

BOARD REPORT

January 24, 2022

REGULAR MEETING

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Board approved the payment of bills totaling \$43.68.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Board rehired retired employee Renee Spisak from May 27, 2022 to May 26, 2023, in compliance with Ohio Revised Code 3307.353.

The Board approved a trip for SHS Science Olympiad to travel to the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor February 18-19, 2022, for a state invitational.

The Board approved the resignation of Bettyjeane Quimby, music teacher at Orchard Middle School, effective August 17, 2022. The Board approved the retirement of Joseph Scott Kendra, science teacher at Solon Middle School, effective June 1, 2022. The retirement of Debbie Stefanini, media aide at Solon High School, effective June 30, 2022, was approved.

A resolution to approve the following bus drivers for annual driver certification by the Solon City School District for the 2021-2022 school year under OAC 3301-83-06 B5 was approved:

Mary Golden
Jasmyn McClain

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

The Board approved a supplemental contract to the following individual:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Josephine MacDougall	Future Problem Solvers – Orchard Assistant	\$ 1,379.34

Tuition reimbursements were approved for eight individuals in the amount of \$6,648.69.

The next board meeting will be February 7, 2022, 6 p.m. at the Board of Education.

INFORMATION ITEMS

ONE-ACT PLAYS

The Solon High School Drama Club will present “An Evening of One Acts” February 11 and 12 at 7 p.m. on the auditorium stage. The production features four short plays directed by senior members of the Drama Club. The One-Acts support the Drama Club’s scholarship fund. General admission tickets are \$7 and will go on sale at the beginning of February.

This year’s One-Act plays are:

“A Company of Players” directed by Alex Hopkins and Romy VanAlmen - A struggling theater company catches a big break when it is invited to perform at the royal court. Unfortunately, the performance is at Prince Hamlet's castle and he wants them to perform an odd new play that he wrote himself.

“The Very UnMerry Adventures of Robin Hood” directed by Natalie Miller & Tyler Murray - Robin Hood and his band of Merry Men must compete in a series of skills tests, including archery, a talent show and a beauty pageant, to prevent the destruction of Sherwood Forest.

“slasreveR neveS” directed by Mira Atwah & Collin Lewis - The title isn’t the only thing that is backwards in this seven-scene parody.

“The Hallmarks of Horror” directed by Aliza Lieber & Luke Miozzi - Spine chilling turns to side-splitting hilarity in this production when you learn the secrets behind common horror movie formula tropes.

COVID UPDATE

The COVID surge that hit Northeast Ohio so hard starting in mid-December has shifted south and west in Ohio as predicted. We are experiencing a similar decrease in positive test reports in our school community. Last week saw our second week in a row with double-digit cases, a marked shift from our triple-digit cases in the weeks prior. This level of COVID incidence in our district is similar to where we were heading into Thanksgiving.

As we see sustained decreases in the incidence of COVID among students and staff, we will be relaxing some of the enhanced protocols we put in place to mitigate the impact of the omicron surge in our schools. Staffing concerns have stabilized and the potential for a possible limited pivot to remote learning is even more unlikely. Subsequently, we have already stopped sending home Chromebooks and other educational materials with our K-4 students every night.

If current trends hold, we plan to lift the capacity limits at events such as concerts, drama productions and athletic competitions on January 31 as well as resume parent volunteering in the classroom in our primary grades for upcoming Valentine’s Day parties.

Our other layered protocols, including required masks, will remain in place for now as the current CCBH and ODH guidelines make them key to keeping as many students in school as possible and in-person. Current isolation and quarantine guidelines for K-12 schools, including the Mask-to-Stay protocols, get students back to school and staff members back to work more

quickly. Due to our masking protocols, with 56 cases of COVID only 79 students were quarantine eligible, many of whom were able to stay in school due to masking. Without masking those numbers would be significantly higher, and the amount of time those students need to quarantine would be much longer. We will continue to evaluate the need for all required protocols, including mandated masks district wide, in the next four weeks.

Just as we have done throughout this school year, we will use data and the recommendations of federal, state and local public health and medical professionals to help our decision making.