selected “**Best Attorneys**” in morning session against Valley High School; and **Monica Call and Scott Blevins** for being named “**Best Witness**” in afternoon session against Notre Dame High School. And recognized the Mock Trial Team Sponsor, **Amy Keating**, and legal advisors, **Rusty & Maggie Miller**.
- Recognized the following **Portsmouth Elementary School** students who placed first, second or third place for their respective grade in the **building science fair**: **Katie Davis; Destiney Burns; Brianna Ferrell; Savanna Spence; Emily Jones; Benjamin Lester; Logan Carter; Reese Johnson; Collin Finn; Chelsea Cartee; Ryann Campbell; Kailey Morrow; Jamie Erwin; Meranda Puckett; Deven Campbell; Ben Davis; Molly Fannin; Kayla Smith; Hunter Gibson; Olivia Young; Elizabeth Chapman; Austin Carter; Gage Phipps; Alex Scott; Jacob Albrecht; Rebecca Lucas; Hadyn Schmidt; Ali Miller; Joey Riley; Morgan Cottle; John Wallace; Cody Ford; and Khalil Lattimore**.

## **PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS**

### **A. Certificated**

- Accepted resignation from the following individuals, effective the dates indicated: **Mark Morrow (Substitute Teacher – Effective February 13, 2008) and Beth Williams (Yearbook Sponsor at East Portsmouth Elementary School – Effective February 8, 2008)**.

- Employed the following individual as a **substitute teacher**, effective February 22, 2008: **Joshua Keeney**.
- Approved the following **supplemental contracts**, effective the 2007-2008 school year: **Stephanie Carey (Elementary music instruction at EPE) and Judy Smith (Elementary music instruction at PES)**.
- Employed the following individuals as **tutors**, effective the dates indicated: **William Berry (effective February 22, 2008) and Darrell Stephenson (effective January 15, 2008)**.

## B. Classified

- Accepted resignation from the following individual, effective February 21, 2008: **Harry Mullen (Bus Driver)**.
- Approved a **change in status** for the following employees: **Charles Applegate** (Bus Driver – Pay Range 30 – Step 5 **to** Bus Driver – Pay Range 31 – Step 5); **Keith Charles** (Bus Driver – Pay Range 30 – Step 1 **to** Bus Driver – Pay Range 31 – Step 1); **Robert Coffey** (Bus Driver – Pay Range 30 – Step 2 **to** Bus Driver – Pay Range 31 – Step 2); **Janice Dressler** (Bus Driver – Pay Range 30 – Step 5 – First Longevity Step **to** Bus Driver – Pay Range 31 – Step 5 – First Longevity Step); **Jeff Knauff** (Bus Driver – Pay Range 30 – Step 5 – First Longevity Step **to** Bus Driver – Pay Range 31 – Step 5 – First Longevity Step); **Diane Lafferty** (Bus Driver – Pay Range 30 – Step 1 **to** Bus Driver – Pay Range 31 – Step 1); **Jimmie Lewis** (Bus Driver – Active Status **to** Bus Driver – Medical Leave of Absence, Without Pay); **Stephanie Miller** (Receptionist/Secretary at PHS/PJHS – Pay Range 20 – Step 4 **to** Receptionist/Secretary at PHS/PJHS – Pay Range 21 – Step 3); **Jenifer Pendleton** (Bus Driver – Pay Range 30 – Step 5 – First Longevity Step **to** Bus Driver – Pay Range 31 – Step 5 – First Longevity Step); and **Linda Riggsby** (Secretary-Student Services – 225 Work Days/School Year **to** Secretary-Student Services – 260 Work Days/School Year).
- Approved the **appointment/reappointment** of the following individuals: **Susan Thuma (Receptionist/Secretary at PES – Effective March 3, 2008)** and **Jedidiah Cyrus (Substitute Secretary - Effective February 22, 2008)**.

## SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

- Adopted the following **revised** board policy: **IKA-P – Grading Systems**.
- Approved placement by the Board of Education, in support of the students, of a **full-page ad** in the 2008 Yearbook of Portsmouth High School.
- Approved the **out-of-state** trip by the **Portsmouth High School Show Choir & Choral Boosters** to **New York City** in April 2008.

## TREASURER RECOMMENDATIONS

There were no recommendations from the Treasurer.

## CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- Approved **thirteen (13)** personal service contracts.
- Approved **monthly donations** totaling **\$1,680.00**.
- Approved the following routine financial reports and recommendations: ***Interim Revenues; January 2008 Management/Financial Data; and Summary of January 2008 Bills.***
- Approved payment to **one (1) vendor** whose invoice **exceeded \$3,000.00**.