

# BOARD REPORT

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October 5, 2020

## REGULAR MEETING

### TREASURER'S REPORT

The Board approved the payment of bills totaling \$138,508.78.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Board approved the retirement and rehire of Mary Lou Fazio 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 December 14, 2020, at the Board of Education offices.

The Board approved an agreement with the Solon City School District Board of Education and the Educational Service Center of the Western Reserve Governing Board to purchase supplies, materials, equipment, and services and deliver such services on behalf of the Board. A Memorandum of Understanding between Solon City Schools and Social Advocates for Youth of Bellefaire Jewish Children's Bureau was approved.

The following individuals were approved as COVID-19 building substitutes for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year:

Vera Baylor	Solon High School
Maryann Dudas	Solon High School
Michael Ferrini	Solon High School
Diane Manis	Solon High School
Andrea Rossen	Solon High School
Sarah Krieger	Solon Middle School
Deepa Nair	Solon Middle School
Roger Bowers	Orchard Middle School
Ivy Maxwell	Orchard Middle School
Trent Siebert	Orchard Middle School
Jessica Yagour	Parkside Elementary School
Lauren Meade	Roxbury Elementary School
Vicky Seide	Roxbury Elementary School
Bryan Morrison	Lewis Elementary School

The Board approved the retirement of Jeff Pedicino, Director of Security, effective January 31, 2021.

The following individuals were approved as substitutes on an as needed basis for the 2020-21 school year:

Emily Lightner	General Education
Joel Mabey	PK-12 (Gen. Sub / Integrated Math)
Tanya Parsons	General Education

Supplemental contracts were approved to the following individuals:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Lauren Schorr	Orchard Mentor Teacher – Koelsch	\$ 459.78
Sabrina Tirpak	Orchard Mentor Teacher - Martin-Clay	737.00

The Board approved Susan Benedict, Ed Bubonics, Gayle Hauptman, David Perchinske and Debbie Zito as home instruction tutors for the 2020-21 school year. A leave of absence was approved for Jennifer Rozsa, music teacher at Roxbury Elementary School, for the 2020-21 school year.

The Board hired the following individuals as teachers for the 2020-21 school year:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Stacey Koelsch	Master’s Step f(5) Grade 5 Orchard Middle School	\$52,680.48
Andrea Martin-Clay	Bachelor’s + 15 Step a(0) Grade 5 Orchard Middle School	\$40,404.71

The Board approved tuition reimbursements for two individuals in the amount of \$863. The next regular board meeting will be October 19, 2020, 6 p.m.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**SOLON MIDDLE SCHOOL NAMED U.S. BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL**

Recognizing its personalized instruction to meet students’ needs, the U.S. Department of Education on September 24 announced that Solon Middle School is a 2020 Exemplary High Performing National Blue Ribbon School. Solon Middle School is one of only 376 schools nationwide and 16 schools in Ohio to receive the honor for 2020. This is the second time Solon Middle School has been designated a Blue Ribbon School based on the high achievement of all students.

In its announcement today, the U.S. Department of Education noted that the success of Solon Middle School students is an inspiring example of how teachers, parents and community leaders can work together to help students prepare for the future and thanked the school for helping students “realize their potential and achieve their dreams.”

Additionally, the Blue Ribbon award underscores the efforts of “educators, families and communities in creating safe and welcoming schools where students master challenging and engaging content” according to the U.S. Department of Education.

Each year, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors elementary and secondary schools across the United States that make significant progress in closing achievement gaps or whose students, regardless of background, achieve at the highest levels in their state. Solon Middle School was nominated by the Ohio Department of Education as one of Ohio’s highest performing schools. Up to 420 schools may be nominated each year. For 2020, 317 public and 50 non-public schools are being honored.

To receive the National Blue Ribbon School award, the Solon Middle School staff engaged in a lengthy application process detailing among other topics the school’s efforts over several years to use data to inform instruction and improve student achievement. In addition, federal education officials scrutinized educational practices and systems at the high school in all core content areas as well as in the arts, technology and providing support for students.

A virtual awards ceremony will be held in mid-November to celebrate all of the 2020 U.S. Blue Ribbon Schools.

Congratulations to the SMS students, families and staff on this important honor.

#### 14 SOLON HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS NAMED COMMENDED STUDENTS IN 2021 NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Solon High School is celebrating the accomplishments of 14 members of the senior class who have been named Commended Students in the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program. They join the 19 SHS seniors who were named Semi-Finalists late last month, bringing to 33 the number of Solon students receiving National Merit recognition this year.

“Having 33 seniors earn National Merit honors demonstrates the consistency in academic achievement at Solon High School,” said Principal Erin Short. “The high numbers of students recognized every year reflects the hard work and commitment of students and staff and the depth of achievement at Solon High School and throughout the Solon Schools.”

The Commended Scholars are: Angad Dhillon, Derek Gill, Kayleigh Hill, Richard Jiang, Yash Kankariya, Kesav Kosana, Matthew Li, Karis Liu, Eric Nouafo, Nilima Patel, Marla Pinchot, Hao Qi, Kate Schuman and Pranav Sivaram.

Nationwide, 34,000 students are being recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Program for “exceptional academic promise.” These students earned scores on the PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test taken in their junior year that were among the top 50,000 in the United States.

“Those being named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success, according the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, which administers the annual scholarship recognition program. “These students represent a valuable national resource; recognizing their accomplishments, as well as the key role their schools play in their academic development, is vital to the advancement of educational excellence in our nation. We hope that this recognition will help broaden their educational opportunities and encourage them as they continue their pursuit of academic success.”