

BOARD REPORT

December 12, 2016

REGULAR MEETING

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Board approved the payment of bills totaling \$419,298.26.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Board approved the 2017-18 school calendar. Lisa Johnson, Sianez Johnson, Camille Keys, David Perchinske, Jeff Wentz and Kelly Zurawski were approved as home instruction tutors for the 2016-17 school year.

The resignation of Julie Brizes, district occupational therapist effective December 31, 2016, was approved. Four individuals were approved as substitutes on an as needed basis for the 2016-17 school year.

The Board authorized the Business Manager to advertise and secure bids for the following projects:

- Exterior Wall Renovation Phase 2 of 3 (PKS North Elevation, SMS North Elevation and Courtyard)
- OMS and SHS Roof Projects
- Lewis and Roxbury HVAC Replacement and Upgrades.

Non-district pupil activity permit contracts were approved to the following individuals:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Activity</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| David Burke | Girls Indoor Track – Assistant Varsity Coach (50%) | \$ 464.02 |
| David Donaldson | Head Softball Coach | 5,744.96 |
| Bill Heffernan | Girls Bowling - Head Coach - (50%) | 1,952.46 |
| Cheryl Tarr | Girls Bowling - Head Coach - (50%) | 1,952.46 |

Supplemental contracts were approved to the following individuals:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Activity</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Nicole Geiger | Girls Indoor Track – Assistant Varsity Coach (50%) | \$ 441.92 |
| Dustin Lyons | Boys Basketball - 7th Grade Coach | 3,314.40 |

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| Chad Ramlow | Boys Indoor Track – Assistant Varsity Coach – Volunteer | 0 |
| Brian Sabol | Boys Indoor Track – Assistant Varsity Coach | 441.92 |

Tuition reimbursements were approved for two individuals in the amount of \$837.50. The next board meeting will be January 9, 2016, 6 p.m. at the Board of Education.

INFORMATION ITEMS

RECOGNIZING SOLON CROSS COUNTRY STATE CHAMPIONS

With us tonight is the Solon High School boys cross country team, which earned Solon’s first division 1 state championship for a boys team. In winning the state crown last month, the Comets shattered the record for margin of victory. This new record was possible due to the consistency in high performance among the members of the team.

Also with us is Olivia Howell, who represented the SHS girls cross team as an individual qualifier at the state meet. After missing a significant portion of the competition season due to an injury, Olivia took the state meet by storm and finished third!

Congratulations to all the athletes, coaches and families on an exceptional achievement. Your hard work and commitment is certainly reflected in this state championship!

SOLON RANKS #1 IN OHIO IN 2017 BEST K-12 SCHOOLS NICHE RATINGS

The Solon Schools are ranked #1 in Ohio and #33 nationally in a nationwide rating of 10,364 public school districts and 120,000 schools released by Niche.com, a community and education comparison resource. All six K-12 Solon schools received A+ ratings and each ranked in the top 5 in Ohio and the top 100 nationally.

In addition to the #1 district ranking statewide, Solon also earned the #1 rating for Best Place to Teach in Ohio and the District with the Best Teachers in Ohio for 2017.

The 2017 Best Schools and Best School District in America rankings are based on a rigorous analysis of many data points from the U.S. Department of Education and other sources, which include academics; state assessment and ACT/SAT scores; student-teacher ratio; the quality of colleges students consider; culture and diversity; teachers; resources and facilities; health and safety; clubs, activities and sports; as well as parent and student surveys.

High district and school rankings reflect “great schools with exceptional teachers, sufficient resources and a diverse set of high-achieving students who rate their experiences very highly,” according to Niche.

Specifically, the Solon schools ranked as follows for 2017:

Best High Schools:

#2 in Ohio and #1 in Northeast Ohio – **Solon High School**

Best Middle Schools:

#1 in Ohio and Northeast Ohio – **Orchard Middle School**

#2 in Ohio and Northeast Ohio – **Solon Middle School**

Best Elementary Schools:

#1 in Ohio and Northeast Ohio – **Parkside**

#2 in Ohio and Northeast Ohio – **Lewis**

#5 in Ohio and Northeast Ohio – **Roxbury**

POLICIES

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

0100 – Definitions (Revised)

0167.1 – Use of Electronic Mail/Text Messages (Revised)

0169.2 – Open Meetings/Sunshine Law (Revised)

1530 – Evaluation of Principals and Other Administrators (Revised)

1619/3419/4419 – Group Health Plans (New/Revised)

1619.01/3419.01/4419.01 – Privacy Protections of Self-Funded Group Health Plans (Revised)

1619.02/3419.02/4419.02 – Privacy Protections of Fully Insured Group Health Plans (Revised)

1619.03/3419.03/4419.03 – Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (New)

3220 – Standards-Based Teacher Evaluation (Revised)

3420/4420 – Health Insurance Benefit (Delete)

5330.02 – Procurement and Use of Epinephrine Auto Injectors in Emergency Situations (Revised)

5830 – Student Fund-Raising (Revised)

6605 – Crowdfunding (New)

6600 – Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) (Revised)

8330 – Student Records (Revised)

9160 – Public Attendance at School Events

9700 – Relations with Special Interest Groups (Revised)

ROXBURY RECEIVES ITS BLUE RIBBON AWARD

Since we last met, district principal Carla Rodenbucher and classroom teacher Amy Clark traveled to Washington, DC, to participate in the official 2016 National Blue Ribbon School Award ceremony and bring home Roxbury's award.

As a 2016 Blue Ribbon Award winner, Roxbury became Solon's 7th school to earn this prestigious national designation.

SOLON HIGH SCHOOL AND LEWIS ELEMENTARY EARN STATE AWARDS

Kudos to Lewis Elementary for earning the 2016 State of Ohio All A Award. Only five schools statewide received this award for 2016!

Congratulations as well to Solon High School for earning the 2016 State of Ohio Momentum Award.

These state awards are given by the Ohio Department of Education in recognition of student achievement and academic growth that exceed expectations.