

BOARD REPORT

April 9, 2018

REGULAR MEETING

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Board approved the payment of bills totaling \$3,304.16.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Board approved Michael Brashear, Kurt Gielink, Susan Fischer, Stacey Keller and Cassandra Spivey as home instruction tutors for the 2017-18 school year. The Business Manager was authorized to advertise and secure bids for the renovation of Solon High School room 222 into a new science lab.

The Board awarded 39 limited teacher contracts and 11 continuing teacher contracts provided all conditions set forth in the collective bargaining agreement are met for the 2018-19 school year.

The Board non-renewed 113 monitors and aides that were hired for the 2017-18 school year. Also non-renewed were 24 limited teacher contracts which were issued for the 2017-18 school year, and directed the Treasurer to serve written notice of the Board action to each individual.

The following non-district pupil permit contracts were approved:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Linda Fox	Boys Tennis - Middle School Coach	\$ 4,305.18
Greg Lynch	Boys Lacrosse - Assistant Coach JV	2,500.00
Emma Wolff	Girls Softball - Assistant Varsity Coach	3,977.28

The Board approved leaves of absence for Elyse Deckard, kindergarten teacher at Lewis Elementary School; Juli Karns, kindergarten teacher at Roxbury Elementary School; Liz Love, science teacher at Solon Middle School and Katie Schulin, grade 3 teacher at Roxbury Elementary School, for the 2018-19 school year.

The resignation of Tori Wien, English teacher at Solon High School, effective August 31, 2018 was approved. The Board approved the retirement of Gwen Scott, music teacher at Roxbury Elementary School, effective August 31, 2018.

One individual was approved as a substitute on an as-needed basis for the 2017-18 school year.

Tuition reimbursements were approved for three individuals in the amount of \$1,711.50.

The next board meeting will be April 23, 2018, 6 p.m. at the Board of Education.

INFORMATION ITEM

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SOLON SCHOOLS OPERATING LEVY

The following are a few questions the district has received about the upcoming levy:

Why was an incremental levy chosen?

The decision to place an incremental levy on the ballot was made to help minimize the effect on homeowners and other taxpayers. The May 8 levy would be phased in over two years and the net impact of 6.9 mills will not be collected until 2020.

What is the status of the district's fight to keep the TPP dollars?

No school district or community fought harder to retain TPP funding than Solon. The original legislation called for the district's annual \$10.7 million in TPP revenues to be completely phased out by June 30, 2017. Over the past decade, the district has fought to retain these dollars.

As of this year, the district has lost nearly \$6 million in annual TPP revenues and remains committed to continuing advocacy efforts to reverse or slow the loss of the remaining \$4.8 million in annual TPP funding.

How does Solon compare to other Cuyahoga County school districts?

No other Cuyahoga County school district (or Ohio school district) has higher achievement results than the Solon Schools.

Currently, 20 school districts in Cuyahoga County have higher tax rates than the Solon Schools.

Additionally, 12 Cuyahoga County school districts have higher total expenditures per pupil than the Solon Schools.