

BOARD REPORT

September 12, 2022

REGULAR MEETING

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Board approved the payment of bills totaling \$4,095.27.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Board approved Taeya Moore as a candidate for early graduation with the Class of 2023 contingent upon her successful completion in meeting all state and local requirements for graduation.

The movement of Solon Schools to the Suburban League Conference was Board approved.

The Board approved the rates for the 2022-23 school year, as follows:

Daily Substitute - \$125 per day
Contract Substitute - \$125 per day
Long-Term Substitute Rate - \$150 per day

A trip for SHS Music in Motion to travel to the Hurricane Red Hot Show Choir Invitational in Hurricane, WV, February 4-5, 2023, was Board approved.

The Board approved the resignation of Danielle Barton, instructional aide at Lewis Elementary, effective August 15, 2022; Susan Hercik, head monitor at Lewis Elementary, and Ann Chang, monitor at Lewis Elementary, effective September 9, 2022.

The Board approved Joseph Bubonics, Crystal Cespedes, Jessi Jurevicius, Jen Powers, and Camille Rosso-Keys as home instruction tutors for the 2022-23 school year.

The Board approved four non-district pupil activity permits and four supplemental contracts for the 2022-23 school year.

Twelve substitutes were Board approved on an as-needed basis for the 2022-23 school year.

The Board approved the following individuals as contract building substitutes for the 2022-23 school year:

Demetra Lipsey	Parkside Elementary
Alka Roy	Roxbury Elementary

A resolution was Board approved as stated below, which permits the Board to reimburse parents whose children attend a private school for which it is impractical to transport their children.

In accordance with the Ohio Revised Code Section 3327.02 providing that Boards of Education consider all factors identified in Ohio Revised Code Section 3327.02, and determine whether or not transportation shall be provided to non-public schools for district resident children, payment in lieu of transportation shall be offered to parents of children at the rate established by the State Board of Education. The factors considered by the Board of Education are (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 administrative, (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, and/or (6) Whether other reimbursable types of transportation are available.

Tuition reimbursements were approved for 15 individuals in the amount of \$10,753.90.

The next board meeting will be October 10, 2022, 6 p.m. at the Board of Education.

INFORMATION ITEMS

CHILD FIND – IDENTIFYING CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

School districts across the state of Ohio are participating in an effort to identify, locate and evaluate all children from birth through 21 years of age who may have disabilities that live within the District or attend a private school located within the District. Disability, in this instance, means such conditions as hearing impairments, visual impairments, speech or language impairments, specific learning disabilities, emotionally disturbed, multiple disabilities, other health impairment, physical impairments, autism, and traumatic brain injury.

Public schools have responded vigorously to federal and state mandates requiring the provision of a free appropriate public education regardless of a child's disability. But before school districts can serve children, they must be found.

Parents and students have rights in this process. Parents have the right to:

- Review their child's records;
- Refuse permission to release information (except as required by or permitted by law to be released); and
- Request that information they believe to be inaccurate, misleading or in violation of their child's privacy or other rights be changed. The district has a process to resolve disagreements about information collected.

The school district's policies and procedures for special education are available at <https://go.boarddocs.com/oh/solo/Board.nsf/Public>.

School districts are interested in meeting the needs of children with disabilities. If you have or know of a child who may have a disability, contact the Solon Board of Education at (440) 248-1600 for more information and help.

SOLON HIGH SCHOOL VISIT DAY

Solon High School is rolling out the welcome mat on Thursday, October 6, to prospective students currently attending private or parochial schools. The annual Solon High School Visit Day is for Solon and Glenwillow residents – both students and their parents – who are currently enrolled in eighth grade at a private or parochial school and considering enrolling at SHS as ninth graders for the 2023-24 school year.

The agenda for the October 6 program runs from 8 a.m. until 10:35 a.m. at Solon High School, 33600 Inwood Road. Students and parents should enter through the front entrance doors of Solon High School, where they will check in for the program. The session begins promptly at 8 a.m.

Prospective students and their parents will meet with an SHS administrator and a school counselor for an overview of the school's academic and extra-curricular offerings from 8 to 8:30 a.m. Students will spend two academic periods shadowing a current SHS ninth grader. During that time parents will have the option of participating in a building tour or leaving and returning at 10:35 a.m. to pick up their eighth-grade student in front of the high school.

Registration is required for Visit Day to ensure that the students selected for shadowing best mirror the prospective students' academic and extra-curricular interests. This is the only shadowing opportunity Solon High School is able to offer during the year. If students are unable to attend, prospective parents are still encouraged to attend the introduction to Solon High School at 8 a.m.

To register, please contact Kathleen Kinney, SHS counselor, at (440) 349-7307 by September 29, 2022.

COLLEGE BOARD CONFERS 395 AP SCHOLAR HONORS TO SOLON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND RECENT GRADUATES FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENT

The College Board, which administers the national Advanced Placement program, is presenting 395 awards to Solon students and recent graduates who have earned the designation of AP Scholar in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level AP exams for 2022. These awards are a direct reflection of the high numbers of Solon students who are successfully pursuing college-level work while still in high school.

The College Board's AP Program enables students to take challenging courses and receive possible college credit based on their performance on the AP exams. After scoring the exams, the College Board awards academic honors at various levels of achievement based on the number of year-long courses and exams the students complete successfully.

Overall, the 2022 AP Scholar awards for Solon this year include:

- 192 AP Scholars with Distinction
- 71 AP Scholars with Honor
- 109 AP Scholars
- 13 AP Capstone Diploma
- 3 AP Seminar and Research Certificate
- 1 International Diploma

“Congratulations to all of our students who work so hard and challenge themselves through the varied AP offerings at Solon High School,” said SHS Principal Erin Short. “These AP recognitions demonstrate the commitment of everyone at Solon High School to create an atmosphere of academic excellence.”

In 2022, 723 Solon High School students took 1,733 AP exams. The overall results included 576 scores of 5, 481 scores of 4 and 435 scores of 3. Scores of 3 and above qualify students for potential college credit.

COMETS FOR A CURE

Solon’s Comets for a Cure campaign officially launches this week, with four “Pink Out” games during the week of September 15-23. Funds raised during the weeklong event will benefit the Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

Solon High School’s chapter of Students Against Destructive Decisions is again sponsoring a Dunk Tank event this year to raise funds for the Comets for a Cure campaign. Students and staff are “voting” for the SHS staff members and seniors they most want to see appear in the Comets for a Cure Dunk Tank on September 23 during class periods 2-6. Students are making \$1 donations per vote. The staff members and seniors receiving the most “votes” among the 38 staff members and 19 seniors who volunteered to participate will take their turn in the tank on Friday.

The price of dunking the winning SHS staff members and students is \$1 per ball or \$5 for 6 balls. Students may also choose to donate \$10 to walk up and push the target. Students in study hall and Senior Commons will be asked to donate \$1 if they would like to watch during that free period. This event is a great way to demonstrate school spirit and help raise money to fight breast cancer at the same time.

Students and families in grades K-8 already have been supporting the effort by ordering 2022 Comets for a Cure shirts. All students who are wearing this year’s Comets for a Cure shirt are admitted free to the four Pink Out games.

The community can get involved by attending the Pink Out games:
Volleyball – September 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the SHS main gym
Girls’ Soccer – September 19 at 7 p.m. in the SHS stadium
Boys’ Soccer – September 20 at 7 p.m. in the SHS stadium
Football – September 23 at 7 p.m. in the SHS stadium