

# BOARD REPORT

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January 8, 2018

## 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. as follows: January 8, 22; February 12, 26; March 12; April 9, 23; May 14, 31 (Commencement); June 11, 29 (8 a.m.); July 30 (8 a.m.); August 13; September 10, 24; October 8, 22; November 5 and December 10.

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

The Board appointed Mr. Regano 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 2018.

The Board approved the renewal of the Solon Board of Education's membership in the Ohio School Boards Association for 2018 including membership in the OSBA Legal Assistance Fund. Also approved was the 2018 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 authorized the Treasurer to request and receive an advance of funds for 2018.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Board approved a resolution submitting the single question of two additional tax levies for the purpose of current expenses of the Solon City School District Pursuant to Section 5705.212 of the Revised Code,

This request is the second step in approving an 8.5 mill levy request in May 2018. If this resolution passes, then an 8.5 mill levy will be placed on the May ballot. The uniqueness of this request is that the net total effect on taxpayers would be 6.9 mills. This increase would be 6.9 mills and is consistent with every other Solon operating levy in the last 32 years.

This is accomplished as follows:

- Before a community vote on the levy, the Board will have reduced tax obligations by 1.6 mills by reducing the amount of millage needed in the bond retirement fund by 1.6 mills.
- Phase 1, if passed in 2018 and collected beginning in 2019, would be at a rate of 1.6 mills. The net effect to taxpayers would be **no increase** since voters would be approving millage equal to the amount of capital debt retired.
- Phase 2 would also be voted on in 2018, but not collected until 2020 and beyond.

Dana Green, Rob Northrup, Christine Rabe and Alexis Volk were approved as home instruction tutors for the 2017-18 school year. Kelly Palmer was approved as a substitute on an as-needed basis for the 2017-18 school year.

The Board approved a trip for Science Olympiad to travel to MIT in Cambridge, Massachusetts, from January 18-21, 2018, for the MIT Science Olympiad Invitational Tournament.

Tuition reimbursements were approved for two individuals in the amount of \$2,552.50.

The next board meeting will be January 22, 2018, 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.

### **SHS SENIOR TAJ WARD SIGNS NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT**

Solon's Taj Ward signed a National Letter of Intent today to continue his athletic and academic career at the University of Cincinnati.

Cited by coaches as an outstanding leader, role model and hard worker, Taj was a three-year starter for the Comets at corner and wide receiver. He also served as a 2017 team captain.

After considering offers from other programs including Kentucky, Iowa State and Toledo, Taj selected the Bearcats of UC.

Taj is the first Solon student athlete to sign under the NCAA's new early signing day.

### **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

Kindergarten registration for fall 2018 begins in February. The first step in the process is a Kindergarten Information Night program for parents on Wednesday, February 21, at 7 p.m., in the Solon High School Auditorium. The information night program is a welcome event for all

parents of incoming kindergarten students for the fall of 2018. The principals and guidance counselors from the district's three elementary schools will provide an overview of the kindergarten program and the registration process.

Online kindergarten registration opens on February 21 following the information night program.

Families must complete the registration process in person March 7, for students with last names beginning A-L, and March 8, for students with last names beginning M-Z from 8–11:30 a.m. in the Arthur Road School Cafeteria. Registration for all three elementary schools is conducted centrally first online at [www.solonschools.org](http://www.solonschools.org) and then at Arthur Road March 7-8 where parents turn in required documentation. Parents also schedule Kindergarten Screening appointments for their child during the registration process.

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 register in March. Students who are not registered during the March 7-8 registration window are not guaranteed placement in their home school for fall 2018.