

BOARD REPORT

January 28, 2019

REGULAR MEETING

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Board approved the payment of bills totaling \$1,351.47.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Board approved the 2019-2020 school calendar. The following individuals were approved as substitutes on an as needed basis for the 2018-19 school year:

Laura Jurewicz	General Education
Peter Lang	7-12 (Mathematics, History, Data Systems)
Rachel Leonard	P-3
Brett Rodgers	P-12 (Health & Physical Education)

The Board approved a resolution to approve the following bus drivers for annual driver certification by the Solon City School District for the 2018-2019 school year under OAC 3301-83-06 B5.

Kristin Dittebrand
Ronald Hughes
Maryam McCallister

A non-district pupil activity permit contract was approved to the following individual:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Philip Mandry	Girls Lacrosse – HS Varsity Assistant – Volunteer	\$0.00

The Board approved the retirement of Vicky Ansberry, math teacher at Orchard Middle School, effective August 1, 2019. A leave of absence was approved for Elaine Swope, Spanish teacher at Solon High School, for the 2019-20 school year

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The next board meeting will be February 11, 2019, 6 p.m. at the Board of Education.

INFORMATION ITEMS

2019 KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT AND REGISTRATION

Kindergarten registration for the Solon Schools is just around the corner. The district is launching a new online registration process this year. Parents and guardians will simply click on the registration icon on the Solon Schools' home page and the interactive program will guide them through the process.

Information about Kindergarten in Solon will be shared at the 2019 Kindergarten Information Night program on Wednesday, February 20, at 7 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 2019. 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 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 6, from 8-11:30 a.m., and Thursday, March 7, 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. New this year, parents will sign up for time slots for the in-person registration. Parents must complete the general online pre-registration prior to March 6-7. The online registration site will go live on February 21 after the Information Night program.

Parents will schedule kindergarten screening appointments during registration. Kindergarten screening is set for Tuesday, May 14, this year and 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 February 21. Only students registered during the district's centralized registration March 6-7 are guaranteed placement at their home school.

SOLON HIGH SCHOOL NOMINATED FOR THIRD NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL AWARD

The Ohio Department of Education this week nominated Solon High School for the prestigious U.S. Department of Education National Blue Ribbon School Award. Solon High School is one of only 14 Ohio public schools nominated by ODE for the 2019 award. All Solon Schools have received the National Blue Ribbon School Award at least once. This is Solon High School's third nomination.

ODE nominated Solon High School as an “exemplary high performing school.” The nomination is based on high student achievement as rated by the state of Ohio’s 2018 Ohio School Report Card accountability measures. To qualify as an “exemplary high performing school” under the U.S. Department of Education guidelines, Solon High School student achievement levels on all state assessments ranked in the top tier of all Ohio schools.

“Congratulations to our Solon High School students and staff whose hard work and achievement led to this significant recognition,” said Solon Schools’ Superintendent Joseph Regano.

“Our entire SHS team is thrilled to be nominated for the National Blue Ribbon School Award,” said SHS Principal Erin Short. “Every day at Solon High School we concentrate on meeting the needs of our students. The results that led to this nomination underscore our student-centered focus.”

Blue Ribbon Schools are “producing outstanding results for all students,” according to the U.S. Department of Education. “They have demonstrated consistent excellence and made progress in closing gaps in student achievement. The National Blue Ribbon Schools recognition program is part of a larger U.S. Department of Education effort to identify and disseminate knowledge about effective school leadership and promising instructional practices.”

The award “galvanizes school communities and generates inspiring school success stories” as well as offering “recipients new opportunities to share their hard-won knowledge in districts, states and beyond,” the Department of Education said.

The high school staff is now engaged in the next steps of the nomination by submitting the required application materials to the U.S. Department of Education. The 2019 Blue Ribbon School award winners will be announced in the fall after federal education officials validate the nominees’ student achievement results for the current school year.