

BOARD REPORT

May 11, 2020

REGULAR MEETING

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Board approved the submission of the district five-year forecast as required by the Ohio Revised Code.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The list of 414 seniors who are candidates for graduation contingent upon each candidate's successful completion in meeting all state and local requirements for graduation were approved.

The Board approved the resignation of Amy Kennerknecht, preschool itinerant teacher at Solon Preschool, effective August 31, 2020, and the retirement of Paul Sawdargs, maintenance employee for Solon City Schools, effective July 1, 2020.

The Board awarded continuing teacher contracts to the following individuals effective for the 2020-21 school year provided all conditions set forth in the collective bargaining agreement are met.

Audie Atienza
Amber Dickens
Sarah Gellott
Kevin Lavin
Maggie Locke
Jamie Rucci

Vanessa Ryan
Steven Sonderman
Amanda Vucic
Jim Willard
Brian Wisniewski

Tuition reimbursements were approved for three individuals in the amount of \$1,996.

The next board meeting will be June 8, 2020, 8 a.m.

INFORMATION ITEMS

END OF THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

Friday marked the last day of remote classes for our Solon High School seniors. The last day of remote learning for all other Solon students will be Friday, May 29, instead of the originally scheduled June 4.

Students and families are adapting well to remote learning and everyone is working hard to make necessary changes to address challenges as they arise. Our staff continues to build capacity for remote online learning. We are proud of our students' accomplishments this year and grateful for

the ongoing partnership with our families. We are also committed to providing our students with a full academic year of learning opportunities, despite the obstacles posed by the coronavirus pandemic. Ending the school year early is not a decision taken lightly.

At the same time, closing out the school year safely and in accordance with public health guidelines for social distancing will be more complicated this year. Each of our schools will use the week of June 1-4 for closure activities and to allow for well-spaced schedules for the pick-up and drop-off of school materials, technology devices, personal items, awards and projects.

MEANINGFUL CLOSURE AND SENIOR CELEBRATIONS

The end of the school year brings many important celebrations for students and families. We are working to bring meaningful closure to the school year for all of our students.

Throughout this month, we are celebrating our senior class. We hope you have been enjoying seeing the creative doors and windows senior families have decorated to honor their graduate as much as we have. The week of May 11 will culminate with #FutureFriday, a virtual display highlighting the future plans – college, military service, safety forces or workforce – of the Class of 2020. We will share the link to view the “virtual wall” when it goes live on May 15.

On May 28, what would have been the students’ graduation night, features a Pomp & Circumstance Graduation Parade. The graduates and their families will ride in their cars through a decorated parade route that winds onto the Solon High School campus. Solon teachers and staff members will be parked and socially distant along the parade route on school property to cheer on the graduates. The parade will culminate in front of the school, where our 414 graduates will receive their diplomas and have a professional photo taken to commemorate this important milestone.

The Class of 2020 Virtual Graduation Ceremony, which includes all of the traditional elements of Solon High School commencements such as the reading of all graduates’ names, student speeches, moving their tassels and tossing their caps, will air on June 11. We will share that link with the entire community so everyone can enjoy the official graduation program.

The circumstances of the pandemic have impacted so many events and programs important to our students and their families. As we work to implement the events we can, such as the Pomp & Circumstance Graduation Parade, we do so putting the health and safety of students, families, staff and the community first.

Thank you for your support of our Class of 2020 and all Solon students. We look forward to sharing details of additional upcoming events, such as Virtual Awards Programs and Fourth Grade Clap Outs at Lewis, Parkside and Roxbury, that can be carried out in safe, socially distant ways.

BOARD REPORT & COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Board affirmed the Compliance Officer’s findings regarding investigation under Policy 3362.