

BOARD REPORT

August 19, 2019

REGULAR MEETING

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Board approved the payment of bills totaling \$1,559,829.18.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Board approved an out-of-state trip for the SHS Speech and Debate Team to travel to Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut, from September 12 to September 15, 2019, for the 2019 Yale Invitational. Bus routes for the 2019-20 school year were approved.

The Board approved Madison Culver as a candidate for graduation contingent upon her successful completion in meeting all state and local requirements for graduation. It is unusual but legal that a student completes their high school obligation earlier than their class. In this case, Madison Culver has met her requirements by taking college credit plus classes during the summer. Therefore, she can be graduated.

The Board approved 118 monitors and 32 individuals as substitutes on an as needed basis for the 2019-20 school year. The Board hired the following individual as a teacher for the 2019-20 school year:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Cecilia Hoffart	Bachelor's Step a(0) Grade 3 Parkside Elementary School	\$45,076.00

The Board approved non-district pupil activity permit contracts to the following individuals:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Rob Farley	Football - (Volunteer)	\$ 0.00
Chris Wiggins	Football - Gr. 7 Coach	4,507.60

Supplemental contracts were approved to the following individuals:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Julia Howell	Parkside Mentor Teacher - Hoffart (1/2)	\$361.27
Leigh Ann Leugers	Orchard AM Math Intervention	33.72
Stephanie Reisner	Orchard AM Math Intervention	31.55
Sabrina Tirpak	Orchard Mentor Teacher - Hansen	481.69

Tuition reimbursements were approved for 15 individuals in the amount of \$8,033.85. The next board meeting will be September 9, 2019, 6 p.m. at the Board of Education.

INFORMATION ITEMS

DONATION TO SOLON HIGH SCHOOL

Solon High School received a donation from graduate Dr. Park Nobel in the amount of \$15,000. Dr. Nobel's request is to use the funds in an unrestricted manner.

Below is the information that will be on the plaque placed by the National Merit Scholar photos honoring Dr. Nobel and his donation.

Park S. Nobel, Solon High School Class of 1956.

Park moved to Solon in 1943 and attended the Solon Schools grades 1-12. A 1956 National Merit Scholarship winner, he was among the first 100 students to receive this prestigious award! Park was valedictorian and president of his 39-member senior class and the first president of Solon High School's Key Club. He went on to earn a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering Physics from Cornell University, a Master's Degree in Physics from the California Institute of Technology, and a Ph.D. in Biophysics from the University of California, Berkeley. He soon joined the faculty at UCLA, remaining for more than 50 years, becoming a Distinguished Professor of Biology Emeritus. Park wrote or edited 18 books and published nearly 400 scientific articles, where his specialty was desert plants, especially agaves and cacti. Solon High School is very grateful for Dr. Nobel's generous support.

SOLON SCHOOLS EARNED HIGH MARKS IN 2020 NICHE RATINGS

The Solon Schools again earned high marks in the nationwide rating of more than 94,000 public school districts and schools released by Niche.com, a community and education comparison resource. The Solon Schools received top 10 national rankings for the Best School District in the nation (#7) and Best Places to Teach (#9).

All Solon schools received A+ ratings, ranked in the top 100 nationally and led the rankings for Ohio and the Cleveland area.

The 2019 Best Schools and Best School District in America rankings are based on a rigorous analysis of many student life and academic data points from the U.S. Department of Education and other sources, which include academics; state assessment and ACT/SAT scores; student-teacher ratio; the quality of colleges students consider; culture and diversity; teachers; resources and facilities; health and safety; clubs, activities and sports; as well as parent and student surveys.

Congratulations to our students and staff and the Solon and Glenwillow communities!

Solon Schools – District – #1 in Ohio

Solon High School – #1 High School in Ohio (#83 nationally)

Solon Middle School – #2 Middle School in Ohio (#18 nationally)

Orchard Middle School – #1 Middle School in Ohio (#15 nationally)

Parkside Elementary School – #1 Elementary School in Ohio (#11 nationally)

Lewis Elementary School – #2 Elementary School in Ohio (#14 nationally)

Roxbury Elementary School – #4 Elementary School in Ohio (#26 nationally)