

The Lowellville Board of Education held a special Board meeting on Wednesday, February 27, 2019 in the Library/Media Center; President Michael Palumbo presiding. Mr. Palumbo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Michael Palumbo - Present Sam Ramunno - Present  
Brian Wharry – Present Stephanie Yon - Present  
James Alfano - Present

**Minutes:**

**(19-02-7304)**

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the minutes from the January 9, 2019 Organizational Meeting and the January 9, 2019 Regular Board Meeting:

Mr. Palumbo called for a motion to approve. Moved by Brian Wharry seconded by Sam Ramunno.

ROLL CALL: Palumbo - Ramunno - Wharry - Yon - Alfano All Aye.  
Mr. Palumbo declared motion carried. 5-0

**Treasurer’s Report:**

1. Review January Financial Reports and Agenda Items for Approval.

**(19-02-7305)**

2. It is recommended that the Board approve the Financial Report, Bills and Payroll for January 2019, as submitted by the Treasurer:

Mr. Palumbo called for a motion to approve. Moved by Sam Ramunno seconded James Alfano.

ROLL CALL: Palumbo - Ramunno - Wharry - Yon - Alfano All Aye.  
Mr. Palumbo declared motion carried. 5-0

**(19-02-7306)**

3. It is recommended that the Board approve the Treasurer to advertise the Request For Proposal (RFP) for cafeteria management services commencing in the 2019-2020 school year as required by the Ohio Department of Education:

Mr. Palumbo called for a motion to approve. Moved by Mike Palumbo seconded James Alfano.

ROLL CALL: Palumbo - Ramunno - Wharry - Yon - Alfano All Aye.  
Mr. Palumbo declared motion carried. 5-0

**(19-02-7307)**

4. It is recommended that the Board approve the acceptance of real estate tax advance payments as determined and paid by the Mahoning County Auditor:

Mr. Palumbo called for a motion to approve. Moved by Brian Wharry seconded James Alfano.

ROLL CALL: Palumbo - Ramunno - Wharry - Yon - Alfano All Aye.  
Mr. Palumbo declared motion carried. 5-0

**Principal's Report:**

1. Mr. Hynes noted that he and Dr. Thomas were both impressed with the Carnegie Learning program for math curriculum and that they were working through quotes and would like to bring them to the Board meeting in March for consideration. Administration and teachers have visited the program and have all come away equally impressed.

Mrs. Yon inquired about the cost. Mr. Hynes noted that it depends on the level of service that is purchased and that is what he and Dr. Thomas are working through now. Mr. Hynes noted that there could be a cost savings as Liberty and Lowellville could work jointly on the Professional Development portion of the program but this is not yet certain.

Mr. Hynes noted that representatives of Carnegie Learning would come into the school annually to monitor the results of the program.

Mrs. Yon asked if this program was in alignment with our strategic plan. Dr. Thomas noted that it was.

Mr. Palumbo asked if there was a parent module included with the program. Mr. Hynes noted that there was.

In regard to 2019-2020 schedule, Mr. Hynes noted that there would be a new Communications class next year that would involve students updating the district's website. Mr. Sammartino will be teaching and monitoring the class. While discussing the schedule, Mr. Hynes noted that the biggest changes would be seen at the middle school level. The current middle school rotation has become monotonous and the new schedule will offer more STEM classes as opposed to traditional technology classes. 7<sup>th</sup> grade will now offer character education and study skills courses.

Mr. Alfano asked if Lowellville still offered a Home Economics type of course focused on managing money. Mr. Hynes noted that we did have an accounting course that covered those topics.

Mr. Hynes discussed the Rachel's Challenge program and its continued involvement in the school.

Mr. Hynes congratulated the Lowellville Bridge Building teams for their performances at the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Mahoning Valley Miniature Bridge Building Competition held at YSU on February 25, 2019. Team 1 placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in efficiency and Team 2 won The Richard A. Marsico Aesthetic Award.

Mr. Hynes also congratulated Mrs. Matisi for winning the WFMJ's Class Act Award on February 21, 2019.

**Superintendent's Report:**

1. In his governance report, Dr. Thomas discussed Mike DeWine's new office to focus on Children Initiatives. The DeWine Administration has five pillars to focus on for young children:

- Newborn home visits
- Early childhood education
- Mental health professionals in schools
- Foster care
- Drug abuse prevention education

Dr. Thomas also mentioned to the Board that he had spoken to Julie Bercik from the MCESC regarding marketing services for the District. The fee for these services has increased from \$11,000 to \$13,000 annually and he could ask Mrs. Bercik to present at the next Board meeting if there was interest.

**Committee Reports:**

1. None

**Old Business:**

1. President Palumbo assign Board of Education committees for the 2019 calendar year:

Athletic:	James Alfano	Sam Ramunno
Blended Learning:	Brian Wharry	Stephanie Yon
Building/Grounds/Safety:	Mike Palumbo	James Alfano
Curriculum:	Stephanie Yon	Brian Wharry
Finance:	Sam Ramunno	Mike Palumbo
Performing Arts:	Stephanie Yon	Brian Wharry

2. President Palumbo assigns one Board of Education member to serve on the Lowellville Foundation for the 2019 calendar year:

Mike Palumbo

**New Business:**

1. Mrs. Yon mentioned the speaker system in the gym was cracking and cutting out. Dr. Thomas noted that Mr. Schrinier was in the audience and asked him about quotes we had received on the speaker system in the past. Mr. Shrinier said that a company named Media Obsessions had quoted us on all of the equipment and he would forward the information on to Dr. Thomas.

Mrs. Yon inquired about some of the workout equipment in the fitness center getting old and not working and asked if could be fixed or replaced. Dr. Thomas said that he would take a look at the equipment and get quotes on possible replacements.

**President's Report:**

1. Public comment on agenda items or other school related issues.

Tim Esarco asked what Rachel's Challenge was. Mr. Hynes explained that it is a national nonprofit organization that works to advocate a safe and positive climate and culture in schools and suppress school violence, bullying, and discrimination.

Jerry Dubos asked Dr. Thomas if the Strategic Plan is due to be reviewed to be sure that the District is following it. Dr. Thomas stated that he would need to look at when the last review took place and schedule something if necessary.

Mr. Dubos also noted that the Five Year Forecast filed in October showed deficit spending in all five years and asked if the Finance Committee had met to discuss this. Mr. Alfano and Dr. Thomas noted that the Finance Committee had met in the fall to discuss forecast assumptions. Dr. Thomas also noted that the finances are monitored daily.

**Superintendent's Recommendation**

(19-02-7308)

1. It is recommended that the Board accept resignation of Mary Dorney, Special Educational aide at \$85.00 (USD) per day effective January 11, 2019:

Mr. Palumbo called for a motion to approve. Moved by Sam Ramunno seconded James Alfano.

ROLL CALL: Palumbo - Ramunno - Wharry - Yon - Alfano All Aye.

Mr. Palumbo declared motion carried. 5-0

(19-02-7309)

2. It is recommended that the Board approve Mackenzie Moore retroactive to January 14, 2019 as Special Educational aide at \$85.00 (USD) per day:

Mr. Palumbo called for a motion to approve. Moved by Mike Palumbo seconded Sam Ramunno.

ROLL CALL: Palumbo - Ramunno - Wharry - Yon - Alfano All Aye.

Mr. Palumbo declared motion carried. 5-0

(19-02-7310)

3. It is recommended that the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the University of Toledo retroactive to January 23, 2019 for the 2019-2020 school year for College Credit Plus (CCP):

Mr. Palumbo called for a motion to approve. Moved by Sam Ramunno seconded Mike Palumbo.

ROLL CALL: Palumbo - Ramunno - Wharry - Yon - Alfano All Aye.

Mr. Palumbo declared motion carried. 5-0

(19-02-7311)

4. It is recommended that the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Eastern Gateway Community College retroactive to January 29, 2019 for the 2019-2020 school year for College Credit Plus (CCP):

Mr. Palumbo called for a motion to approve. Moved by Stephanie Yon seconded James Alfano.

ROLL CALL: Palumbo - Ramunno - Wharry - Yon - Alfano All Aye.

Mr. Palumbo declared motion carried. 5-0

(19-02-7312)

5. It is recommended that the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Kent State University retroactive to February 4, 2019 for the 2019-2020 school year for College Credit Plus (CCP):

Mr. Palumbo called for a motion to approve. Moved by James Alfano seconded Sam Ramunno.

ROLL CALL: Palumbo - Ramunno - Wharry - Yon - Alfano All Aye.

Mr. Palumbo declared motion carried. 5-0

(19-02-7313)

6. It is recommended that the Board approve the master District calendar for the 2019-2020 school year:

Mr. Palumbo called for a motion to approve. Moved by Brian Wharry seconded James Alfano.

ROLL CALL: Palumbo - Ramunno - Wharry - Yon - Alfano All Aye.

Mr. Palumbo declared motion carried. 5-0

(19-02-7314)

7. It is recommended that the Board approve the grades 9-12 course description catalog for the 2019-2020 school year:

Mr. Palumbo called for a motion to approve. Moved by Mike Palumbo seconded Sam Ramunno.

ROLL CALL: Palumbo - Ramunno - Wharry - Yon - Alfano All Aye.

Mr. Palumbo declared motion carried. 5-0

(19-02-7315)

8. It is recommended that the Board approve the master schedule for the 2019-2020 school year:

Mr. Palumbo called for a motion to approve. Moved by Brian Wharry seconded James Alfano.

ROLL CALL: Palumbo - Ramunno - Wharry - Yon - Alfano All Aye.

Mr. Palumbo declared motion carried. 5-0

(19-02-7316)

9. It is recommended that the Board approve the following Sales Project Potential:

NHS	Easter/Spring Flowers	3/1/19 - 3/14/19
Class of 2020	Candy Bar Sale	3/1/19 - 4/1/19
Character Avengers	T-shirt/Hat sale	3/11/19 - 3/22/19
Character Avengers	Jeans Day	3/19/19
Character Avengers	Raffle Tickets/Lunch	3/19/19
Wellness Club	Water Sale	3/19/19
Baseball	Fan Clothes	3/1/19 - 3/16/19

Mr. Palumbo called for a motion to approve. Moved by Stephanie Yon seconded Mike Palumbo.

ROLL CALL: Palumbo - Ramunno - Wharry - Yon - Alfano All Aye.

Mr. Palumbo declared motion carried. 5-0

(19-02-7317)

10. It is recommended that the Board approve the following Field Trip Requests:

Envirothon	Camp Beaumont	4/25/19
3rd Grade	Wagon Trails Animal Park	5/2/19
Character Avenger	Alta Head Start	3/8/19
Wellness Club	McConnells Mills St. Park	5/24/19
Kindergarten	Oh Wow! Museum	4/17/19
HS Band Concert	Howland HS	3/19/19

Mr. Palumbo called for a motion to approve. Moved by Stephanie Yon seconded James Alfano.

ROLL CALL: Palumbo - Ramunno - Wharry - Yon - Alfano All Aye.

Mr. Palumbo declared motion carried. 5-0

(19-02-7318)

11. It is recommended that the Board approve the following Building Use Requests:

Drama Club	Spring Performance/Rehearsals	Stage	March 2019
Wellness Club	Family Wellness Night	Gym/Cafe/Halls	3/19/19

Mr. Palumbo called for a motion to approve. Moved by Brian Wharry seconded Sam Ramunno.

ROLL CALL: Palumbo - Ramunno - Wharry - Yon - Alfano All Aye.

Mr. Palumbo declared motion carried. 5-0

(19-02-7319)

12. It is recommended that the Board approve the following supplemental contracts for the 2019-2020 school year provided they meet the requirements, prior to working with athletes, set forth by the Lowellville Board of Education, Ohio High School Athletic Association, and the Ohio Department of Education:

Football - Varsity	Doug Velasquez
Football - Assistant	Tom Noble
Football - asst.	Gary Muntean
Football - asst.	Bob Korenic
Football - 7 and 8 Head	Bobby Ballone Jr.
Football - 7 and 8 Assistant	Joe Ballone
Cheerleading Varsity/JV	Angel Laudermilt
Cheerleading - 7 and 8	Maria Wilaj
Cheerleading - Volunteer	Michelle Mangine
Cross Country HS (min 8)	Brandon Domagalski
Cross Country 7 and 8	Nick Lucente
Golf - boys	Tom Pilkington
Volleyball - head Varsity	Josh Kelly
Volleyball JV/asst. Varsity	Courtney Kelly

Mr. Palumbo called for a motion to approve. Moved by James Alfano seconded Sam Ramunno.

ROLL CALL: Palumbo-Aye, Ramunno-Aye, Wharry-Aye, Yon-No, Alfano-Aye

Mr. Palumbo declared motion carried. 4-1

(19-02-7320)

13. It is recommended that the Board approve the following supplemental contracts for the 2018-2019 school year provided they meet the requirements, prior to working with athletes, set forth by the Lowellville Board of Education, Ohio High School Athletic Association, and the Ohio Department of Education:

Varsity Boys Track Assistant	John Thomas Hvidsak	8%
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Mr. Palumbo called for a motion to approve. Moved by Sam Ramunno seconded Brian Wharry.

ROLL CALL: Palumbo - Ramunno - Wharry - Yon - Alfano All Aye.

Mr. Palumbo declared motion carried. 5-0

(19-02-7321)

14. It is recommended that the Board move into Executive Session. Moved by Stephanie Yon, seconded by James Alfano, Resolved that the Board of Education of the Lowellville School District adjourn to Executive Session at 8:28 p.m. to discuss:

- Personnel matters (individuals need not be named)
  - Appointment and/or employment
  - Dismissal
  - Discipline
  - Promotion or demotion
  - Compensation
  - Investigation of charges and/or complaints
  - Purchase or sale of property
  - Conferences with legal counsel related to pending or imminent court action
  - Negotiations
  - Security arrangements
  - Economic Development
  - Matters required to be kept confidential by state or federal law

Action will not be taken

ROLL CALL: Palumbo - Ramunno - Wharry - Yon - Alfano All Aye.  
Mr. Palumbo declared motion carried. 5-0

(19-02-7322)

15. It is recommended that the Board return from Executive Session and resume Regular Meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Mr. Palumbo called for a motion to approve. Moved by James Alfano seconded Sam Ramunno.

ROLL CALL: Palumbo - Ramunno - Wharry - Yon - Alfano All Aye.  
Mr. Palumbo declared motion carried. 5-0


(19-02-7323)

16. Adjournment:

Sam Ramunno moved to adjourn at 9:50 pm. Seconded by Brian Wharry.

ROLL CALL: Palumbo - Ramunno - Wharry - Yon - Alfano All Aye.  
Mr. Palumbo declared motion carried. 5-0

  
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President

  
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Treasurer