

The Lowellville Board of Education met for regular board meeting on Wednesday, December 22, 2021 in person in the Library; President Stephanie Yon presiding. Mrs. Yon called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

(21-12-8022)

1. It is recommended that the Board of Education modify the agenda to include the Resolution of Intention Not to Reemploy Superintendent Dr. Eugene Thomas Following the Expiration of His Current Superintendent's Contract as an item in the President's Report Section of the Agenda:

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

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

Minutes:

(21-12-8023)

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the minutes from the Tuesday, November 16, 2021, board meeting and December 13, 2021 special Board meeting after correction adding Yon to Sophia's name:

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

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

Treasurer's Report:

1. Review November financial reports and agenda items for approval. Mr. Schiraldi notified the Board that the new funding formula will start to be paid out in January which will provide a clearer projection on forecasted numbers. He also mentioned that the district was undergoing a project to put in a French drain as water was running into the staff parking lot and freezing resulting in safety concerns.

Treasurer's Recommendations:

(21-12-8024)

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

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

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

Principal's Report:

Mrs. Parry updated the Board regarding the school year. On Thursday, December 2nd Speaker David Kohout presented to our students in grades 3-12 about character building, self-esteem, and purpose.

On Thursday Dec. 9 students in Mrs. Ignazio's class heard a presentation by Ultium Cells, a battery manufacturing plant in Lordstown.

MCCTC presented to sophomores on Thursday, December 16th.

James Delucia from the Mahoning County Juvenile Court will be here on Tuesday, January 4th to talk to our students in grades 5-12 about the dangers of social media and technology.

Grades 9-12 at 8:15

Grades 5-8 at 1:05

Friday, January 7th Rick Boyarko, Director of Training at the Plumbers and Pipefitters Joint Apprenticeship Training Center, will be the guest presenter of a Lunch & Learn with 7th - 12th graders during their scheduled lunch periods. Rick has spoken to hundreds of students in several school districts and does an excellent job of talking to them about this trade that also includes the skills of welding.

Midterms for grades 7-12 are scheduled for January 10th-14th

On January 18th Mr. Sammartino, Mrs. Parry, Mr Van Kirk, Mr. Dougherty, Mr. Solak, Dr. Hale, Mrs. Anderson and Mrs Sanders will participate in CPI Training at the Trumbull County Educational Service Center. The department of education requires that school staff teams receive yearly training in **de-escalation and crisis management techniques**, as well as methods for promoting positive student behavior and avoiding the need for restraint and seclusion. Once trained, these teams would be called upon if we had an unruly student/student in crisis to help de-escalate or, if necessary, restrain. To meet the requirement, we need to train 2 teams--a high school team and an elementary team. Teams will participate in an initial full day of training and then will continue to attend a 'refresher' 1/2 day course each year.

This team (plus Mr. Shriner) will also meet the week prior with Chief Alli to complete a Department of Homeland Security safety survey intended to help K-12 school personnel evaluate their physical security current practices and identify ways to prevent and protect against active shooter threats. The questions within each section are prioritized, beginning with the most important issue. Each selected answer generates an option outlining a specific course of action that school personnel may wish to consider. We will also review/update our current Emergency Operations Plan and discuss any other safety concerns recommendations.

January 28th our students will attend an ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) training presentation. Times to TBD.

Doug Foster, a Career Counselor from the ESC will be coming to speak to grade 7 (in Mrs. Deluca's classes) and grade 8 (in Mr. Dougherty's classes). They will be creating accounts on Ohio Means Jobs and exploring a bit.

Congratulations to Jax Miketa in Ms. Firmstone's class. His Rocketman sketch submitted for the t-shirt design competition will be used as part of the PTO Spring spiritwear t-shirt design.

Congratulations to the following students selected for the Mahoning Valley Athletic Conference First Team.

Brady Bunofsky

Vincent Ballone

Anthony Lucido

Anthony Lucente

Congratulations to the following students selected for the Mahoning Valley Athletic Conference Second Team

Maximus Jones

Michael Ballone

Mathew Lucido

Congratulations to the following students selected for the Mahoning Valley Athletic Conference Honorable Mention

Christopher Sanchez
Fortunato Rivera-Ocasio

Congratulations to WKBN Big 22 - Class of 2021 and Ohio High School Athletic Association Passing Touchdown Record winner Vincent Ballone.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Schiraldi updated the Board regarding the Superintendent's items as he was unable to attend. He noted that Levy Survey results came in and the biggest concern was length of time for the levy. A lot of items seemed as if there was just some confusion around the messaging, so that will need adjusted if the Board wants to move forward. Mr. Dubos mentioned wanted a levy committee meeting to review results more in depth and to figure out how to or if they should proceed with a proposed levy.

Mr. Schiraldi then read a message from the Superintendent: "On behalf of the Lowellville Local School District, we would like to thank Levy Chairperson Joann Esenwein, Levy Treasurer Domenic Donofrio, and OEA Representative Dr. Gary Carlile for all their hard work, dedication, and expertise in assisting the recent PI Levy campaign. All three individuals along with the school administration and staff volunteered their valuable time and participated in many campaign events, planning, and execution of a positive levy campaign. In addition, we want to thank all our business partners and individuals for their generous monetary donations to financially support the campaign. Again, thank you and GO ROCKETS!"

Mr. Schiraldi informed the Board they needed to schedule the Organizational Meeting for January. The Board discussed and decided to hold it on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 5:30pm with the Regular Meeting for January to follow directly after at approximately 6:30pm.

Committee Reports:

None

Old Business:

Joseph Sturm requested an update regarding the Camera's and whether we planned to use ESSER funds for an update. Mr. Schiraldi noted that they took care of the immediate needs and will reevaluate further updates. Mr. Dubos requested to see the camera update proposal for next meeting.

New Business:

Mrs. Yon inquired about after school care, Sunshine and Lollipops. Mrs. Parry explained that they are unable to sustain the services and with interventions starting in January they will have fewer kids than they normally do.

President's Report:

(21-12-8025)

1. It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt the Resolution of Intention Not to Reemploy Superintendent Dr. Eugene Thomas Following the Expiration of His Current Superintendent's Contract which states as follows:

WHEREAS, the Lowellville Local School District Board of Education entered into Superintendent's Contract dated October 16, 2019, with Dr. Eugene Thomas to employ him as the Superintendent of the Lowellville Local School District for a term to commence on August 1, 2020, and end on July 31, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education declares its intention not to renew the Superintendent’s Contract of Dr. Eugene Thomas upon its expiration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education determines to not re-employ Dr. Eugene Thomas at the conclusion of his Superintendent’s Contract which expires on July 31, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education directs the Board President to notify Dr. Eugene Thomas, in writing of the Board of Education’s decision not to renew his Superintendent’s Contract and not to reemploy him upon expiration of his current Superintendent’s Contract.

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

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

Lowellville Police Department’s Chief Alli – Chief Alli addressed the Board regarding an incident where picture of an officer in the school building was taken and ultimately posted on Facebook. He explained how, as Chief, he is responsible for the welfare of the community. He was disturbed by the inaccuracies on Facebook and how it could put students and the district at risk. He also noted that the parent involved in the incident has never been a law-enforcement officer. Chief also noted that he has an extensive history with handling his police gear.

Helen Layko – She addressed the Board regarding there not being a sport’s banquet this winter and the mixed messaging she’s received regarding whether her child received an award or not. She noted that the Vindicator reported it out and she was informed by the coach that he was, but he wasn’t in the report from the school. The Board informed that the school would reach out to clarify any oversight in the report.

Superintendent’s Recommendation:

(21-12-8026)

1. It is recommended that the Board approve Jessica Grow as a teacher for the 2022-23 school year and placed at the appropriate step of the master contract.

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

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

2. It is recommended that the Board approve the following supplementals for the 2021-2022 school year OR the 2022-2023 school year and placed at the appropriate percentage on the Master Contract provided she/he meet the requirements, prior to working with students, set forth by the Lowellville Board of Education, the Ohio High School Athletic Association and the Ohio Department of Education:

(21-12-8027)

Phil Rotunno Softball Assistant 2021-22 SY

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

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

(21-12-8028)

Courtney Kelly Softball Assistant 2021-22 SY

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

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

(21-12-8029)

Eric Grow Boys Track Assistant 2021-22 SY

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

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

(21-12-8030)

Eric Grow Cross Country (Boys & Girls) 2021-22 SY

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

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

(21-12-8031)

Andrew Mamula Varsity Head Football Coach 2022-23 SY

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

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

(21-12-8032)

Angel Laudermilt Varsity/JV Cheerleading Coach 2022-23 SY

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

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

(21-12-8033)

Fred Schriener Golf (Boys) Coach 2022-23 SY

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

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

(21-12-8034)

3. It is recommended that the Board approve the following building use request:

Boosters Winter Sports Introduction/Raffle Gym/Cafetorium 11/21/2021

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

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

(21-12-8035)

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

Academic Challenge	Cardinal Mooney HS	2/2/22
Academic Challenge	Campbell Memorial HS	1/19/22
Academic Challenge	Springfield Local HS	1/5/22

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

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

(21-12-8036)

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

Academic Challenge	Meeting	Library/Class #138	1/12/22
Academic Challenge	Meeting	Library/Class #138	1/26/22
Academic Challenge	Meeting	Library/Class #138	2/16/22
Class of 2023	Promenade	Gym	5/6/22
Class of 2022	Sweethearts	Gym/Café/Stage	2/5/22

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


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

(21-12-8037)

14. Adjournment:

Brian Wharry moved to adjourn at 7:14 pm. Seconded by Joseph Sturm.

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



 President



 Treasurer