

# BOARD REPORT

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May 9, 2022

## REGULAR MEETING

### TREASURER'S REPORT

The Board approved the payment of bills totaling \$6,256.12. The submission of the district five-year forecast as required by the Ohio Revised Code was approved.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Lily Hubbard was approved 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 Board approved continuing teacher contracts to the following individuals effective for the 2022-23 school year provided all conditions set forth in the collective bargaining agreement are met.

Nicole Charvat  
Amanda Clow  
Anthony Davidson  
Elyn DeLuca  
Jennifer Dingfelder  
Ashley Keane  
Amy Kennedy

Allison Miller  
Meghan Nye  
Brianna Poggi  
Jennifer Rozsa  
Benjamin Staab  
Dina Weber

The Board approved three individuals as substitutes on an as needed basis for the 2021-22 school year.

Tuition reimbursements were approved for six individuals in the amount of \$4,083.63.

The next board meeting will be June 6, 2022, 8 a.m. at the Board of Education.

### INFORMATION ITEMS

#### SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL SUPPORTS FOR SOLON STUDENTS

The heart of our district mission is meeting the needs of all students, including support of their social-emotional well-being.

Even before the pandemic, all of our schools were working to embed more regular social-emotional support into the school day to help students regulate their emotions and effectively deal with frustration, stress and anxiety. That work is continuing.

Working with psychologist Dr. Peg Dawson, an expert in executive function, our staff has been collaborating to create a structured framework and sequenced lessons to help all students, including those who are struggling, to develop skills related to emotional regulation, stress management, self care, organization and building resilience.

Students who need more time and support, including more intensive social-emotional scaffolding, receive services through a systemic intervention process with a multidisciplinary team in collaboration with families to set specific goals and more closely evaluate and monitor the students' well-being.

Members of our school mental health and counseling teams also provide individual counseling, support groups, suicide risk assessments, safety plans, and referrals to community resources and mental health providers as needed. We have well-established partnerships with community mental health and social service agencies, such as Bellefaire-JCB. We are actively planning on an expansion of those partnerships as well as forming new linkages, including a more direct connection with the Cleveland Clinic starting next school year.

Our staff also works with board-certified behavior analysts to identify specific strategies and solutions to provide a safer, more supportive and effective school environment particularly for students with more significant needs.

This summer, three more Solon school psychologists will complete their certification as Crisis Prevention Institute trainers, increasing the number of CPI trainers districtwide to provide onsite staff education in preventive behavior management techniques and verbal de-escalation. All new classroom, lunch/recess and security aides and monitors will undergo initial CPI training and current staff will receive refresher CPI training. Elementary teachers will revisit professional learning in the Zones of Regulation, a systematic and visual cognitive-behavioral approach for helping students identify their feelings and gain increasing control over their emotions and reactions.

We will continue this conversation with the community in the coming months to highlight the ways we are supporting our students in all our schools.

### SAFETY URGED FOR UPCOMING PROM AND GRADUATION FESTIVITIES

With prom and graduation just around the corner, the Solon Schools are urging students to make wise choices by celebrating responsibly and parents and local businesses that host underage student parties to ensure these gatherings are drug and alcohol free.

Ohio underage drinking laws include penalties for adults who enable underage drinking that occurs on property under their control. The law covers underage drinking in private homes as well as at hotels, motels, campgrounds and other public places like restaurants, according to the state Department of Public Safety-Ohio Investigative Unit, which is charged with enforcing the liquor laws.

Parents should be aware of the following:

- It is illegal to provide a place for an underage child and his or her friends to drink in a “safe” environment. In fact, parents are not permitted to provide alcohol to children under 21, who are not their own, even if it is in a private home and with the other parents' permission. Adults convicted of providing alcohol to a child under 21 years of age face maximum sentences of six months in jail and/or a \$1,000 fine.
- It is illegal to purchase alcohol for anyone under 21. Adults who purchase, sell or provide alcoholic beverages to underage children face a \$1,000 fine and/or up to six months in jail.
- Anyone under 21 who is caught driving with a blood alcohol concentration of .02 percent or higher, a level that is possible after just one or two drinks, can be arrested. Driving under the influence is punishable by suspension of a driver’s license for at least 90 days and up to a maximum of two years, plus four points added to a driving record.
- It is illegal to have an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle.

If an after-prom or graduation party is held at a private home and the parents knowingly allow underage teens to drink alcohol, the teenagers and the parents are both violating the law. In addition, the parents can be held liable for any injuries or damage caused by a teenager who has consumed alcohol at their home.

State law also prohibits the use of false identification by a person under the age of 21 for the purpose of purchasing alcohol and the possession of an alcoholic beverage anywhere by minors, including in a public place or car.

#### COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE FOR AFTER-PROM IS MAY 14

To provide a safe and drug- and alcohol-free atmosphere for students to pursue their after-prom festivities each year, the Solon High School PTA stages an extensive, themed event immediately following prom. This year’s event will be the first in two years following the pandemic and will be held at Solon High School, where party-goers will enjoy games, music, food, dancing and other activities.

The public is invited to an open house to view the extensive after-prom decorations all in keeping with the “Super Heroes” theme at Solon High School just prior to the event on Saturday, May 14, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Community members are encouraged to enter through the Senior Commons entrance to the high school near the auditorium along the east drive entrance to the school.