

# BOARD REPORT

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August 7, 2023

## REGULAR MEETING

### TREASURER'S REPORT

The Board approved the payment of bills totaling \$69,432.57.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The following resignations were Board approved: Julie Moeschberger, math teacher at Solon High School, effective August 1, 2023; Mary Marinelli, food service at Solon High School, effective July 18, 2023; Madhavi Andoju, monitor at Orchard Middle School, effective July 28, 2023; and Edward Wolski, bus driver for Solon City Schools, effective August 4, 2023.

The Board approved to hire the following individuals as teachers for the 2023-24 school year:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Jessica Chang	Master's + 15 Step f (5) 0.5 Teacher – Chinese Solon Middle School	\$32,866.00
Laura Hall	Master's Step f (5) Intervention Specialist Solon Middle School	\$63,547.00
Rebecca Molyneaux	Master's + 30 Step a (0) Teacher – Math Solon High School	\$56,240.00
Erin Ulis	Master's Step m (12) 0.5 Teacher – Occupational Therapist District/Regano ELC	\$41,604.00

The following individuals were board approved as contract building substitutes for the 2023-24 school year:

Gabrielle Bongiovanni	Lewis Elementary
Sheila Hazapis	Solon High School
Andrea Rossen	Solon High School
Brooke Schwartz	Roxbury Elementary
Chloe Willmott	Solon Middle School

The Board approved to hire the following individuals as aides and/or monitors for the 2023–24 school year:

Tammi Carson – ISS Monitor  
Kevin Eshelman – Monitor  
Heidi Giddan – Student Attendant  
Julianne Liotta – Classroom Aide  
Morgan Ludewig – Classroom Aide  
Marlo Stevens – ISS Monitor  
Michelle Stevens – Monitor  
Olivia Van de Motter – IIRR Aide

A resolution to approve the 48 bus drivers for annual driver certification by the Solon City School District for the 2023-24 school year under OAC 3301-83-06 B5 was approved. This certifies that said drivers are of good moral character, are at least 18 years of age, and are physically and otherwise qualified to drive a school bus as required by rules of the Ohio Department of Education for the Solon City School District for the school year ending 2024.

The Board of Education adopted the following resolution:

**Whereas** the students identified have been determined to be residents of this school district and eligible for transportation services; and

**Whereas** after a careful evaluation of all available options, it has been determined that it is impractical to provide transportation for these students to their selected schools; and

**Whereas** the following factors as identified in Ohio Revised Code §3327.02 have been considered:

1. The time and distance required to provide the transportation
2. The number of pupils to be transported
3. The cost of providing transportation in terms of equipment, maintenance, personnel and administration
4. Whether similar or equivalent service is provided to other pupils eligible for transportation
5. Whether and to what extent the additional service unavoidably disrupts current transportation schedules
6. Whether other reimbursable types of transportation are available; and

**Whereas** the option of offering payment in lieu of transportation is provided in Ohio Revised Code; Therefore, be it

**Resolved** that the Solon Board of Education hereby approves the declaration that it is impractical to transport the students and offers the parents/guardians of students' payment in lieu of transportation.

The Board approved the parent-student handbooks and the Code of Conduct for the 2023-24 school year.

The Board approved 54 individuals as substitutes on an as needed basis, as well as 41 supplemental contracts; two non-district pupil activity permit contracts; and hired 8 monitors and aides for the 2023-24 school year.

Tuition reimbursements were approved for 11 individuals in the amount of \$7,009.95.

The next board meeting will be August 21, 2023, 6 p.m. at the Board of Education.

### **INFORMATION ITEM**

#### **BACK-TO-SCHOOL 2023-24**

Everything is in motion for the start of the 2023-24 school year. The first day of school for students in grades 1-12 is Wednesday, August 16. Our kindergarten students start on Friday, August 18, and finally, our preschoolers join us on Monday, August 21.

**EVENTS:** Over the next week and a half we have a full slate of activities to celebrate the start of school and ease the transition to a new school year for everyone. These include welcome programs, orientations, supply drop offs and new student assessments. The traditional ice cream socials to help build community and make connections are all back as well.

**NEW CALENDAR:** The full schedule of events for the entire school year is easily accessible through our new online calendar. The annual District-PTA Calendar is now fully online and can be found by clicking on the calendar link on the district website. The new online calendar integrates 8 separate Solon Schools calendars: the District, Solon High School, Solon Middle School, Orchard Middle School, Parkside Elementary, Lewis Elementary, Roxbury Elementary and Regano Early Learning Center. The district calendar includes all holidays, days off school and breaks, Board of Education meetings and district-wide events. The subscribe feature has also been added to all of the athletic calendars so families of athletes and the community can also follow the season schedules of their favorite Comet teams. The sports calendars are linked on the Athletic Department home page on the district website.

The change to an integrated Google calendar was made as part of our strategic planning action plan implementation in response to family feedback and the need for a more flexible format that can easily accommodate the many updates and changes necessary throughout the year. This online format enables families to customize their calendar view and see just the information they need. By subscribing to any individual school calendar, as well as the district calendar, the personal calendars of family members will automatically update when changes are made so they are always up to date on school-specific dates.

**CLASS SCHEDULES/TEACHER PLACEMENTS:** The district is again leveraging technology to communicate student schedules and teacher class placements districtwide this year. All students and families will find out who their teachers are and what their schedules look like by logging into the PowerSchool student information system and parent viewer. The portal will open at 7 a.m. on Wednesday, August 9.

**BUS SCHEDULES:** Bus routes are being finalized and our drivers have already been running through the routes to become familiar with their new routes. Families who are eligible and opted in for bus transportation will receive an email with their student's bus route information this week. It is important that families check to be sure their addresses are **CLEARLY MARKED** on their mailboxes to help our drivers find student stops safely.

**SCHOOL LUNCHES:** Information has been sent to all families about applying for free and reduced lunches under the federal School Lunch Program. We encourage all families to apply who think they may qualify using the online application linked on our district website. Families can also begin to add money to their student's lunch account using the PaySchools payment system.

We are eagerly waiting to see all of our students at the fun upcoming events and on their first day of school. We are looking forward to a great 2023-24 school year.