

Board Briefs

From the Portsmouth City School District Board of Education
Regular Meeting.....November 15, 2007

RECOGNITION / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- Recognized creative talent of **Darrick Eley**, a second grade student at Portsmouth Elementary School, whose artwork was selected as the front cover of the board agenda, and his art teacher, **Jill Kolar**.
- Recognized the following **traffic scouts** from Portsmouth Elementary School for leading the “Pledge of Allegiance”: **Candace Bowman; Samantha Brumfield; Addie Humble; Cassie Keys; and Ali Miller**; along with their Supervisor, **Monte Kremin**.
- Recognized the **Portsmouth Elementary School Sixth Grade Choir** for performing a musical selection: **Freedom Arthur; Bailey Blair; Candace Bowman; Natasha Burchett; Samantha Brumfield; Destiny Campbell; Kristen Carpenter; Morgan Cottle; Laken Cunningham; Amber Evans; James Fletcher; Mika Garrett; Cassie Keys; Tarique Lewis; Rebecca Lucas; Chelsey Marcum; Ali Miller; Hannah Mowery; Alexandria Neal; Alma Pacheco; Madison Phillips; Hailey Pollitt; Summer Swim; Tristan Visi; and John Wallace**; along with vocal music instructor **Stephanie Carey** and vocal music instructor/accompanist **Judy Smith**.
- Recognized the following sixth grade students from Portsmouth Elementary School for completing various craft projects and entering them into a contest sponsored by the Portsmouth Garden Club, and thus placing in the contest: **Lindsey Austin; Jesse Banks; Morgan Cottle; Khalil Lattimore; Brandon Nuckols; Paige Parker; Madison Phillips; Erica Seison; Summer Swim; and Bre Winters**.
- Recognized the following Portsmouth High School Varsity Football Players and Head Coach **Curt Clifford** for selection in the SEOAL South Division: **Shane Porter** (South MVP SEOAL & SEOAL First Team Offense); **Malik White** (SEOAL First Team Offense); **Cory Reeves** (SEOAL First Team Offense); **Howard Harcha IV** (SEOAL First Team Offense); **Chase Scott** (SEOAL First Team Defense); **Ray Caldwell** (Honorable Mention SEOAL Defensive Team); and **Wes Jordan** (Honorable Mention SEOAL Defensive Team).
- Recognized the following members of the Portsmouth High School Volleyball Team for advancing to the 2007 Division III Sectional Final: **Courtney Call; Charissa Chapman; Sarah Clayton; Maggee Colley; Emily Hopkins; Sarah Kendall; Rebecca Kristian; Astrid Pettersson**;

Ruthie Stanley; and Elyse Waugh; along with head coach **Rick Hopkins** and assistant coach **Dan Stanley**.

- Heard a **BEST Practice Presentation** on the concepts of Value Added by Jan Broughton, Debbie Call and Dana Pollock.

PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS

A. Certificated

- Employed the following individuals as **substitute teachers**, effective November 16, 2007: ***Thomas Boland; Lisbet Fuentes;*** and ***Lisa Kepler***.
- Approved the following **non-teaching** positions, effective the 2007-2008 school year: ***Sean Sturgill*** (Head 7th grade girls basketball coach at PJHS).
- Adopted the **revised** job description for ***Assistant Treasurer/Payroll***.

B. Classified

- Approved the **appointment/reappointment** of the following individuals as **substitute custodians**: ***Carl Tackett*** (effective December 1, 2007); and ***Marvin Williams*** (effective November 1, 2007).

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

- Approved **modification** of personal service contract with VA Psychological Services, Inc. (Dr. Stephen Virginia) to reflect a change in the “fund for reimbursement” section of the contract.
- Adopted a **Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with the Southern Ohio Port Authority and the Clyde and Maycel Clark Foundation Pertaining to the Proposed Acquisition, Construction and Financing of the New Athletic and Sports Complex Adjacent to the Upper School Campus for Lease to this Board, Together with Related Improvements and Equipment, all for the Public Educational Purposes of the School District, and Authorizing and Approving Related Matters.**

TREASURER RECOMMENDATIONS

- Approved authorization to **operate vending machines** in District buildings.
- Authorized the Treasurer to enter into a contract with **Aspen Energy Corporation** for the purchase of natural gas.
- Approved a **petty cash fund** in the amount of \$50 at Portsmouth Elementary School to provide assistance with student lunches.

CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- Approved **nine (9) personal service contracts**.
- Approved monthly **donations** totaling **\$3,905.61**.
- Approved **one volunteer** for Portsmouth Junior High School Girls' Basketball.
- Approved the following routine financial reports and recommendations: **Interim Revenues; October 2007 Management/Financial Data; Summary of October 2007 Bills; Appropriations (Budgets)** and **Fund-to-Fund Transfers**.