

BOARD REPORT

July 18, 2016

REGULAR MEETING

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Board approved the payment of bills totaling \$187,019.49.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Board rehired retired employee Robert Sapp for one year as noted in the collective bargaining agreement between the Solon Board of Education and the Ohio Association of Public School Employees in compliance with Ohio Revised Code 3307.353.

An out-of-state trip was approved for the SHS Speech and Debate Team to travel to New Haven Connecticut, for the 2016 Yale Invitational Tournament from September 15 to 17, 2016.

The Board approved 262 supplemental contracts and 24 non-district pupil activity permits for the 2016-17 school year. 76 individuals were approved as substitutes on an as needed basis for the 2016-17 school year.

The following individuals were hired as teachers for the 2016-17 school year:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Jessica Bou-Anak	Bachelor's Step a(0) French .6 Solon High School	\$26,515.00
Emilie Macek	Bachelor's Step a(0) Grade 8 Language Arts Solon Middle School	\$44,192.00
Ashley Moss	Bachelor's Step b(1) Grade 3 Roxbury	\$45,912.00
Madeline Nieder	Bachelor's Step b(1) CD Solon High School	\$45,912.00

The Board approved the resignation of Brittany Broida, third grade teacher at Roxbury Elementary School, effective August 31, 2016. The Board authorized the Business Manager to advertise and secure bids for the high school stadium exterior renovation.

Tuition reimbursements were approved for five individuals in the amount of \$1,800.17. The next board meeting will be August 15, 2016, 6 p.m. at the Board of Education.

INFORMATION ITEMS

SECURITY CHANGES

Beginning with the 2016-17 school year, all Solon Schools will require visitors to sign in and show a photo ID upon entering the building. The driver's license or other photo identification will be scanned to provide authenticity to the person entering the building. This change was recommended by Security Director Jeff Pedicino, who reviewed practices in other districts and recommends this change as an important enhancement to the district's comprehensive safety and security plan. Parents who are just dropping off necessary forgotten items for students will not need to show ID and sign in. They will simply leave the item at the school's welcome center security desk without entering the building.

Additionally, the Solon Schools Preschool at Arthur Road will pilot test a visitor management system that will produce a photo name badge for each visitor based on the ID information. This system is being piloted at Arthur Road due to the smaller number of students attending there.

DISTRICT EXPANDING TECHNOLOGY ACCESS AND LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS THROUGH NEW ONE2ONE PROGRAM

The Solon Schools are launching the One2One program this fall to provide expanded technology access for high school and middle school students at both school and home. The program directly supports the educational goals and objectives for improving student achievement outlined in the district's strategic plan.

Beginning in August, all students in grades 7-10 will receive Chromebooks to support their learning. By the start of the 2017-18 school year, every Solon High School and Solon Middle School student will have Chromebooks for home and school use.

Today's students are digital natives and it is critical that their educational environment keep pace to support a blend of digital and traditional learning platforms and best practices. This includes 24/7 access to technology tools to master 21st century skills that better position students for success in college and the workforce. For example, Solon's One2One program will provide seamless integration with Google classroom, an online tool and learning environment students have already been using. Additionally, students will be able to more readily collaborate and communicate with peers, engage in more relevant and creative assignments and projects, and demonstrate their understanding and mastery of contents and skills.

Equally important, students will have their own device to use when taking state assessments this year and into the future. The Ohio Department of Education now requires all students to take state assessments online.

At the same time, the district will repurpose existing laptop and Chromebook carts to expand in-school technology access for students in grades K-6.

In conjunction with the One2One launch, each school is also redoubling efforts to educate students about online safety and responsible digital citizenship.

Through the One2One program, students will keep their issued Chromebooks throughout the school year and summer for three years.