

The Lowellville Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, APRIL 28, 2021 via Board of Education (In Person), Community (Zoom); President Stephanie Yon presiding. Mrs. Yon called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:	Brian Wharry – Present	Stephanie Yon – Present
	Gerald Dubos - Present	Michael Palumbo - Present
	Joseph Sturm - Present	

Minutes:

(21-04-7850)

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the minutes from the March 24, 2021 regular Board meeting: Mrs. Yon and Mr. Dubos commented; very good minutes.

Mrs. Yon called for a motion to approve. Moved by Brian Wharry seconded by Stephanie Yon.

Mrs. Yon complimented Mr. Schiraldi on the quality of the minutes.

ROLL CALL: Wharry -Yon - Dubos - Palumbo - Sturm - All Aye.
Stephanie Yon declared motion carried 5-0.

Treasurer's Report:

1. Review March financial reports and agenda items for approval. Mr. Schiraldi discussed the change in property valuations. Mr. Wharry and Mr. Palumbo asked for a percentage increase. Mr. Schiraldi informed the Board that overall valuations increase 16% from the previous year. Mr. Dubos and Mrs. Yon inquired about the projected profit/loss for FY21. Mr. Schiraldi stated that due to the increased tax revenues the District is now projecting a slight surplus.

Treasurer's Recommendations:

(21-04-7851)

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the Financial Report, Bills and Payroll for March 2021, as submitted by the Treasurer:

Mrs. Yon called for a motion to approve. Moved by Michael Palumbo seconded by Gerald Dubos.

ROLL CALL: Wharry -Yon - Dubos - Palumbo - Sturm - All Aye.
Stephanie Yon declared motion carried 5-0.

Principal's Report:

Mrs. Parry offered congratulations to the 2021 Lowellville High School Prom Court: Hailey Cutter, Ryane Esenwein, Livia Laudermit, Samantha Moore, Emily Wilaj, Justin Beason, Mitchell Krotky, Vinny Layko, Anthony Lucido, and Kyle Miller.

Congratulations to Freshman Sophia Yon for earning the Rob Ruane Memorial MVP 32.5 total points at the Mahoning County Track Meet on Saturday, April 17th. She anchored the winning 4x800-meter relay, won the 800, 1600, and 3200 Meter Runs.

YSU English Festival was held virtually this year instead of on campus. We had 3 seventh graders participate this year: Aubrey Copanic, Reeve Donatelli, and Natalee Macejko along with advisor Mrs. Deluca.

State testing began last week for both our in person and online students. Since our students are now one-to-one with technology, we were able to drastically reduce the number of testing days and push testing as far back as the state window would allow, letting us have more time for instruction before the test.

On waiver day Katie Rabel and Carrie Sammartino, literacy specialists from the ESC, presented to our K-4 ELA teachers about the Science of Reading as part of our goal to shift to explicit phonics instruction. With the help of our literacy coach, Mary Ann Davis, K-4 is currently exploring different phonics curriculums.

We have 73 5th and 6th grade students, 6 teachers and 13 high school student chaperones attending a modified Camp Fitch field trip this Monday, May 3rd. This will be an all-day trip with students leaving at 6:45 in the morning and not returning until 8:45 at night. We are thankful they are able to still get the camp experience!

The High School Rocket Track Invitational and Mark Cavalier Memorial will be held on Tuesday, May 11th. As of today, we have 10 teams entered for the invitational.

Mrs. Yon gave a rundown of end of year events:

Upcoming Activities

- May 7th- Promenade @ 6:00/Prom at 7:00 PM
- May 14th-Kindergarten Screening
- May 14th-Senior Farewell @1:00 PM
- May 17th-Spring Band Concert 6/7:30 PM
- May 20th/21st-Elementary Field Days/Kona Ice
- May 20th-Underclassmen Virtual Awards Ceremony @ TBA
- May 21st, 22nd, 23rd- School Play
- May 25th-Senior Breakfast
- May 27th-Senior trip to Kalahari
- May 28th-Kindergarten Graduation
- May 30th-Commencement

Mrs. Yon inquired about state testing. Mrs. Parry informed the Board that since the District is now one-to-one (Chromebooks), it allowed us to shorten the testing window. Mrs. Yon also inquired about the summer bootcamp and curriculum. Mrs. Parry informed the Board of plans for a 2-week bootcamp before the next school year to help with any potential learning gaps in elementary grades. Also, they are looking at a new reading curriculum for elementary grades to improve phonics. Mrs. Yon noted that the testing will provide some data regarding what learning may have been missed and where help is needed. Mrs. Parry agreed and said the tests will be used for informational purposes. Mrs. Yon also asked about student vaccinations. Mrs. Parry noted that there were five students signed up and that Dr. Thomas worked with another District to get the students scheduled for a shot.

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Thomas congratulated the Lowellville Foundation for their successful Reverse Raffle event and congratulated all the raffle winners. He also thanked the two student ambassadors who assisted with the event.

Dr. Thomas also noted that the Board of Education Golf Outing is scheduled for Sunday, August 1, 2021. Mrs. Yon asked what the Golf Outing funds go towards. Dr. Thomas informed the Board that the money is used for Athletics.

Mrs. Yon asked about the Fair School Funding legislation. Dr. Thomas said there is no update yet.

Committee Reports:

SchoolComm Ad Hoc Committee – Dr. Thomas updated the Board that the committee reviewed what an audit from SchoolComm would look like. The committee agreed that the District already has an idea of what needs done and would prefer to invest funds into solutions rather than an audit. Dr. Thomas also noted that he spoke with other districts regarding SchoolComm and they liked the work that was done. He mentioned another meeting would be held to go over the next steps to take. Mr. Wharry noted that the committee agreed we should continue to look at how best to communicate with the community. Dr. Thomas noted that when community members have questions or concerns, they should call or email the school directly.

Finance Committee – Mr. Dubos explained that two bond issues that were used to construct the school are expiring, and the District is planning on putting a permanent improvement levy on the ballot in November. The Board thanked the community for the bond issues that passed and for the completion of those bonds. Mr. Dubos also explained that the new levy would create zero additional taxes, and that permanent improvement funds can only be used on items/assets with a useful life of 5 years or more. Mr. Schiraldi added that the funds could not be used for salaries and benefits, but would go towards maintaining the school building, improving the grounds, technology for students and staff, security updates, buses, and various other items that will allow the District to maintain a well-kept building. A levy committee will be formed soon to campaign for the proposed levy.

Old Business:

Mr. Wharry inquired as to why the outdoor basketball courts were still closed. Dr. Thomas explained that we are still following the guidance from the Health Department and as soon as the guidance is feasible for the District, they would open back up. Mr. Wharry also inquired about opening the Fitness Center and noted that we could post rules to limit patrons to guidance. Dr. Thomas agreed that the Fitness Center could likely open back up with additional guidance posted for patrons. He also noted that he would follow up with the Health Department in order to ensure the District is following any necessary guidance.

New Business:

None

President’s Report:

Public comment on agenda items or other school related issues – Mrs. Yon read the Public Participation policy. The public had no comments.

Superintendent’s Recommendation:

(21-04-7852)

1. It is recommended that the Board move into Executive Session. Moved by Stephanie Yon, seconded by Joseph Sturm, resolved that the Board of Education of the Lowellville School District adjourn to Executive Session at 6:56 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 may be taken

ROLL CALL: Wharry - Yon - Dubos - Palumbo - Sturm - All Aye.
Stephanie Yon declared motion carried 5-0.

(21-04-7853)

2. It is recommended that the Board return from Executive Session and resume Regular Board Meeting at 9:14 p.m.

Mrs Yon called for a motion to approve. Moved by Brian Wharry seconded Gerald Dubos.

ROLL CALL: Wharry -Yon - Dubos - Palumbo - Sturm - All Aye.
Stephanie Yon declared motion carried 5-0.

3. It is recommended that the Board approve a three-year limited contract for _____ as K-12 Assistant Principal, at a salary of _____(USD) effective the 2021-2022 school year: Dr. Thomas recommended pulling this item due to ongoing contract talks.

(21-04-7854)

4. It is recommended that the Board approve a one-year limited contract for Gina DeLuca as a teacher (1.0 FTE) for the 2021-2022 school year and placed at the appropriate step of the Master Contract salary schedule:

Mrs. Yon called for a motion to approve. Moved by Stephanie Yon seconded by Joseph Sturm.

ROLL CALL: Wharry -Yon - Dubos - Palumbo - Sturm - All Aye.
Stephanie Yon declared motion carried 5-0.

(21-04-7855)

5. It is recommended that the Board approve a one-year limited contract for Lea Fabrizzi as a teacher (1.0 FTE) for the 2021-2022 school year and placed at the appropriate step of the Master Contract salary schedule:

Mrs. Yon called for a motion to approve. Moved by Brian Wharry seconded by Gerald Dubos.

ROLL CALL: Wharry -Yon - Dubos - Palumbo - Sturm - All Aye.
Stephanie Yon declared motion carried 5-0.

(21-04-7856)

6. It is recommended that the Board approve a one-year limited contract for Dr. Jared Hale as a teacher (1.0 FTE) for the 2021-2022 school year and placed at the appropriate step of the Master Contract salary schedule:

Mrs. Yon called for a motion to approve. Moved by Brian Wharry seconded by Joseph Sturm.

ROLL CALL: Wharry -Yon - Dubos - Palumbo - Sturm - All Aye.
Stephanie Yon declared motion carried 5-0.

(21-04-7857)

7. It is recommended that the Board approve a one-year limited contract for Sandi Phillips as a teacher (1.0 FTE) for the 2021-2022 school year and placed at the appropriate step of the Master Contract salary schedule:

Mrs. Yon called for a motion to approve. Moved by Stephanie Yon seconded by Joseph Sturm.

ROLL CALL: Wharry -Yon - Dubos - Palumbo - Sturm - All Aye.
Stephanie Yon declared motion carried 5-0.

(21-04-7858)

8. It is recommended that the Board approve the following teachers for the 2021-2022 school year and placed at the appropriate step of the Master Contract salary schedule:

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| Lucille Bartlett | Robbin Carlos | Renay Choma |
| Mia DiRienzo | Lisa Doll | Daniel Dougherty |
| Nicole Firmstone | Mellissa Gapsky | Angela Killingsworth (GC) |
| McKenzie Moore | Leslie Mercure | Jeannine Reamer |
| Lawrence Sammartino | Jared Van Kirk | Dominique Weldon |
| Alina Wittenauer | Danielle Yates | |

Mrs. Yon called for a motion to approve. Moved by Gerald Dubos, seconded by Stephanie Yon

ROLL CALL: Wharry -Yon - Dubos - Palumbo - Sturm - All Aye.
Stephanie Yon declared motion carried 5-0.

(21-04-7859)

9. It is recommended that the Board approve a continuing contract for Andrea Anguish as Bus Driver with her salary set at \$11,470.56 effective August 1, 2021:

Mrs. Yon called for a motion to approve. Moved by Joseph Sturm, seconded by Brian Wharry.

ROLL CALL: Wharry -Yon - Dubos - Palumbo - Sturm - All Aye.
Stephanie Yon declared motion carried 5-0.

(21-04-7860)

10. It is recommended that the Board approve a one-year limited contract for Betsy Wilson as school nurse with her salary set at \$23,629.06 effective August 1, 2021:

Mrs. Yon called for a motion to approve. Moved by Brian Wharry, seconded by Stephanie Yon.

Mr. Dubos inquired about the difference between a one-year limited contract versus a continuous. Dr. Thomas explained that classified contracts come as one-year, two-year, or continuous. Betsy is a classified one-year contract. There are also positions such as Fred's who is on an administrative one-year contract.

ROLL CALL: Wharry -Yon - Dubos - Palumbo - Sturm - All Aye.
Stephanie Yon declared motion carried 5-0.

(21-04-7861)

11. It is recommended that the Board approve the following classified staff for the 2021-2022 school year per the correct salary steps in the classified agreement:

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| Jeffrey Hunter - Custodial Aide | Marsha Kamensky - Educational Aide |
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Steven Hunt - Study Hall Monitor	Glen Wilson – Custodial Aide “as needed”
William McCaughtry – Maintenance "as needed"	Jean Marie Cappelli - Cafeteria Helper "as needed"
Kathy Wharry-Cafeteria Helper "as needed"	Lucille Yarnell-Cafeteria Helper "as needed"
Richard Beard - Custodial Aide "as needed"	April Purtee – Van Driver/Cafeteria “as needed”
Cheryl Mamula - Cafeteria Helper "as needed"	Adrienne Sepesy - Cafeteria Helper "as needed"
Toni Lanterman – Educ. Aide, Café Aide "as needed"	
Andrea Anguish – Maintenance “as needed” & Cafeteria Aide “as needed”	
Paige Lanterman – Custodial Aide “as needed”	Denise Hartzell – Bus Driver (Substitute)

Mrs. Yon called for a motion to approve. Moved by Gerald Dubos, seconded by Stephanie Yon

ROLL CALL: Wharry -Yon - Dubos - Palumbo - Sturm - All Aye.
Stephanie Yon declared motion carried 5-0.

(21-04-7862)

12. It is recommended that the Board approve a one-year limited contract for Fred Schriener, Technology Coordinator, at a salary of \$63,672.48 (USD) for the 2021-2022 school year:

Mrs. Yon called for a motion to approve. Moved by Joseph Sturm, seconded by Gerald Dubos.

Mrs. Yon thanked Fred for his work throughout the year.

ROLL CALL: Wharry -Yon - Dubos - Palumbo - Sturm - All Aye.
Stephanie Yon declared motion carried 5-0.

(21-04-7863)

13. It is recommended that the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Stark State University for College Credit Plus for the 2021-2022 school year:

Mrs. Yon called for a motion to approve. Moved by Brian Wharry, seconded by Joseph Sturm.

ROLL CALL: Wharry -Yon - Dubos - Palumbo - Sturm - All Aye.
Stephanie Yon declared motion carried 5-0.

(21-04-7864)

14. It is recommended that the Board approve the following field trips:

5th/6th Grade	Camp Fitch, North Springfield, OH	5/3/21
7th/8th Grade	Camp Fitch, North Springfield, OH	5/3/21
Wellness Club	McConnells Mill State Park, PA	5/13/21
Senior Class	Kalahari, Sandusky, OH	5/27/21

Mrs. Yon called for a motion to approve. Moved by Stephanie Yon, seconded by Joseph Sturm.

ROLL CALL: Wharry -Yon - Dubos - Palumbo - Sturm - All Aye.
Stephanie Yon declared motion carried 5-0.

(21-04-7865)

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

Drama Club	Rehearsal for Spring Production	Stage	4/12/21 - 5/22/21
PE Field Day	PE Field Day	Stadium	5/19/21 - 5/21/21

- _____ 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: Wharry - Yon - Dubos - Palumbo - Sturm - All Aye.
Stephanie Yon declared motion carried 5-0.

(21-04-7870)

18. It is recommended that the Board return from Executive Session and resume Regular Board Meeting at 10:13 p.m.

Mr. Palumbo called for a motion to approve. Moved by Brian Wharry seconded Joseph Sturm.

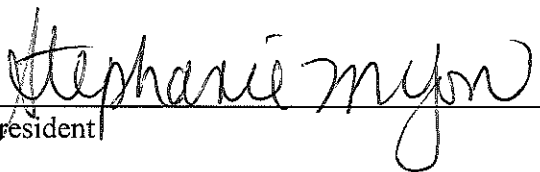
ROLL CALL: Wharry - Yon - Dubos - Palumbo - Sturm - All Aye.
Stephanie Yon declared motion carried 5-0.

(21-04-7871)

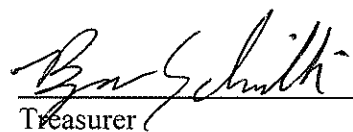
19. Adjournment:

Joseph Sturm moved to adjourn at 10:14 pm. Seconded by Gerald Dubos.

ROLL CALL: Wharry - Yon - Dubos - Palumbo - Sturm - All Aye.
Stephanie Yon declared motion carried 5-0.



 President



 Treasurer