

BOARD REPORT

August 10, 2015

REGULAR MEETING

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Board approved the payment of bills totaling \$563,975.51. The original permanent appropriation of funds for the Solon City School District to provide for current operating expenses and other expenditures during fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, was approved.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Board approved an agreement between the Solon Board of Education and Ohio Schools Council in the amount of \$2,926.65 for programs administered through the Ohio Schools Council as noted below:

- Ohio Schools Council (4780)
- Cooperative Purchasing Program
- Lake Erie Educational Media Consortium
- School Bus Purchasing Program

The 2015-2016 parent-student handbooks were approved. The Board approved 58 aides, 56 monitors and 111 individuals as substitutes on an as needed basis for the 2015-16 school year. Supplemental contracts for 56 individuals were also approved. Four non-district pupil activity permit contracts were approved.

The Board approved a resolution that the school district does not intend to provide career technical education in grades 7 and 8 for the 2015-16 school year. The bus routes for the 2015-2016 school year were approved.

The Board issued limited teaching contracts to the following individuals for the 2015-2016 school year:

Solon High School

Anita Boumitri	.6	French
Ben Staab	1.0	Spanish
Rachel Vidd	1.0	ARC Tutor

Solon High / Solon Middle

David Perchinske	1.0	Social Studies (.6 SHS / .4 SMS)
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Solon High / Lewis

Audie Atienza	1.0	PE (.75 Lewis / .25 SHS)
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Taj Booth	1.0	Art (.75 Lewis / .25 SHS)
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Solon Middle School

Amy Charney	.5	Family Consumer Science
Sarah Gellott	1.0	Language Arts(.5 English / .5 Interventionist)
Hong Zhang	.2	Chinese

Solon Middle / Orchard

Cheryl Roth	.7	Art (.5 SMS / .2 OMS)
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Orchard

Susan Bard	.8	Physical Therapist
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Roxbury

Heather Armstrong	1.0	4 th Grade
Kayleigh Finelli	1.0	1 st Grade
Brian Wisniewski	1.0	PE

Lewis

Karen Kasper	1.0	Physical Therapist
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Parkside

Marguerite Carrabine	1.0	Physical Therapist
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Arthur Road

Maureen Dinner	1.0	Occupational Therapist
Maureen Robinson	.5	Reading Recovery

The Board hired the following individuals as teachers for the 2015-2016 school year:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Catherine Catania	Bachelor's Step a(0) Preschool .5 Arthur Road Elementary	\$21,557.00
Thomas DeSalvo	Master's + 30 Step a(0) Physical Education .5 Arthur Road Elementary	\$25,099.00
Kathryn Marcuse	Master's + 30	\$32,840.00

Step h(7)
Interventionist .5
Lewis Elementary

Brianna Razzante

Bachelor's + 15
Step a(0)
Grade 2
Roxbury Elementary

\$44,887.00

The resignations of Michelle Carosella, part-time media specialist at Lewis Elementary School, and Matthew Erdelyi, PE teacher at Lewis Elementary School, effective August 31, 2015, were approved. Susannah Miller was approved as a home instruction tutor for the 2015-2016 school year.

Tuition reimbursements were approved for four individuals in the amount of \$3,018.35. The next board meeting will be September 14, 2015, 7 p.m. at the Board of Education.

INFORMATION ITEMS

SOLON SCHOOLS' DISTRICT-PTA CALENDAR AVAILABLE ONLINE

Many Solon and Glenwillow "empty nesters" and community members without children in the schools want copies of our district calendar. A full-color version of our 2015-16 Solon Schools' calendar can be downloaded from the Solon Schools' web site at www.solonschools.org. Just click on the link in the News & Notes section on the right side of the district home page.

2015 SOLON HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE HELPS PROPEL U.S. PHYSICS TEAM TO A SECOND PLACE TIE AT INTERNATIONAL PHYSICS OLYMPIAD

Solon High School 2015 graduate Zach Bogorad earned a gold medal en route to helping the United States Physics Team to a tie for second place at the 46th International Physics Olympiad in Mumbai, India. Individually, Zach also earned a tie for fifth place on the rigorous experimental exam during the 10-day competition in July, which featured the world's top high school physics students.

Overall, the U.S. team won four gold and one silver medal, tying the team with Russia, Taiwan and Korea. Only the team from China earned five gold medals.

Zach qualified for the U.S. traveling team in May after a demanding study "boot camp" at the University of Maryland, where team members engaged in intense studying, labs and exams, and problem solving. The five-member traveling team then went to Thailand in late June to train with the Thai team.

This is the fifth Olympiad at which the U.S. team brought home four gold medals and a silver. Previously, the team earned this level of achievement in 1995 in Australia, 2006 in Singapore, 2008 in Vietnam and 2009 in Mexico. The U.S. Physics Team was launched by the American Association of Physics Teachers in 1986 to demonstrate and promote academic excellence in science.

"AAPT is proud to lead the selection process that identifies such exceptional student scholars," said Dr. Beth A. Cunningham, executive officer of the American Association of Physics Teachers. "Their outstanding performance in this international competition is a reflection of the work of their coaches, the entire 2015 Physics Team, the support of their families, and the best of physics education."

"Zach did amazingly well at the Olympiad competing against the absolute best physics students in the world," said Solon High School Principal Erin Short. "This is an exceptional accomplishment. Everyone at Solon High School and the Solon Schools is incredibly proud of his achievement and the exemplary way he has always furthered his learning, particularly in the area of physics. A casual conversation with Zach will routinely find him pondering physics problems. We wish him well and know he will accomplish a great deal as he continues his education at MIT."