

BOARD REPORT

September 26, 2016

REGULAR MEETING

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Board approved the payment of bills totaling \$30,647.61.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Policy 2460.03, Independent Educational Evaluations, and Policy 5320, Immunization, were approved. Twelve individuals were approved as substitutes on an as needed basis for the 2016-17 school year.

A supplemental contract was approved for Cynthia Russell for 5 days extended time for SHS guidance. The Board approved the high school Ski Club to travel to Ellicottville, New York, on January 28, 2017.

Tuition reimbursements were approved for 12 individuals in the amount of \$8,269.95. The next board meeting will be October 10, 2016, 6 p.m. at the Board of Education.

INFORMATION ITEMS

42 SOLON HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS NAMED NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS

Solon High School is celebrating the accomplishments of 42 members of this year's senior class who have been named as semi-finalists and commended students in the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Competition.

"The class of 2017 has already begun making its mark and leaving a strong academic legacy," said Solon High School Principal Erin Short. "Having 42 seniors earn spots on the National Merit Scholarship semi-finalist and commended scholar rolls demonstrates the consistency in academic achievement at Solon High School. Every year we fill the entire wall outside the auditorium recognizing the excellence of students honored through the National Merit Scholar programs. The high numbers of students recognized every year reflects the work and commitment of students and staff and depth of achievement at Solon High School and throughout the Solon Schools."

Overall, 20 Solon students were named as National Merit Scholar semi-finalists and 22 students qualified as commended scholars for 2017.

The semi-finalists, who will continue in the competition to become National Merit Scholar finalists, are: Madeleine Burland, Dylan Caine, Abigail Crawford, Karen Dong, Maria Gonzalez, Shruti Gupta, Sarah Hong, Timothy Jin, Kevin Johnson, Miton Leonn, Annie Liu, Talia

Mesnick, Ethan Mook, Jesutomi Odukoya, Joseph Riordan, Zachary Stanik, Vishal Sundaram, Kevin Tang, Jonathan Wang and Michael Zhan.

The commended scholars are: Aliya Ansari, Madison Becker, Utsav Bhargava, Jeffrey Borovac, Philip Bradshaw, Tao Cheng, Ryan Corrao, Henry Don, Zekuan Dong, Hannah Edelman, Samuel Haig, Kenia Hale, Emily Hansen, Max Liu, Nikol Marchenko, Meixun Pan, Rachel Rosenberg, Jaidev Sharma, Mariella Stephens, Connor Strobel, Christopher Thomas and Audrey Villarosa.

Students qualified for spots on the National Merit Scholar semi-finalist and commended scholar rolls by earning scores on the PSAT taken in their junior year that were among the highest in the state. The number of semi-finalists varies from state to state, as the number selected is proportional to the percentage of the total number of graduating seniors in each state.

SOLON STUDENTS EARN OHIO'S #1 STATE ACHIEVEMENT REPORT CARD FOR 2016

In an environment of increasing academic rigor for students, Solon students for the second year in a row earned the state of Ohio's #1 report card for achievement. Solon is one of only two districts in Ohio to receive an A grade for achievement. All seven Solon schools are in the top 50 statewide for student achievement among public non-charter schools.

Although scores statewide were down significantly this year due to higher standards on state assessments and more challenging curriculum, Solon students continued to achieve at the highest level in the state.

Specifically, the Solon Schools earned the state's highest achievement score, with a performance index of 110.6.

Solon's high achievement ranking statewide is the result of district-wide fidelity to classroom best practices and curriculum that is tightly aligned to Ohio's learning standards. Solon's 2016 state report card reflects student knowledge in skills and core content.

"Ohio's learning standards continue to raise expectations for students," said Solon Schools' Superintendent Joseph Regano. "Our Solon state report card demonstrates that students are meeting these higher standards aimed at preparing them for the future. Congratulations to our students, staff, families and community on these excellent results."