

BOARD REPORT

March 13, 2023

REGULAR MEETING

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Board approved the payment of bills totaling \$14,076.88.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The following out-of-state trips were Board approved: Solon High School Academic Challenge Club to travel to Atlanta, Georgia, from May 26 to 28, 2023, for the National Academic Quiz Tournament's High School National Championship Tournament, and, the Solon Speech and Debate Team to travel to Phoenix, Arizona, from June 10 to 17, 2023, for the 2023 National Speech and Debate Associational National Tournament.

The Board approved to rehire the following retired employees for one year as noted in the collective bargaining agreement between the Solon Board of Education and the Ohio Association of Public-School Employees in compliance with Ohio Revised Code 3307.353.

Debbie Bonacci
Paul Diehl
David Fitzgerald
Colleen Hartnett
David Sheppard
Mary Ellen Simecek
Sabrina Tirpak

The following resignations were Board approved: Cecilia Ing, third grade teacher at Parkside Elementary School, effective June 2, 2023; and Amanda Clow, fourth grade teacher at Roxbury Elementary School, effective June 2, 2023.

A leave of absence for Kristina Hoehnen, Speech-Language Pathologist for Solon City Schools, for the 2023-24 school year, was Board approved.

The Board approved the retirements of Paul Fade, custodian at Orchard Middle School, effective May 1, 2023; and Richard Cyr, bus driver for Solon City Schools, effective June 30, 2023, and the resignations of Shweta Deshpande, instructional aide at Solon High School, effective April 7, 2023; and Margaret Jung, secretary at Lewis Elementary School, effective June 30, 2023.

The retirement and rehire of the following individual, was Board approved, for the retire/rehire incentive that is part of the collective bargaining agreement between 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 April 17, 2023, at the Board of Education offices:

Ivory Smith

The Board approved to hire the following individual as an aide for the 2022-23 school year:

Brandie Bohlen

The Board approved a supplemental contract to the following individual for the 2022-23 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Megan Consolo	Drama – SHS Spring Musical Rehearsal Accompanist	\$1,510.83

The Board approved a non-district pupil activity permit contract to the following individual:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Harry Marko	Softball – SHS Volunteer Coach	\$0.00

The Board approved the following individuals as substitutes on an as-needed basis for the 2022-23 school year:

Ai-Fay Huang	PK–12 (Education Degree–Unlimited)
Maria Keohane	PK–12 (Education Degree–Unlimited)
Alexandra Shumate	4-9 (Mathematics, Social Studies)

Tuition reimbursements were approved for seven individuals in the amount of \$2,515.51.

The next board meeting will be April 17, 2023, 6 p.m. at the Board of Education.

INFORMATION ITEMS

SOLON SPEECH & DEBATE TEAM WINS SECOND STRAIGHT STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Solon’s Speech & Debate team notched its second consecutive state championship this month, finishing first out of 84 schools that competed at the 2023 Ohio Speech & Debate Association State Finals. Leading the way for the Comets was Solon High School seniors Dev Ahuja, who won a third straight state championship in U.S. Extemporaneous Speaking, and Sarah Laio and Viresh Mittal, who won the state championship in Policy Debate.

Special recognition goes to Vikram Sundaram, who was named the 2023 District Student of the Year by the National Speech & Debate Association.

For this year, 52 Solon students qualified, and 27 team members placed in the multi-category state competition.

“This team is spectacular,” said Dan Ceci, Solon Speech & Debate coach. “We already have 15 students qualified for nationals in June and we still have an additional qualifying event in April. This team is so supportive of one another. Many of them have been competing together since seventh grade.”

Following is the full list of Solon Speech and Debate team members who took home honors from this month’s state competition:

United States Extemporaneous Speaking:

Dev Ahuja – 1st place, State Champion

Vikram Sundaram – 4th place

Nandini Agarwal – Quarterfinalist

Policy Debate:

Viresh Mittal and Sarah Liao – 1st place, State Champions

Declamation:

Rudra Pandit – 3rd place

Kartika Mohta – 4th place

Myiesha Alam – Quarterfinalist

Riya Verma - Quarterfinalist

International Extemporaneous Speaking:

Piyush Chitnis – 3rd place

Sairam Pantham – Semifinalist

Prajval Kessireddy – Quarterfinalist

Lincoln Douglas Debate:

Max Zukerman – 3rd place

Original Oratory:

Joshua Russman – 4th place

Alexis Choi – 7th place

Mugdha Patil – Quarterfinalist

Congressional Debate: Senate:

Kira Zakem – 5th place

Shyla Mudundi – Finalist

Congressional Debate: House:

Eshan Haq – Finalist

Sudhi Ramesh – Semifinalist

Duo Interpretation:

Amy Duan and Phoebe Shi – Semifinalists

Dramatic Interpretation:

Anoushka Dubey – Quarterfinalist

Informative Speaking:

Maya Nayar – Quarterfinalist

Program Oral Interpretation:

Isabella Liu - Quarterfinalist

Public Forum Debate:

Rithika Goli and Avneet Sohi – Octafinalists