

# BOARD REPORT

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February 10, 2020

## REGULAR MEETING

### TREASURER'S REPORT

The Board approved the payment of bills totaling \$718.50.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Board approved a trip for the Solon Ski and Snowboard Club to travel to Holiday Valley Ski Resort in Ellicottville, NY, on Saturday, March 7, 2020. The following individuals were approved as substitutes on an as needed basis for the 2019-20 school year:

Richard Eder	7-12 (Industrial Tech, Business)
Tom Hughey	General Education
Aron Olaffoster	P-3

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.

Hawken Upper and Walsh Jesuit High School

The Board authorized the Ohio Schools Council to advertise and receive bids on behalf of Solon City Schools, per the specifications submitted for the cooperative purchase, of five (5) school buses for the 2020-2021 school year. The Board authorized the Assistant Superintendent to advertise and secure bids for the following projects: Parkside Roof Project and the Pool HVAC/Desiccant System Project.

Crystal Cadorini was approved as a home instruction tutor for the 2019-20 school year. The Board appointed Whitney Ames as interim assistant principal at Solon Middle School.

Tuition reimbursements were approved for three individuals in the amount of \$810. The next board meeting will be February 24, 2020, 6 p.m. at the Board of Education.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **SOLON MIDDLE SCHOOL NOMINATED FOR SECOND BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL AWARD**

The Ohio Department of Education this month nominated Solon Middle School for the U.S. Department of Education's prestigious National Blue Ribbon School Award. Solon Middle School is one of only 14 Ohio schools nominated for the 2020 award. This is SMS' second nomination. The school first won the award in 2010.

To qualify as an "exemplary high performing school" under Department of Education Blue Ribbon School guidelines, Solon Middle School student achievement results ranked in the top tier of all Ohio schools.

"Congratulations to everyone at Solon Middle School for this important nomination," said Fred Bolden, Solon Schools' superintendent pro tempore. "The Blue Ribbon Schools application process will provide a unique opportunity for Solon Middle School to highlight its engaging learning environment as well as its breadth of extra-curricular programming, which helps students to develop new interests, connect with peers and follow their passions in the arts, athletics, and community service to name a few."

The National Blue Ribbon Schools program "celebrates great American schools, schools demonstrating that all students can achieve to high levels," according to the U.S. Department of Education. "The National Blue Ribbon School award affirms the hard work of students, educators, families, and communities in creating safe and welcoming schools where students master challenging content. The National Blue Ribbon School flag gracing an entry or flying overhead is a widely recognized symbol of exemplary teaching and learning."

The middle school staff is now engaged in the next steps of the nomination process by submitting the extensive application materials to the U.S. Department of Education. The 2020 Blue Ribbon School award winners will be announced in the fall.