

# BOARD REPORT

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April 24, 2017

## REGULAR MEETING

### TREASURER'S REPORT

The Board approved the payment of bills totaling \$10,633.24.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Board approved Policy 6320 – Purchases.

The Board approved grade calculation alignment as noted below:

- End of grading period, semester and final grades will be calculated the same way at both Solon Middle School and Solon High School. These grade calculations will be done on a percentage basis. Currently, the middle school uses percentages and the high school uses quality points. For the 2018-19 school year incoming freshman will be graded using percentages. All current Solon High School students will continue to be graded the way in which they entered Solon High School.
- Solon Middle School will continue in the manner that they currently are assigning grades. So when a current eighth grader enters the high school next year, grades will be assigned in the same manner they were in the middle school.
- Parents will notice no changes to either report cards or transcripts.
- The high school is also recommending a reduction in the number of tests taken by students by using the high-stakes exam results in their place.

Kevin Lavin, Alexis Volk and Emily Winograd were approved as home instruction tutors for the 2016-17 school year. The Board approved the resignation of Kendra Mugnano, math teacher at Solon High School, effective August 31, 2017. The Board approved the retirement of Beth Sosinski, 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Parkside Elementary School, effective May 31, 2017.

The Board awarded limited teacher contracts to 12 individuals for the 2017-18 school year. The Board non-renewed Pamela Aponte as a monitor who was hired for the 2016-17 school year.

Tuition reimbursements were approved for four individuals in the amount of \$1,252.50.

The next board meeting will be May 15, 2017, 6 p.m. at the Board of Education.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **POLICIES**

As is the practice of the Solon Board of Education, the items listed below are offered to the public for explanation without action. Any action that may happen would not be before the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

2430 – District-Sponsored Clubs and Activities (Revised)

2430.02 – Participation of Community/STEM School Students in Extra-Curricular Activities (Revised)

2431 – Interscholastic Athletics (Revised)

2461 – Recording of District Meetings Involving Students and/or Parents (Revised)

2623 – Student Assessment and Academic Intervention Services (Revised)

3120.08 – Employment of Personnel for Co-Curricular/Extra-Curricular Activities (Revised)

5111 – Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students (Revised)

5200 – Attendance (Revised)

5460 – Graduation Requirements (Revised)

5610 – Removal, Suspension, Expulsion, and Permanent Exclusion of Students (Revised)

5630.01 – Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports and Limited Use of Restraint and Seclusion (Revised)

6325 – Procurement – Federal Grants/Funds (Revised)

6423 – Use of Credit Cards (Revised)

6700 – Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) (Revised)

8210 – School Calendar (Revised)

8310 – Public Records (Revised)

8320 – Personnel Files (Revised)

8330 – Student Records (Revised)

8452 – Automated External Defibrillators (AED) (Revised)

8500 – Food Services (Revised)

8510 – Wellness (Revised)

9270 – Equivalent Education Outside the Schools & Participation in Extra-Curricular for Students not Enrolled in the District (revised)

### **SOLON ART STUDENT HONORED IN COLUMBUS**

For the second year in a row, a Solon student's artwork was selected as the piece from Ohio's 6th district in the annual Ohio House of Representatives Student Art Exhibition. The work of Solon High School sophomore Rayna Klugherz is currently on display at the Rhodes Center.

The annual exhibition features one selected artwork from each of Ohio's 99 house districts. The program is part of a celebration of the arts and art education sponsored by the Ohio Arts Council,

the Ohio Education Association and the Ohio House of Representatives. The exhibit is a showcase of “exemplary visual art created by high school students from all corners of Ohio,” according to the Arts Council. “The exhibition recognizes the talent, creativity and innovative visions of students who receive high-quality art instruction as a part of their academic experience.”

### SCHOLASTIC SILVER KEY AWARDED TO SOLON STUDENT ARTIST

Ramneet Kaur, a senior at Solon High School, is a 2017 Silver Key Award winner in the annual Scholastic Art & Writing Awards competition. Ramneet’s art was selected from among 330,000 submitted pieces. Only 1 percent of submissions to the scholastic awards win national medals.

As a Silver Key medalist, Ramneet has been identified as one of the “most talented young artists and writers in the nation,” according to the national Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, which sponsors the annual awards.

“This recognition shines a light on your leadership, your faculty’s efforts and your school’s dedication to education in the creative arts,” the Alliance wrote to SHS Principal Erin Short.

### SOLON SENIOR WINS NATIONAL HONOR

Solon High School senior Jasmyne McCoy is one of only 27 students nationwide to receive the 2017 Princeton Prize in Race Relations. The prestigious award is given to high school students who have made an impact in their school or community.

Jasmyne received the award at a regional ceremony last week at the Union Club in Cleveland. She was honored for her work in school and community-based organizations to promote relationship building as well as for creating Solon High School’s African-American culture club.

In addition to the recognition, Jasmyne will travel to Princeton University at the end of the month to participate in the 2017 Princeton Prize Symposium on Race with the other national honorees.

### THREE SOLON HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS SIGN NATIONAL LETTERS OF INTENT

Three Solon High School senior student-athletes signed National Letters of Intent to continue their athletic and academic careers at the collegiate level:

- Joe Paskell, who will play baseball at Notre Dame College
- Danny Cohen, who will run cross country and track for the University of Pennsylvania
- Joe Riordan, who will run cross country and track for Michigan State University

Congratulations to the students, their coaches and families.

### CELEBRATING ALL SENIORS

Solon High School is marking the academic achievements of all graduating seniors this week during the annual Senior Signing Day event.

Students will wear regalia indicating their college and post-high school choices, take photos and sign certificates to celebrate their post-high school plans. Fashioned after the National Letter of

Intent signing day ceremonies, this all-day event recognizes the hard work of Solon students and spotlights their success.