

BOARD REPORT

October 10, 2016

REGULAR MEETING

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Board approved the payment of bills totaling \$26,865.60.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Board approved a leave of absence for Julianne Karns, kindergarten teacher at Roxbury Elementary School, for the remainder of the 2016-17 school year. The following individuals were hired as teachers for the 2016-17 school year:

Tara Czaplicki	Bachelor's Step a(0) Kindergarten Roxbury	\$35,163.32
Andrea Vantaggi	Master's + 30 Step b(1) Speech & Language Pathologist District	\$43,399.51

The Board approved supplemental contracts to the following individuals:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Julie Brizes	Parkside Mentor Teacher – Vantaggi	\$383.39
Kristen Capel	Roxbury Mentor Teacher – Czaplicki	563.66

The following individuals were approved as substitutes on an as needed basis for the 2016-17 school year:

Archie Beaton	Elementary (1-8)
Joel Birch	7-12 (Intergrated Language Arts)
Michael Ferrini	7-12 (Life Science)
Elizabeth Lapeus	P-3
Molly Rice	General Education

Tuition reimbursements were approved for two individuals in the amount of \$447.50. The next board meeting will be October 24, 2016, 6 p.m. at the Board of Education.

INFORMATION ITEM

ROXBURY IS A 2016 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

Roxbury Elementary School is Solon’s seventh school to earn the prestigious National Blue Ribbon School Award. The announcement was made September 28 by U.S. Secretary of Education John B. King, Jr.

“National Blue Ribbon Schools are proof that we can prepare every child for college and meaningful careers,” Secretary King said in a video message to the new Blue Ribbon Schools. “Your schools are on the cutting edge, pioneering innovative educational practices—professional learning communities, project-based learning, social and emotional learning, positive behavior systems—making you shining examples for your communities, your state and the nation.”

For Solon, this national award recognizing student achievement at Roxbury Elementary School underscores the district’s long-standing efforts to raise the bar for all students, said Joseph Regano, superintendent of the Solon Schools.

“The Blue Ribbon Award is a results-oriented award that directly reflects the high achievement levels of all students,” Mr. Regano said. “This award highlights the dedication, partnership and collaboration among our staff, families and students. It also demonstrates the commitment to our instructional best practices and focus on doing whatever it takes for every child every day.”

Roxbury was nominated for the award by the Ohio Department of Education and subsequently completed a comprehensive application about the school and its instructional practices. Roxbury was honored as an Exemplary High Performing School, identifying it as among the top schools in the state, according to the U.S. Department of Education. The award is based on students’ overall academic excellence.

The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private elementary, middle and high schools where students achieve very high learning standards or are making notable improvements in closing the achievement gap. “The award affirms the hard work of students, educators, families and communities in creating safe and welcoming schools where students master challenging content,” according the U.S. Department of Education. “The National Blue Ribbon Schools flag gracing a school’s building is a widely recognized symbol of exemplary teaching and learning. National Blue Ribbon Schools are an inspiration and a model for schools still striving for excellence.”

Solon’s Blue Ribbon Schools

All Solon Schools have earned the prestigious National Blue Ribbon School Award.

Roxbury Elementary School – 2016
Orchard Middle School – 2013
Solon Middle School – 2010
Solon High School – 2008
Parkside Elementary School – 2007
Lewis Elementary School – 2006
Arthur Road Elementary School – 2005

Carla Rodenbucher, Roxbury's principal when the school qualified to earn the Blue Ribbon, and Amy Clark, a veteran Roxbury classroom teacher, will travel to Washington, D.C., the week of November 7 to receive the award officially from Education Secretary King.