

BOARD BRIEFS

From the Portsmouth City School District Board of Education
REGULAR Meeting.....March 20 2008

RECOGNITION / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- Recognized art work of **Landon Huffstetler**, a sixth grade student at East Portsmouth Elementary School, and his art teacher, **Beth Williams**.
- Recognized the following traffic scouts from East Portsmouth Elementary School for leading the “Pledge of Allegiance”: **Harley Metcalfe; Sierra Metcalfe; Alexas Osborne; Deanna Smith; Christi Smith; and** traffic scout supervisor **Susan Leadingham,**
- Recognized the following **East Portsmouth Elementary School** students who placed first, second or third place for their respective grade in the **building science fair**: **Alexis Altman; Rickey Jenkins; Megan Howard; Alexas Osborne; Deanna Smith; Morgan Taylor; Mark Miller; and Kyle Matthews.** The Science Fair Coordinator was **Lanny Rice.**
- Recognized the following students for placing first, second or third place in their respective grade at the **Literacy Fair** held at **East Portsmouth Elementary School**: **Karlie Crabtree; Will Shope; Alexa Billiter; Madisyn Staggs; Austin Newton; Brianna Humble; Ethan Mault; Jordan Keys; and Craig Pack.**
- Heard a **BEST Practice** presentation from teachers **Corinna Smith and Heidi Triggs** on the public preschool program housed at East Portsmouth Elementary School.

PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS

A. Certificated

- Accepted resignation from the following individuals, effective the dates indicated: **Linda Howell (Teacher [Retirement] – May 31, 2008) and Diana Marsh (Teacher – May 31, 2008).**
- Employed the following individual as a **substitute teacher**, effective March 24, 2008: **Guinevere Mercer.**
- Approved the following **supplemental contracts**, effective the 2007-2008 school year: **Joe Albrecht** (Head softball coach at PHS); **Chuck Burke** (Head boys track coach at PHS); **Beth Burke** (Yearbook sponsor at EPE); **Curt Clifford** (Athletic Director at PHS); **Chris Cole** (Boys tennis coach at PHS); **Amy Keating** (Assistant girls track coach at PHS); **Arthur Lard** (Head girls track coach at PHS); **Randy Nelson** (Assistant baseball coach at PHS); **Kim Newman** (Science fair sponsor at PES); **Doug Poage** (Head baseball coach at PHS);

Lanny Rice (Science fair sponsor at EPE); **Jani Sturgell** (Head girls track coach at PJHS); and **Buck Whitely** (Head boys track coach at PJHS).

- Authorized Superintendent to offer a **two-year administrative contract** (2008-2010) to the following individuals: **Debbie Call** (Principal); **Betsy Fannin** (Director of Elementary Operations); **Charles Kemp** (Principal); **Debbie McGinnis** (Assistant Principal); **Deidra Novinger** (Dean); **Mark O'Brien** (Technology Coordinator); **Doug Poage** (Assistant Principal); **Kyle Smith** (Assistant Treasurer/Payroll); **Tom Smith** (Vice Principal); **Kristi Toppins** (Vice Principal); and **Tom Walker** (Director of Secondary Operations).
- Approved **salary table booklet pages** effective the 2007-2008 school year.

B. Classified

- Accepted resignation from the following individuals, effective dates indicated: **Charles Applegate (Bus Driver – Retirement – May 31, 2008)** and **Melvin Williams (Substitute Custodian – March 10, 2008)**.
- Approved a **change in status** for the following employee: **Richard Clark** (Custodian III-Grounds/Rover – District **to** Nighttime Head Custodian III – Portsmouth Elementary School).
- Approved the **appointment/reappointment** of the following individuals: **Carl Keller, Jr.** (Bus Driver – Effective March 3, 2008); **Jamie Sutherland** (Cook I – Effective March 10, 2008); **Tammy Cline** (Substitute Aide – Effective March 24, 2008); and **Jeff Burchett** (Substitute Bus Driver – Effective February 27, 2008).
- Approved the **appointment/reappointment** of supplemental contracts to the following **non-licensed individuals**: **Anthony Cadogan** (Assistant boys track coach at PHS); **Brad Porter** (Assistant baseball coach at PHS); and **Charles Stanley** (Assistant softball coach at PHS).

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

- Adopted the following **new** board policy: **EEACE – School Bus Idling**.
- Adopted **school calendars** for the **2008-2009** and **2009-2010** school years.
- Authorized approval for **Jake Schneider** (HVAC Coordinator/Supervisor) to attend Alerton/Trend training for one local session and one out of state session to be held during the summer or early fall of 2008.
- Approved amending personal service contract of **Barbara Warnock** (Occupational Services for Preschool Handicapped Students) to **reflect a change** in “Fund for Reimbursement” from “IDEA-B Grant Fund” to the “General Fund.”
- Approved the **East Portsmouth Elementary Traffic Scout trip** to Deer Creek State Lodge in Mt. Sterling, Ohio, scheduled for June 2-5, 2008.

TREASURER RECOMMENDATIONS

- Approved the **renewal of a three-year consulting agreement** with School Insurance Consultants, LLC.
- Adopted a **Resolution** to accept amounts and rates determined by the Budget Commission for the previously adopted Tax Budget of the School District.
- Approved the **renewal of a two-year agreement** with Herbruck Alder for consulting services for employee health benefits.

CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- Approved **two (2)** personal service contracts.
- Approved a **PHS Assistant Boy's Volunteer Coach and Volunteer Presbytery Readers at PES.**
- Approved **monthly donations** totaling **\$4,097.71.**
- Approved the following routine financial reports and recommendations: ***Interim Revenues; February 2008 Management/Financial Data; Summary of February 2008 Bills; and Appropriations (Budgets).***
- Approved payment to **one (1) vendor** whose invoice **exceeded \$3,000.00.**

ADDITIONAL ITEM

- The board members, superintendent, and treasurer adjourned to Executive Session for the purpose to discuss employment status, possible reduction of public employees, and collective bargaining implications. Upon return from Executive Session, the Board approved a recommendation to **reject the proposal** presented by the **Sciotoville Community School** for the 2008-2009 school year. The proposal requested that, starting with the 2008-2009 school year, the Portsmouth City Board of Education allow the citizens of Sciotoville to operate a start-up community school for elementary level students in the East Portsmouth Elementary School building. After careful consideration, the Board rejected the proposal for the following reasons: (a) it would pose a financial hardship on the district with a projected deficit in excess of \$346,000; (b) it would institute staff reductions, redistribution of staff, and collective bargaining implications; (c) it would eliminate capacity and program development options for a minimum of 5 years; (d) it would create district academic instability; and (e) it would eradicate proper planning and public input.