

BOARD REPORT

January 13, 2020

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Julie Glavin was elected President of the Solon Board of Education and John Heckman was elected Vice President. They will serve a term of one year.

The Board established meeting dates at the Solon Board of Education office at 6 p.m. (unless otherwise noted) as follows: January 13, 27; February 10, 24; March 16; April 6, 20; May 11, 28 (Commencement); June 8, 30 (8 a.m.); August 3 (8 a.m.), 17 (6 p.m.); September 14; October 5, 19; November 16 and December 14.

The Board adopted several other required resolutions including retaining the law firms of Squire Patton Boggs; Britton, Smith, Peters Kalail & Markakis Co., L.P.A.; Taft, Stettinius & Hollister; Brinza, McIntyre & Seed; and Walter Haverfield LLP and establishing a service fund.

The Board appointed Mr. Bolden as the suspension-hearing officer to represent the Board of Education for any appeal of suspensions and authorized him to sign contracts with the Education Service Center. The Cuyahoga County Board of Education was approved as the expulsion-hearing officer to act as the designee of the Board of Education for hearing expulsions referred to them by the Board of Education for 2020.

The Board approved the renewal of the Solon Board of Education's membership in the Ohio School Boards Association for 2020 including membership in the OSBA Legal Assistance Fund. Also approved was the 2020 membership in the Educational Tax Policy Institute for \$1,500.

The Board held a public hearing regarding the use of IDEA Part B funds.

REGULAR MEETING

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Board approved the payment of bills totaling \$77,158.02. The Board approved the tax budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Board approved Joe Whelan as a candidate for graduation contingent upon his successful completion in meeting all state and local requirements for graduation. The 2020-2021 school calendar was approved.

The following individuals were approved as substitutes on an as needed basis for the 2019-20 school year:

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| Lakshmi Bavirisetty | General Education |
| Yvette Elmore | General Education |
| Mary Kaplar | General Education |
| Taylor Molten | P-3; K-12 Intervention Specialist (Mild/Moderate) |
| Lynn Sankovic | K-12 Intervention Specialist (Mild/Moderate) |
| Shannon Smith | General Education |
| Sharone Thomas | General Education |
| Stephanie Weiskind | General Education |

The Board approved the following bus drivers for annual driver certification by the Solon City School District for the 2019-2020 school year under OAC 3301-83-06 B5.

John Caterinacci
 Sharon Earle
 Christine Taylor

Amanda Cobes, Travis Fankhauser, Michelle Huffman, Karen Smith and Kelly Zurawski were approved as home instruction tutors for the 2019-20 school year.

The Board approved supplemental contracts to the following individuals:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Activity</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|--------------------|---|---------------|
| Melissa Duns | Parkside Mentor Teacher – Grossman (1/3) | \$ 225.38 |
| Melissa Fitzgerald | Sophomore Class Advisor | 1,445.07 |
| Allison Gale | Science Department Head Gr. 8 – SMS | 2,804.56 |
| Amy Krane | Roxbury Mentor Teacher – Grossman (2/3) | 481.70 |

The Board hired the following individual as a teacher for the 2019-20 school year:

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>POSITION</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
|-----------------|---|---------------|
| Amanda Grossman | Bachelor's Step a(0) Interventionist Roxbury/Parkside Elementary Schools | \$24,234.41 |

Tuition reimbursements were approved for 21 individuals in the amount of \$14,019.42.

The next board meeting will be January 27, 2020, 6 p.m. at the Board of Education.

INFORMATION ITEMS

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION

Each year in January, the Ohio School Boards Association recognizes members of boards of education for their service to public schools. Without those in the community willing to step up and serve in the capacity of board members, public schools could not exist. On behalf of the Ohio School Boards Association and the residents and communities of Solon and Glenwillow, thank you for your dedication and service.

SOLON PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE & INFORMATION PROGRAM

The Solon Schools are seeking children ages 3 to 5 living in the district to participate as peer model students in the district's 5-Star Step Up To Quality Award preschool program for the 2020-21 school year.

The preschool peer models benefit from participating in developmentally appropriate preschool programming led by master teachers in the field of early education. At Solon Preschool, students are immersed in a diverse learning environment fostering their academic and social-emotional learning and kindergarten readiness. They engage in center-based learning with peers that helps them develop empathy, learn and model school behaviors such as taking turns and participation, and gain confidence in a Solon school routine.

Children must be 3 years of age by June 1, 2020, to participate in next year's program.

Solon Preschool classes meet Monday-Thursday for 2.5 hours a day.

To find out more about becoming a peer model in the 5-Star Solon Preschool, join us at the upcoming information programs on January 16 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. or January 17 from 10-11 a.m. at Solon Preschool, 6545 SOM Center Road.

2020 KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT AND REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration for the Solon Schools is just around the corner.

Information about Kindergarten in the Solon Schools will be shared at the 2020 Kindergarten Information Night program on Wednesday, February 19, at 6:30 p.m., in the Solon High School Auditorium. Information night is a welcome program to all parents of incoming kindergarten students for the fall of 2020. The principals and guidance counselors from Lewis, Parkside and Roxbury elementary schools will provide an overview of the kindergarten program and the online registration process.

Kindergarten in Solon Schools is at Lewis, Parkside and Roxbury Elementary Schools. Both full- and half-day kindergarten is offered. All three schools have full-day kindergarten, but decisions about which schools would have half-day sections and whether those sections will be in the morning or afternoon cannot be determined until after the kindergarten registration process is complete.

In-person kindergarten registration takes place Wednesday, March 4, from 8-11:30 a.m., and Thursday, March 5, from 8-11:30 a.m. and 5-8 p.m. in the Arthur Road School cafeteria. Registration for kindergarten at Lewis, Parkside and Roxbury is conducted centrally in the

Arthur Road building on those two days. Parents must sign up for time slots for the in-person registration. The appointment sign-up will go live following the February 19 Information Night. In addition, parents or guardians must complete the general online registration forms prior to their assigned time slot on March 4-5. The online registration site will go live on February 19 after the Information Night program as well.

Families will schedule kindergarten screening appointments during registration. Kindergarten screening is set for April 28 and 30 this year. The screening is an opportunity for students to see their new school and meet and work with a kindergarten teacher.

Kindergarten enrollment numbers are a key data point for appropriate planning and staffing next year, so it is critical that parents register their students for kindergarten during the March registration dates. Residents are urged to remind friends and neighbors who have students approaching kindergarten age to attend Kindergarten Information Night and complete the online registration beginning the evening of February 19. Only students registered during the district's centralized registration March 4-5 are guaranteed placement at their home school.