

BOARD REPORT

November 15, 2021

REGULAR MEETING

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Board approved the payment of bills totaling \$2,844.71. The Board approved the submission of the district five-year forecast as required by the Ohio Revised Code.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Board approved the retirement of Larry Berthold, grade 2 teacher at Lewis Elementary School, effective August 1, 2022.

The retirement and rehire of Renee Spisak for the retire/rehire incentive that is part of the collective bargaining agreement with 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 January 24, 2022, was approved.

A leave of absence for Nicole Geiger, science teacher at Solon High School, effective January 17, 2022, for the remainder of the 2021-22 school year was approved. The Board approved the following individuals as substitutes on an as-needed basis for the 2021-22 school year:

Alyssa Blitzer	4-12 (Career Technical)
Sue Curran	7-12 (English, Library/Media K-12)
Ryan Kitay	General Education
Elliot Shraiberg	PK-12 (Integrated LA)

The Board approved Kirsten Ahrens, Jennifer Buemi, Nicole Charvat, Sean Fisher, Melissa Fitzgerald, Brian Jones, Susan Kenzig, Kelly Tailford, Jennifer Thompson and Jeff Wentz as home instruction tutors for the 2021-22 school year.

The Board approved the resolution 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 3327.01 providing that Boards of Education determine whether or not transportation shall be provided to non-public schools within 30 minutes by school bus, for district resident children, payment in lieu of transportation be made to parents of children at the rate established by the State Board of Education.

The Solon Board of Education finds it impractical to transport to the non-public schools as noted below.

University School Upper
Singh, Aryan

The Board authorized the Business Manager to advertise and secure bids for the following projects: Solon Middle School Gym Cooling and Chiller Plant Replacement; Solon Board of Education HVAC Improvements; and Solon High School Chiller Plant Replacement.

The Board awarded a contract to N.F. Mansuetto & Sons, the lowest responsible bidder, for the Dual School Roof 11 Replacement Project in the amount of \$943,100. The Board awarded a contract to N.F. Mansuetto & Sons, the lowest responsible bidder, for the Orchard Middle School Roofs 8, 11A, 11B Replacement and HVAC Upgrade Project in the amount of \$760,000.

The Board awarded a contract to N.F. Mansuetto & Sons, the lowest responsible bidder, for the SHS Roofs 6, 34, 34A Replacement and HVAC Upgrade Project in the amount of \$1,128,000. The Board awarded a contract to Terik Roofing, the lowest responsible bidder, for the Lewis Elementary School Roofs H, I, and J Replacement Project in the amount of \$484,168.

Tuition reimbursements were approved for two individuals in the amount of \$787.50.

The next board meeting will be December 13, 2021, 6 p.m. at the Board of Education.

INFORMATION ITEM

COVID UPDATE

As we communicated to families Friday night, our COVID cases spiked significantly last week following Halloween. We experienced the highest number of confirmed positive cases in a week so far this year. This was not unexpected and the majority of cases were reported among our students in grades Pre-K to 6, who remain unvaccinated at this time. This higher number of cases is a direct reflection of the greater community around us as COVID in the 44139 area tripled last week as well.

The confirmed cases in our district are overwhelmingly occurring in our student population that is just beginning to be vaccinated, so we will be continuing with our current indoor masking requirements at all schools.

At the same time, we are planning ahead and formulating modifications to our current COVID-19 protocols for when all of our families with students ages 5 and over have had the opportunity to pursue the vaccine for their children if they wish. We believe it is in the best interest of students, families and the greater Solon/Glenwillow community to maintain our current masking protocols through the winter holidays. Our experience shows that positive case counts are notably higher following the holidays.

Our goal is to reassess circumstances in the two weeks following winter break and plan for a switch to masks being strongly recommended, but not required, for all K-12 students. We have seen some schools in our area recently easing mask requirements only to have to reinstate them or even close a school building to stem a surge in cases. We believe consistency is important and that allowing time for families who choose to get their now-eligible younger students fully

vaccinated will enable us to meet the mid-January goal. We will continue to monitor conditions and communicate weekly, or more often if necessary, with our families as we make progress toward this milestone.

As a district, we have already implemented the state Mask to Stay exclusion/quarantine protocol, allowing students and staff directly exposed in a school setting to continue attending provided they wear a mask for 14 days. We have also lifted the capacity limits for our indoor events, such as concerts, drama productions and athletic contests. We did so with the important intent of keeping students in school and learning in the classroom and enabling more family members and friends to watch our students perform and compete in person.

The health and well-being of our students, their families, our staff and the community at large is always a major consideration. Each decision regarding our COVID-19 response has been made by balancing the mitigation tools available to us with the need to maximize our students' in-person learning and participation in extra-curricular activities. This next phase of our decision making, which includes a major planned shift in our mask requirements, will be undertaken in the same way.