

BOARD REPORT

June 28, 2019

REGULAR MEETING

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Board approved the payment of bills totaling \$110,534.23. The Board approved the final transfers and advances to close out fiscal year 2019. The revised appropriations for the Solon City School District to provide for current operating expenses and other expenditures during fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 was approved.

The Board approved the temporary appropriations for the Solon City School District to provide for current operating expenses and other expenditures during fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. Also approved were all the Record Disposal Request Forms. The items requested for disposal are in compliance with our District's Records Retention Schedule.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Board rehired retired employee Donald Artim for ten months as noted in the collective bargaining agreement between the Solon Board of Education and the Ohio Association of Public School Employees in compliance with Ohio Revised Code 3307.353.

A contract between Scott Hatteberg and the Solon Board of Education beginning August 1, 2019 through December 31, 2022 was approved.

The following policies were approved:

- Policy 9150 - Visitors - this policy is being revised to better align with our security program.
- Policy 0100 - Definitions - the definition portion of the school board policies sites many definitions that will be used in all of our policies. The change in this policy simply is more information to define apps and web services.
- Policy 7540 -Technology - although I like the current policy 7540, the policy service believes this new wording is better. The intent of the policy though remains the same with the findings acceptable use policy that students sign as well as their requirement to adhere to all technology policies.
- Policy 7540.02 - Web Accessibility - this policy change is driven entirely by the Office of Civil Rights. The change in these policies reflect the requirements of school districts and public agencies to make the web entirely accessible to those with disabilities. This change is good because it finally gives us a direction to follow policy wise in meeting the requirements of special needs persons.
- Policy 7540.04 - Staff Technology - this policy reemphasizes to staff their responsibility in technology. This simply reinforces our current policy.

- Policy 7544 - Use of Social Media - this is a new policy. This clearly defines the expected standards of conduct and district-approved social media.

The Board hired the following individuals as teachers for the 2019-20 school year:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Madeline Baldwin	Master's Step c(2) Grade 3 Lewis Elementary School	\$52,857.00
Raebecca Butina	Bachelor's Step f(5) Grade 5 LA/Sci/SS Orchard Middle School	\$54,572.00
Michelle Ciuppa	Master's Step h(7) MH Teacher Orchard Middle School	\$64,035.00
Stephanie DeLine	Master's + 15 Step f(5) Music Teacher .6 Orchard Middle School	\$36,803.00
Sara Greenberg	Master's Step f(5) Interventionist .5 Roxbury Elementary School	\$29,650.00
Tika Krueger	Bachelor's + 15 Step f(5) Grade 3 Parkside Elementary School	\$56,829.00
Courtney Steinhauser	Bachelor's Step d(3) Interventionist Orchard Middle School	\$50,548.00

The resignation of Margaret Roll, speech & language pathologist at Solon High School, effective August 31, 2019 was approved. 241 supplemental contracts and 33 non-district pupil activity permits were approved.

The Board adopted the following textbooks:

The Cultural Landscape: An Intro to Human Geography
American Government: Stories of a Nation

Tuition reimbursements were approved for 11 individuals in the amount of \$4,922.58. The next board meeting will be July 31, 2019, 8 a.m. at the Board of Education.

INFORMATION ITEMS

SOLON HIGH SCHOOL RANKED #1 IN CLEVELAND METRO AREA BY U.S. NEWS

Solon High School was named the #1 high school in the Cleveland metro area this month by U.S. News & World Report as part of the publication's new and expanded 2019 Best High Schools ratings. The new metro area rankings are based on the broader nationwide rankings released in the spring.

"We've heard from students, parents and school officials that they're interested in seeing how their school compares with others in the community," said Robert Morse, a chief data strategist with U.S. News. "With these new rankings, residents in more than 900 metro areas nationwide can see which local schools are succeeding at educating and graduating their students."

For the new rankings, the top-performing schools are those whose students showed "outstanding outcomes above expectations in math and reading state assessments, passed a diverse array of college-level exams and graduated in high proportions," according to U.S. News.

The Cleveland metro area top 5 high schools according to U.S. News are:

- 1 - Solon High School
- 2 - Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School
- 3 - Rocky River High School
- 4 - Orange High School
- 5 - Chagrin Falls High School

SOLON SPEECH & DEBATE TEAM MEMBER BRINGS HOME WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Solon Speech & Debate team member Kayla Arenschield brought home a world championship from the National Speech & Debate tournament in Dallas last week. Kayla was one of five Cleveland area students selected to compete on the Cleveland District's World Schools Debate team during Nationals.

The Cleveland District World Schools team included five students: Kayla from Solon, two students from Vermilion and two from Hawken. Each of the students on the Cleveland team competed in Speech & Debate throughout the season for their respective schools, but they were chosen to work together and represent the Cleveland District at Nationals. Kayla typically competed in Lincoln Douglas debate.

"World Schools Debate features a dynamic form of debate combining the concepts of 'prepared' topics with 'impromptu' topics, encouraging debaters to focus on specified issues rather than debate theory or procedural arguments," according to the National Speech & Debate Association. "This highly interactive style of debate allows debaters to engage each other, even during speeches. This challenging format requires good teamwork and in-depth quality argumentation."

Over the course of the Nationals competition, Cleveland's team debated 12 rounds against more than 200 teams from across the United States and the world, including teams from Canada,

Mexico and China. They addressed a wide range of topics such as government control of social media during times of national emergency, the prospect of a bipartisan unity ticket in the 2020 U.S. presidential election, individual action is key to addressing climate change, reduction of U.S. military forces in Syria, and removal of restrictions on voting rights based on current felony incarceration, among others. In the final round, the Cleveland team defeated a team from China to capture the championship.