

## Solon Springs adds board member, discusses potential referendum

By Maria Lockwood  
Superior Telegram

**SOLON SPRINGS** — The Solon Springs School Board appointed a new member and received an update on a possible spring building referendum at its Monday, Nov. 28 meeting.

Ben Kidder of Bennett, the lead pastor of The River — A Wesleyan Church, was appointed to fill the seat on the board that was formerly held by Angela Botner. Botner resigned from the board Oct. 31 due to time constraints.

A newcomer to the district, Kidder said he and his wife have been “blown away” by the education their children are receiving in Solon Springs.

“I’m just so grateful for the leadership that’s getting the job done,” Kidder said.

He acknowledged that things are pretty divisive culturally right now, and that the school board serves as the public square.

“I think education opens doors,” said Kidder, a first-generation college graduate.

Kidder will serve the remainder of Botner’s three-year term, which ends in April. Both that seat and the one held by Clerk Ryan Smith will be on the April 4 ballot. The deadline to submit candidacy paperwork for a seat on the board is Jan. 3.

Solon Springs District Administrator Frank

Helquist also gave school board members a rundown on a possible building referendum that could go in front of voters as early as this spring.

The district’s facilities committee has been discussing a wide range of options over the past year and a half, Helquist said following the meeting. Surveys were recently sent to community members, staff and parents.

“The purpose of the survey is to gauge opinions on a \$9.7 million project, as well as consideration for a larger one that would add \$4.7 million,” Helquist said.

The deadline for returning the surveys is Dec. 14. Helquist said the board expects to review the results at its Dec. 19 meeting. After discussing the results, the facilities committee and school board will decide whether to move forward with a referendum. The deadline to put a referendum on the spring ballot is Jan. 24.

In other business, Helquist announced that he will be leaving the district June 30. The school board approved his resignation following a closed session discussion Monday. Helquist, who has served the district for more than six years, said the board will begin to outline the recruitment and selection process for a new district administrator at its Dec. 19 meeting.



Photos by Jed Carlson / Superior Telegram

Hercules, left, played by Mitchell Koch, has an outburst as he talks with his guidance counselor, played by Jazzi McKay, during a dress rehearsal of “The Greek Mythology Olympiaganza” in the Performing Arts Center at Superior High School on Wednesday.

## SHS thespians spin Greek myths into comedy gold

By Maria Lockwood  
Superior Telegram

**SUPERIOR** — A play that dares to ask questions Greek mythology buffs may never have considered takes center stage in the Superior High School Performing Arts Center Dec. 2-4.

Dueling narrators take on the task of covering all of Greek mythology in “The Greek Mythology Olympiaganza” by Don Zolidis. They navigate through the pantheon of tales, finding comedy gold as well as asking questions:

Were Jason and the Argonauts the original super friends or just a band of pirates?

What was the relationship between Hercules

and his dad, Zeus, really like?

What is the hidden meaning behind Daedalus’ wax wings?

Where is the island of lonely single women?

Audience members can expect to join in the fun during the “Destroy All Monsters” game show. Hint: Participants should brush up on their chimeras sounds. Add in a lightning round of myths that get stopped short every time they become inappropriate, bedtime stories that may or may not have footings in mythology and a cautionary tale about angering a witch.

The 90-minute, PG comedy includes appearances by the big names in Greek mythology, from Achilles and Apollo



A set of dueling narrators played by Olivia Erickson, left, and Gwen Hall give a presentation about Greek Mythology during a dress rehearsal of “The Greek Mythology Olympiaganza.”

to Athena and Bob.

More than 30 students are involved in the cast and crew for the production, directed by Amber Gilbert.

Performances take

place at 7 p.m. Dec. 2-3 and 2 p.m. Dec. 4 at Superior High School. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for students. Advance tickets can be purchased online.

## Superior Telegram Nonprofit Boost

MARKETING GRANT PROGRAM



Helping our Nonprofit Superior Businesses with a marketing boost - Work with us to make your dollars go further



Use your marketing dollars to build your organization’s message through our Telegram business boost program. This is being offered to all nonprofit businesses in the Superior business district. We will match grant dollars from the City of Superior, or if you have a marketing budget we will also match whatever your spend is. Whether you received the grant or not - we are here to help you! Matching grant dollars are to be used by September 2023.

Must provide non profit status to qualify for matching grants. Proof of business location being in the Superior business district. Must be in active operating status.

Visit [superiortelegram.com/teleboost](http://superiortelegram.com/teleboost)

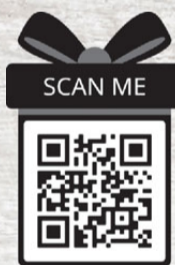
Apply Today!

For questions, contact [teleboost@superiortelegram.com](mailto:teleboost@superiortelegram.com)

SUPERIOR ▶▶  
**Telegram**

## 6 Weeks of Giving

Enter your chance in a drawing to win one of 6 great gift giveaways!



or visit [SuperiorTelegram.com](http://SuperiorTelegram.com) and click on “6 Weeks of Giving” to enter!

Drawings held every Wednesday, November 16 to December 21

Week 4 - Wednesday, December 7  
Brought to you by Angie’s Closet

**Campbell** **Do it Best**  
LUMBER AND SUPPLY CO.



The weekly winner will be announced Wednesdays at [SuperiorTelegram.com](http://SuperiorTelegram.com) and posted on Facebook. Winners are responsible for picking up their prize and providing proof of identity.

SUPERIOR ▶▶  
**Telegram**