

BOARD BRIEFS

From the Portsmouth City School District Board of Education
REGULAR Meeting.....January 31, 2008

RECOGNITION / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- Recognized art work of **Jacob Call**, a seventh grade student at Portsmouth High/Junior High School, and his art teacher, **Alan Lute**.
- Recognized the following **Portsmouth Enrichment Program (P.E.P.)** students, all eighth graders, for leading the “Pledge of Allegiance”: **Tanner Hatcher; Kyle Louderback; William Meriwether; Justin Ottney; and Robbie Shugert**.
- Recognized the following **Portsmouth High School** students enrolled in Julie Sanders-Johnson’s French classes for being selected into the **United States Achievement Academy in Who’s Who in Foreign Language** for the 2007-2008 school year: **French I: Carmen Bowling; Andrew Chabot; Alex Coakley; Mitchell Gower; Kaitlin Livingston; Chelsea Meadows; Brittini Rowland; and Alixandria Woodward; French II: Sydney Allen; Nicole Fiske; Emily Hopkins; James Lawson; Dillon Kristian; Ruth Stanley; Trista Wilson; and Colton Wood; French III: Rachelle Cartee; Steven Conley; Ashley Cook; Meg Daehler; Molly Gower; Miranda Hileman; Heather Krekeler; and Justin Lamblin**.
- Recognized the following **Portsmouth High School** students for selection to the **All-County Honors Band and Choir**: **BAND – River Begley; John Chabot; Ariel Harr; Thomas Khoury; Rebecca Kristian; Elizabeth Mault; David Pettit; Collin Poage; and Brennica Urbach; CHOIR – Audrey Binns; Haley Bradford; Nate Cadogan; Devan Flannery; Mitchell Gower; Molly Gower; Wayne Johnson; Jalen Kennedy; David Mallory; and Hannah Walsh**.
- Heard a BEST Practice presentation by **Becky Duncan**, social studies teacher at Portsmouth High/Junior High School, titled **“Key Strategies To Preparing for the OAT/OGT”**.
- In recognition of **School Board Recognition Month**, Superintendent Broughton commended the following five board members for their hard work and dedication this past year on behalf of the students and staff of the district: **Clarence Parker, Dr. George Pettit, Ray Thompson, Barbara Gibson and Mary Sommer**. She then presented them with a gift.

PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS

A. Certificated

- Accepted resignation from the following individuals, effective January 7, 2008: **Erica Hall (Substitute Teacher & Substitute Aide)** and **Phyllis Shoemaker (Substitute Teacher)**.
- Approved a **change in funding status** for the following individual, effective the 2007-2008 school year: **Jeanie Begley** (Guidance Counselor – 100% IDEIA-B **to** Guidance Counselor – 100% General Fund).
- Employed the following individuals as **substitute teachers**, effective February 1, 2008: **William Berry; Jennifer Bonzo; Travis Brown; Jessica Hammonds; Sarah Perkins; Dolly Tolle;** and **Jarrod Toppins**.
- Adopted a **revised salary table booklet page** effective January 1, 2008.

B. Classified

- Approved a **change in status** for the following employees: **Keith Charles** (Bus Driver – Probationary Status **to** Bus Driver – Regular Status); **Pam Ervin** (Central Office Secretary – Probationary Status **to** Central Office Secretary – Regular Status); **Janice Grabeman** (Aide I – Paraprofessional – Probationary Status **to** Aide I – Paraprofessional – Regular Status); **Sue Kemp** (Aide III – Paraprofessional – Probationary Status **to** Aide III – Paraprofessional – Regular Status); **Anita Leslie** (Cook I – Probationary Status **to** Cook I – Regular Status); **Paulette Mitchell** (Aide I – Paraprofessional – Probationary Status **to** Aide I – Paraprofessional – Regular Status); **Liz Porter** (Attendance Officer – 100% Poverty Based Assistance **to** Attendance Officer - 100% General Fund); and **Mark Rooney** (Nighttime Head Custodian III – Probationary Status **to** Nighttime Head Custodian III – Regular Status).
- Employed the following individual as a **bus driver**, effective January 25, 2008: **Diane Lafferty**.
- Accepted the **disability retirement** by the School Employees Retirement System for **Bob Warnock**, effective January 1, 2008.
- Approved a **three year contract ending August 31, 2010** between the Portsmouth City School Employees Local 2684, Ohio Council 8, AFSCME and the Portsmouth City Board of Education.

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

- Approved the **out-of-state trip** by the Portsmouth High School Show Choir to Ellettsville, Indiana, for show choir competition on February 2-3, 2008.
- Adopted the following **revised** board policy: **GBQ – Criminal Record Check**.

TREASURER RECOMMENDATIONS

- Approved the **Revised Amended Official Certificate** for the 2007-2008 school year.
- Approved the **Revised Appropriations Resolution** at the fund level for the 2007-2008 school year.
- Approved contracting with **Ohio School Boards Association** to provide ***policy development services***.

CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- Approved **five (5)** personal service contracts.
- Approved **monthly donations** totaling **\$2,252.85**.
- Approved the following routine financial reports and recommendations: ***Interim Revenues; December 2007 Management/Financial Data; Summary of December 2007 Bills; and Appropriations (Budgets)***.
- Approved payment to **two (2) vendors** whose invoices **exceeded \$3,000.00**.
- Approved reimbursement to the following individuals for their participation in the High Schools That Work professional development sessions: ***Becky Duncan; Gayle Hopkins; Julie Horn; Amy Keating; Tony Lavinder; Julie Sanders-Johnson; and Myra Shields***.

MISCELLANEOUS

During the Public Forum portion of the board meeting, **Elizabeth Williams**, currently a teacher at East Portsmouth Elementary School and a 27-year employee of the district, ***read a petition*** signed by several members of the Portsmouth City Teachers' Association stating they did not "support any consideration of releasing East Portsmouth Elementary School building to the Sciotoville Community School." The petition further stated that PCTA members "do not feel it is in the best interest of our students, our staff and the Portsmouth taxpayers to consider annexing one of our facilities, now or in the future."