

The Lowellville Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, September 19, 2018 in the Library/Media Center; President Sam Ramunno presiding. Mr. Ramunno called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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| Sam Ramunno - Present | Brian Wharry - Present |
| Stephanie Yon - Absent | James Alfano - Present |
| Michael Palumbo | |

Minutes:

(18-09-7231)

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the minutes from the August 15, 2018 Regular Board Meeting, August 20, 2018 Special Board Meeting and August 22, 2018 Special Board Meeting:

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

ROLL CALL: Ramunno - Wharry - Alfano - Palumbo
Mr. Ramunno declared motion carried. 4-0

Treasurer's Report:

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

Treasurer's Recommendations:

(18-09-7232)

2. It is recommended that the Board approve the Financial Report, Bills and Payroll for August 2018, as submitted by the Treasurer:

Mr. Ramunno called for a motion to approve. Michael Palumbo so moved, seconded by James Alfano.

ROLL CALL: Ramunno - Wharry - Alfano - Palumbo
Mr. Ramunno declared motion carried. 4-0

(18-09-7233)

3. It is recommended that the Board cancel the Farmers credit cards for:

- Maureen S. Lloyd
- Richad J. Popio
- Elizabeth Hartman

Mr. Ramunno called for a motion to approve. Michael Palumbo so moved, seconded by Brian Wharry.

ROLL CALL: Ramunno - Wharry - Alfano - Palumbo
Mr. Ramunno declared motion carried. 4-0

(18-09-7234)

4. It is recommended that the Board approve issuing Farmers credit cards for:

- Ryan Cene
- Frederick Schriener Jr.
- Gabrielle Rahn
- Larry Sammartino

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

ROLL CALL: Ramunno - Wharry - Alfano - Palumbo

Mr. Ramunno declared motion carried. 4-0

(18-09-7235)

5. It is recommended that the Board increase the limit on the Farmers credit cards for the Superintendent and Treasurer from \$2,500.00 (USD) to \$10,000.00 (USD) in order to expedite purchases needed:

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

ROLL CALL: Ramunno - Wharry - Alfano - Palumbo

Mr. Ramunno declared motion carried. 4-0

Principal's Report:

1. The start of the school year - Mr. Hynes discussed that it was week five of the school year. The new start time has been a success as students are in the building at 8:05 a.m. There have been some hiccups in the dismissal process as there have been some bussing issues but nothing critical.

The Bridges program has been a success and parents and teachers are excited about it.

Homecoming is next week and this Friday is already week five of the football season.

Mr. Alfano asked about the daycare. Mr. Hynes replied that we were waiting on the license to be approved and that we are still using Sunshine & Lollipops.

Superintendent's Report:

1. Governance report: Dr. Thomas reported that it has been a great start to the school year and thanked everyone for all of their hard work to make the beginning of the year a success.

Dr. Thomas gave a Governance report and referenced Democratic gubernatorial nominee Richard Cordray's K-12 education plan (attached).

Mr. Ramunno asked if there were any roof leaks from heavy rains that had been in the area lately. Dr. Thomas responded that he is waiting to receive a report from Mr. Nock regarding any leaks.

Committee Reports:

1. None

Old Business:

1. Mr. Palumbo revisited the idea of posting the board meeting agenda to the website before each meeting so that the public has a chance to review the agenda items prior to the meeting. Dr. Thomas stated that if this was done, there should be some sort of disclaimer included stating that the minutes are subject to change. Mr. Palumbo agreed that this was a good idea. Mr. Alfano agreed with posting the minutes prior to the meeting and that the disclaimer should be included.

New Business:

1. Mr. Alfano inquired about the plan to roll out the school district report cards to the public. Dr. Thomas stated that he was putting something together to present at the October board meeting.

President's Report:

1. Public comment on agenda items or other school related issues. None

Superintendent's Recommendation

1. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Elizabeth Hartman effective August 23, 2018: (18-09-7236)

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

ROLL CALL: Ramunno - Wharry - Alfano - Palumbo

Mr. Ramunno declared motion carried. 4-0

2. It is recommended that the Board approve Elizabeth Hartman as cafeteria aide "as needed" retroactive to August 24, 2018: (18-09-7237)

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

ROLL CALL: Ramunno - Wharry - Alfano - Palumbo

Mr. Ramunno declared motion carried. 4-0

(18-09-7238)

3. It is recommended that the Board approve Makayla Ginnis as TitleIV Substitute at \$85.00 (USD) per day:

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

ROLL CALL: Ramunno - Wharry - Alfano - Palumbo
Mr. Ramunno declared motion carried. 4-0

(18-09-7239)

4. It is recommended that the Board approve Thomas Holmes and Holmes Legal Services, LLC as legal counsel for the Lowellville Local School District:

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

ROLL CALL: Ramunno - Wharry - Alfano - Palumbo
Mr. Ramunno declared motion carried. 4-0

(18-09-7240)

5. It is recommended that the Board approve McKenzie Moore as long term sub for the assignment of maternity leave:

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

ROLL CALL: Ramunno - Wharry - Alfano - Palumbo
Mr. Ramunno declared motion carried. 4-0

(18-09-7241)

6. It is recommended that the Board approve the following classified staff for the 2018-2019 school year per the correct salary steps in the classified agreement:

- Timothy Filimon as custodial aide "As Needed"
- Dorothy Husak cafeteria aide "As Needed"

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

ROLL CALL: Ramunno - Wharry - Alfano - Palumbo
Mr. Ramunno declared motion carried. 4-0

(18-09-7242)

7. It is recommended that the Board approve the following Building Use Applications:

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| Marching Band | Practice | Football Field | 8/24, 9/7 & 9/21/18 |
| Jeff England | Birthday Party | Pavilion | 10/7/18 |
| Character Avenger | Assembly | Cafetorium | 9/7, 11 & 9/14/18 |
| Drama Club | Spring Performance | Cafetorium/Stage | 3/29, 3/30 & 3/31/19 |
| K-6 Literacy | Literacy Night | Gym/Cafetorium | 3/12/19 |
| Stephanie Yon | Movie Night | Cafetorium | 10/13/18 |

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

ROLL CALL: Ramunno - Wharry - Alfano - Palumbo

Mr. Ramunno declared motion carried. 4-0

(18-09-7243)

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

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| Wellness Club | T-Shirt Fundraiser | 9/21-10/5/18 |
| Sophomore Class | Carnation Sale | 10/19/18 |

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

ROLL CALL: Ramunno - Wharry - Alfano - Palumbo

Mr. Ramunno declared motion carried. 4-0

(18-09-7244)

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

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| 1st & 2nd Grade | Irons Mills Farmstead | 10/19/18 |
| Marching Band | Mahoning Township Park | 8/17/18 |

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

ROLL CALL: Ramunno - Wharry - Alfano - Palumbo

Mr. Ramunno declared motion carried. 4-0

(18-09-7245)

10. 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: Sam Ramunno asked; is everyone meeting their requirements? Geno replied; yes.

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| Basketball – Boys Varsity 21% | Matt Olson |
| Basketball – Boys JV 11% | Jesse Coon |
| Basketball – Boys Varsity Asst. 10% | Bobby Slaven |
| Basketball – Boys Freshman 8% | Nick Ballone |
| Basketball – Boys 8th 8% | Doug Butch |
| Basketball – Boys 7th 8% | Gerrod Hrusovsky |
| Basketball – Boys Varsity Volunteer | Steve Hunt |
| Basketball – Girls Varsity 21% | Lisa Modelski |
| Basketball – Girls JV 11% | Ron Rotunno |
| Basketball – Girls Varsity Asst. 10% | John Hvisdak |
| Basketball – Girls 8th 8% | Frank Lellio |
| Bowling – Head 6% | John Rotz |

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

ROLL CALL: Ramunno - Wharry - Alfano - Palumbo
Mr. Ramunno declared motion carried. 4-0

(18-09-7246)

11. It is recommended that the Board approve Mary Dorney as Special Educational aide at \$85.00 (USD) per day:

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

ROLL CALL: Ramunno - Wharry - Alfano - Palumbo
Mr. Ramunno declared motion carried. 4-0

(18-09-7247)

12. It is recommended that the Board move into Executive Session. Moved by Brian Wharry, seconded by James Alfano, Resolved that the Board of Education of the Lowellville School District adjourn to Executive Session at 7:23 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: Ramunno - Wharry - Alfano - Palumbo
Mr. Ramunno declared motion carried. 4-0

(18-09-7248)

13. It is recommended that the Board return from Executive Session and resume Regular Meeting at 7:47pm:

Mr. Ramunno called for a motion to approve. James Alfano so moved, seconded by Brian Wharry.

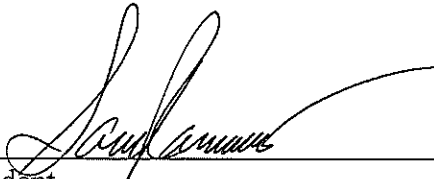
ROLL CALL: Ramunno - Wharry - Alfano - Palumbo
Mr. Ramunno declared motion carried. 4-0

(18-09-7249)

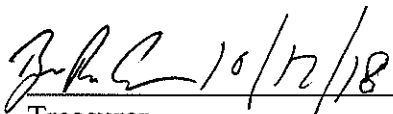
15. Adjournment:

Mr. James Alfano moved to adjourn at 7:48 pm. Seconded by Brian Wharry.

ROLL CALL: Ramunno - Wharry - Alfano - Palumbo
Mr. Ramunno declared motion carried. 4-0



President



Treasurer

Cordray Unveils K-12 Education Plan

Democratic gubernatorial nominee Richard Cordray last Wednesday held an event to outline his education plan, focusing on three main features which will address the "considerable challenges" the state is facing when it comes to K-12 education.

Cordray accused state lawmakers of weakening public schools by funneling resources away from those schools while putting more requirements and regulations on schools that make it harder to teach in the classroom. He said the state must do more.

The three features of the plan Cordray and Sutton outlined include expanding wrap around social and health services that support the entire student while also centering local schools in their neighborhoods; trust local educators and scale back on state tests; and "purge charters of corruption" while barring for-profit charter schools.

Wrap-around services would include mental health and dental programs for students as well as after-school and parent support programs. Cordray said his administration would look to already established programs in Cincinnati and Cleveland as models.

On cutting back testing, Cordray said the Legislature has been "obsessively focused on test scores" for decades, and noted that Ohio is one of 12 states that have high stakes tests. He said those tests have narrowed the school curriculum and limited other programs. The workplace is not about testing, he said, and his plan will focus on educating students on key social and academic factors while reducing tests to the federal minimums. Asked if this meant getting rid of the Third Grade Reading Guarantee, Cordray said his administration would have to look at what it wanted to keep and what it wanted to change.

Citing the Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow (ECOT), which he called the "new four-letter word in Ohio politics," Cordray said his administration doesn't believe schools are businesses and that children are customers. He said he would look for ways to hold all schools accountable and limit charter school operations to nonprofits. Additionally, Cordray said he would push to have charter funding come directly from the state rather than involving local districts, which he said often results in a funding gap.

Sutton said their plan supports students at every phase of their education. She said the three features they discussed during the event are key proposals that the education plan announced by Republican nominee Mike DeWine doesn't address.

Other proposals highlighted by his campaign include using federal funds to recruit more well-trained educators and to create loan repayment and financial incentives to encourage teachers to remain in the classroom.

Cordray and Sutton also said they would end the practice of state takeovers for low-performing school districts, and will instead "work with our communities by providing the time and resources they need to transform struggling schools into thriving ones."