

January 25, 2021

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

of the

Board of Education of the Solon School District

The Board of Education of the Solon School District, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, met in regular session on January 25, 2021, at 6 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Board of Education.

Mrs. Julie Glavin, President, presiding

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mrs. Glavin, Mr. Heckman, Mrs. Moses, Mr. Patton, Mrs. Thomas

RESOLUTION NO. 24-21

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Thomas moved the adoption of the following resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Solon School District to approve the minutes of the organizational and regular meetings of January 11, 2021.

Mrs. Moses seconded the resolution.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mrs. Glavin, Mr. Heckman, Mrs. Moses, Mr. Patton, Mrs. Thomas

NAYS: NONE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NO. 25-21

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Mr. Heckman moved the adoption of the following resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Solon School District to approve the payment of bills totaling \$17,347.89 as noted in Exhibit A.

Mr. Patton seconded the resolution.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mrs. Glavin, Mr. Heckman, Mrs. Moses, Mr. Patton, Mrs. Thomas

NAYS: NONE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NO. 26-21

2021-2022 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Mrs. Moses moved the adoption of the following resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Solon School District to approve the 2021-2022 school calendar as noted in Exhibit B.

Mr. Patton seconded the resolution.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mrs. Glavin, Mr. Heckman, Mrs. Moses, Mr. Patton, Mrs. Thomas
NAYS: NONE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NO. 27-21

ADMINISTRATIVE RETIREMENT

Mr. Heckman moved the adoption of the following resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Solon School District to approve the retirement of Kirk Miller, Director of Information Services, effective July 31, 2021.

Mrs. Thomas seconded the resolution.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mrs. Glavin, Mr. Heckman, Mrs. Moses, Mr. Patton, Mrs. Thomas
NAYS: NONE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NO. 28-21

ADMINISTRATIVE RETIREMENT

Mrs. Thomas moved the adoption of the following resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Solon School District to approve the retirement of Tebra Page, Director of Pupil Services, effective July 31, 2021.

Mrs. Moses seconded the resolution.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mrs. Glavin, Mr. Heckman, Mrs. Moses, Mr. Patton, Mrs. Thomas
NAYS: NONE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NO. 29-21

RETIREMENT – CLASSIFIED

Mr. Heckman moved the adoption of the following resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Solon School District to approve the retirement of Pam Hesketh, secretary for Solon High School, effective March 25, 2021.

Mrs. Moses seconded the resolution.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mrs. Glavin, Mr. Heckman, Mrs. Moses, Mr. Patton, Mrs. Thomas
NAYS: NONE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NO. 30-21

HEAD LACROSSE COACH

Mr. Patton moved the adoption of the following resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Solon School District to hire Casey Hogan as head lacrosse coach for the 2021-22 school year.

Mrs. Thomas seconded the resolution.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mrs. Glavin, Mr. Heckman, Mrs. Moses, Mr. Patton, Mrs. Thomas
NAYS: NONE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NO. 31-21

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – OAPSE

Mrs. Thomas moved the adoption of the following resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Solon School District to approve the retirement and rehire of Ken Metzger for the retire/rehire incentive that is part of the collective bargaining agreement with the Solon Board of Education and Ohio Association of Public School Employees complying with Ohio Revised Code 3307.353 which requires the notification of a hearing to be conducted at the regularly scheduled board meeting of March 15, 2021, at the Board of Education offices.

Mrs. Moses seconded the resolution.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mrs. Glavin, Mr. Heckman, Mrs. Moses, Mr. Patton, Mrs. Thomas
NAYS: NONE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NO. 32-21

SUBSTITUTES

Mr. Heckman moved the adoption of the following resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Solon School District to approve the following individuals as substitutes on an as needed basis for the 2020-21 school year:

Roschelle Ogbuji	General Education
Danna Rivchun	P-3 (Intervention Specialist)
Lorna Titlebaum	General Education
Alison Weingold	General Education

Mr. Patton seconded the resolution.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mrs. Glavin, Mr. Heckman, Mrs. Moses, Mr. Patton, Mrs. Thomas
NAYS: NONE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NO. 33-21

SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACT

Mrs. Thomas moved the adoption of the following resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Solon School District to approve a supplemental contract to the following individual:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Gary Lewis	Co-Music Director (6%)	\$3,583.29

Mrs. Moses seconded the resolution.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mrs. Glavin, Mr. Heckman, Mrs. Moses, Mr. Patton, Mrs. Thomas
NAYS: NONE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NO. 34-21

TUITION REIMBURSEMENTS

Mr. Patton moved the adoption of the following resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Solon School District to approve tuition reimbursements to the following individuals:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>COURSE</u>	<u>COLLEGE</u>	<u>GR/SUB</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
C. Cancasci	Culture Language Production, Theory & Acquisition Theories of Second Language Acquisition & Grammar Assessment Theory & Practice	Western Governors " " "	Interventionist	\$1,620.00
J. Dingfelder	Curriculum Evaluation Health & Learning: Strategies for Students & Teachers Fundamentals of Curriculum	Kent State " "	STEM	\$2,080.35
V. Gottfried- Smith	Virtual Mindfulness	Ashland Univ.	Psychologist	\$323.00
J. Miller	Diag./Correct Reading Method	Baldwin Wallace	Soc. Studies	\$825.00
M. Robinson	Virtual Mindfulness Elementary Ed Tech Explorers	Ashland Univ. "	Reading Rec.	\$420.50
C. Rodenbacher	Dissertation	Ashland Univ.	Asst. Principal	\$360.00
A. Somerville	Mindfulness & Yoga In Education	Ashland Univ.	Math	\$323.00
C. Voigt	Virtual Mindfulness	Ashland Univ.	OT	\$323.00

Mr. Heckman seconded the resolution.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mrs. Glavin, Mr. Heckman, Mrs. Moses, Mr. Patton, Mrs. Thomas
NAYS: NONE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

INFORMATION ITEMS

SOLON PRESCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT

Solon Preschool is looking for 3-to-5-year-old children to be peer models in the Solon City Schools' inclusion preschool program for the 2021-22 school year.

Families are invited to join the Solon Preschool team for a virtual informational session on January 28 at 5:30 p.m. to learn about the educational experience provided in the Preschool program.

Registration for the program is required at: <https://forms.gle/mPh4xYu2anUzYVZ88>
All registrants will receive an email with the Zoom link prior to the program.

The preschool peer models benefit from participating in developmentally appropriate preschool programming led by master teachers in the field of early education. At Solon Preschool, students are immersed in a diverse learning environment fostering their academic and social-emotional learning and kindergarten readiness. They engage in center-based learning with peers that helps them develop empathy, learn and model school behaviors such as taking turns and participation, and gain confidence in a Solon school routine.

Families can contact Terry Brownlow, principal of Solon Preschool, for more information at (440) 349-6210 or terrybrownlow@soloboe.org.

There are limited spaces for children entering kindergarten for 2022-23 school year.

SOLON KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION INFORMATION 2021

Kindergarten registration for fall 2021 is just around the corner. This year's Kindergarten Information Night will be a virtual program on February 10 at 7 p.m. The program links will be posted on the district website after February 1.

Kindergarten Information Night is a welcome program to all parents of incoming kindergarten students for the fall of 2021. The principals and school counselors from Lewis, Parkside and Roxbury Elementary Schools will provide an overview of the kindergarten program and the registration process. Solon's Kindergarten Registration is a two-step process: Families complete the majority of the information online and then complete the process in-person.

Kindergarten in Solon Schools is at Lewis, Parkside and Roxbury Elementary Schools. Both full- and half-day kindergarten is offered. All three schools have full-day kindergarten, but decisions about which schools would have half-day sections and whether those sections will be in the

morning or afternoon cannot be determined until after the kindergarten registration process is complete.

The district's centralized Kindergarten Registration will be Wednesday, March 3, from 8-11:30 a.m., and Thursday, March 4, from 8-11:30 a.m. and 5-8 p.m. in the Arthur Road School cafeteria. Parents or guardians must sign up for time slots for the in-person registration. The appointment sign-up will go live on February 19 following Information Night. In addition, parents or guardians must complete the general online registration forms prior to their assigned time slot on March 3-4. The online registration site will go live after the program as well.

Kindergarten enrollment numbers are a key data point for appropriate planning and staffing next year, so it is critical that families register their students for kindergarten during the March registration dates. Residents are urged to remind friends and neighbors who have students approaching kindergarten age to attend Kindergarten.

Only students registered during the district's centralized registration March 3-4 are guaranteed placement at their home school (families impacted by a COVID-19 diagnosis or quarantine in their household during the registration days should contact the Board of Education Registration Office at 248-1600 for guidance).

SOLON STUDENTS WIN AWARDS IN ANNUAL CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY RACIAL INJUSTICE ESSAY CONTEST

Solon High School students made an inspirational mark on this year's Martin Luther King Jr. Day Stand for Racial Justice High School Essay Contest, earning three of the six awards presented.

Senior Wendy Wu, junior Ava Parikh and sophomore Aparna Srikanth were recognized for their poignant essays on What is Racism and What Should We Do About It? The essay contest is part of the college's Stand for Racial Justice initiative aimed at advancing racial equity and promoting healing.

"The idea is to encourage area students to think deeply and for themselves about one of the most pressing issues of our time," said Matthew Jordan, Tri-C dean of humanities, in announcing the contest.

Wendy won first place in the junior/senior division for her essay about "The Wounds of Racism and How Justice Can Prevail."

Ava received third place in the junior/senior division for her work "Racism is Our Responsibility, Our Nemesis."

Aparna's essay "George Floyd's Death was the Catalyst" earned third place in the sophomore/freshmen division.

“Our students are listening, they are motivated and they are engaged,” said Erin Short, SHS principal. “The work we are doing as a school through our PTA Diversity and Inclusion lessons is more important than ever. We have so much to learn from our students if we just listen.”

Links to the winning essays by the SHS students are posted on the district web site.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW DISTRICT SECURITY DIRECTOR

With Jeff Pedicino’s planned retirement approaching at the end of this month, we want to take this opportunity to officially introduce Jason Bender, our new Solon Schools director of security, to the community. Jay has been working in tandem with Jeff Pedicino for the past month, so he is already a familiar face in all of our school buildings.

When Jay was appointed in November, we detailed how he is uniquely qualified to lead the district’s safety and security program. His connections to the Solon community and the Solon Schools are long-standing. He is a 1985 Solon High School graduate and served with the Solon Police Department for 27 years.

As anticipated, the transition has been smooth. We look forward to Jay building on the strong foundation Jeff has established for us in the Solon Schools.

COVID UPDATE ON CURRENT CONDITIONS AND LOOKING AHEAD

RESOLUTION NO. 35-21

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Thomas moved the adoption of the following resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Solon School District to adjourn the meeting.

Mrs. Moses seconded the resolution.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mrs. Glavin, Mr. Heckman, Mrs. Moses, Mr. Patton, Mrs. Thomas

NAYS: NONE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

President

Treasurer