

The Lowellville Board of Education met in special session on Wednesday, March 24, 2022 in the Library; President Stephanie Yon presiding. Mrs. Yon called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Jennifer Johnson - Present Joseph Sturm - Present  
Brian Wharry – Present Stephanie Yon - Present  
Gerald Dubos - Present

**Minutes:**

(22-03-8082)

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the minutes from the February 23, 2022, March 9, 2022, March 14, 2022, March 16, 2022 and March 21, 2022 Board meetings:

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

Mrs. Yon noted some corrections to the February 23, 2022 minutes.

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

**Treasurer’s Report:**

1. Review February Financial Reports and Agenda Items for Approval. Mr. Schiraldi updated the Board on the state of the financials and noted a projected surplus for the year. He informed them of highlights from the Nutrition Group regarding the cafeteria and student meals. The Board discussed the possibility of the May election being postponed. Mr. Dubos inquired about a payment to Community Bus and was informed that they were used to fill in on bus routes over the course of months to assist with the district’s driver shortage. The Board also discussed the proposed levy and scheduling a community meeting at the end of April.

**Treasurer's Recommendations:**

(22-03-8083)

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the Financial Report, Bills and Payroll for February 2022, as submitted by the Treasurer:

Mrs. Yon called for a motion to approve. Moved by Stephanie Yon seconded by Jennifer Johnson.

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

(22-03-8084)

2. It is recommended that the Board accept the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor (city, village or local Board of Education):

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

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

(22-03-8085)

3. It is recommended that the Board approve the Ohio School Council Group Rating Quote:

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

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

(22-03-8086)

4. It is recommended that the Board approve the service agreements with Access as submitted for the 2022-2023 school year:

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

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

**Principal's Report:**

The first-grade class put together a time capsule that was sealed on TWOSday 2/22/22. Each student wrote a narrative about what they hoped to do after graduation. They were given the opportunity to bring in letters from their parents and items from home to store in the capsule until it is opened on 3/3/33 of their senior year in high school.

The 14th Annual Mahoning Valley Miniature Bridge Building Competition took place on Thursday, February 24, 2022 at Youngstown State University. Lowellville Team #1 finished with the second highest efficiency score and was awarded (3) \$25 gift cards for placing 2nd out of 24 teams.

TEAM 1

Brady Bunofsky  
Mitch Krotky  
Matt Sotlar

Lowellville Team #2 finished with the third highest efficiency score and had numerous votes for the most aesthetic bridge, they were also awarded the Wade Harvey Award. Lowellville's Team #2 was awarded (3) \$25 gift cards for placing 3rd out of 24 teams.

TEAM 2

Maximus Jones  
Nate Minnie  
Ashton Peterson

Author Jennifer Shaw will present her book, *Dumplings Mean Family* and writing experiences to students in grades K-6 on April 27th. On April 28 we will host a K-6 Literacy Night. More details to come.

The junior high concert band is collaborating with Columbus-area composer Benjamin Brody on a new composition for middle school band, *Voyage to Sea*. Mr. Brody invited our junior high band to premier his work at our March concert. The band met the composer during a Zoom call on March 17. He visited Lowellville on Tuesday, March 22 to work with the band prior to the concert. In addition to offering feedback on their playing, he is planning to record the composition. He also discussed his inspiration and his process as a composer. He is dedicating *Voyage to Sea* to the Lowellville JH Concert Band.

O.M.E.A. granted a "weather advisory" waiver for district band contest. They won't reschedule the event, but they are allowing us to perform at State. State band contest is on Friday, April 22.

State testing begins next month. Students will test in their classrooms on chromebooks. ELA- April 4th-5th  
Math, Science, Social Studies, Science- April 11th-12th; Social Studies, Government- April 25th-26th;  
Math-April 28th-29th.

Congratulations to 6th grade student Ella Cataldo winner of the Mahoning County Green Team's first billboard contest for Earth Day. The billboard will be displayed from April 8th through May 6th. Location: SR 46 at interstate 80.

The Spring Fling Junior High Dance will be held Friday, March 25th 5:30-7:30 PM.

The 5th Camp Fitch Parent meeting is scheduled for March 31st at 6:00 PM.

The National Honor Society Induction Ceremony will take place on Friday, April 1 at 1:15 PM. In addition to the scholarship standard, membership into NHS is also based on standards of leadership, service and character. 19 new members will be inducted. You are all welcome to attend the ceremony.

The Lowellville Drama Club will present "Check, Please!," a comedy about a series of terrible dates, on Friday, April 1st at 7:00 PM, Saturday, April 2nd, at 7:00 PM, and Sunday, April 3rd at 2:00 PM. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for students and senior citizens for the evening shows and \$7 for adults and \$5 for students and senior citizens for the matinee show.

Mrs. Yon noted the PTO newsletter and congratulated them on the great things they are doing including an upcoming carnival. Mrs. Yon also made note of the Buddy Bench in honor of Paul Mihaly. She inquired about graduation. Mrs. Parry noted that graduation plans have been ongoing and they're looking for speaker.

**Superintendent's Report:**

Mr. Schiraldi presented on behalf of Dr. Thomas that the Lowellville Foundation Reverse Raffle has been scheduled for April 24, 2022, so be on the lookout for tickets.

**Committee Reports:**

None.

**Old Business:**

Mrs. Yon asked about an updated regarding a band banner for the hallway. Mr. Schiraldi noted that he would reach out to Mr. Antonucci to get some plans in motion.

Mr. Wharry asked about the Safety Committee. He noted that safety buckets were updated but wanted to know if there was additional need to get the committee together for additional plans. Mrs. Parry noted that the Building Safety Team got together and met with the Police Chief, and they'll have some recommendations to present to the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

**New Business:**

Mrs. Yon noted there is an issue with the door for the main ticket booth that will need addressed.

Mr. Dubos noted that there is a lot of litter around the grounds that will need tending to as well.

Mr. Sturm brought up substitute teacher rates and wanted to know where the districts rates compared to others. Mr. Schiraldi noted that they currently paid \$70 per day, and he believes the ESC raised theirs to \$110. He would get confirmation on the ESC rates and see if he could get rates from other districts as well.

**President’s Report:**

Lucy Bartlett mentioned litter near the back entrance in the parking lot as well.

Mrs. Yon inquired about lawn services. Mr. Schiraldi stated that Penn-Ohio was no longer providing those services and he was gathering quotes along with Dr. Thomas in order to select a new company.

**Superintendent’s Recommendation:**

(22-03-8087)

1. It is recommended that the Board approve Danielle Slaven as a custodial aide retroactive to March 18, 2022 and placed at the appropriate step of the classified contract:

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

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

(22-03-8088)

2. It is recommended that the Board terminate the supplemental contract with Wesley Hodge as Track - Assistant Girls HS:

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

Mr. Dubos asked why this is a termination and not a resignation. Mr. Sammartino stated that the Athletic Director was informed that he could no longer coach and a resignation could not be obtained so it will be a termination.

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

(22-03-8089)

3. It is recommended that the Board accept the terms of the tentative agreement with the Lowellville Education Association and enter into an MOU extending the existing certified contract for two years:

Mrs. Yon called for a motion to approve. Moved by Stephanie Yon seconded by Jennifer Johnson.

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

4. It is recommended that the Board approve the following supplementals 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:

(22-03-8090)

Jenna Modelski (2021-22)

Track – Assistant Girls HS

8%

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

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

Michelle Mangine (2022-23) Cheerleading – 7 & 8 5% (22-03-8091)

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

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

Christina Freed (2022-23) Volleyball – JV/Assistant Varsity 8% (22-03-8092)

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

Mrs. Yon noted that volleyball only needs a Jr. High coach now.

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

(22-03-8093)

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

5th Grade	Camp Fitch	May 2-4, 2022
Academic Challenge	Salem High School	April 2, 2022

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

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

(22-03-8094)

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

Basketball Practices	Gym	March 1 - May 20, 2022
Student Council Jr. High Dance	Cafetorium	March 25, 2022
Drama Club Rehearsals	Stage	Feb, & Mar. 2022
LHS Flagline Clinics & Tryouts	Gym Big/Small	March 22-25, 2022
Team Cure AAU Basketball	Gym Big/Small	March, April, May 20, 2022
Lowellville Enrichment Group	Football Field	April 10, 2022
NHS Induction Ceremony	Gym	April 1, 2022
Chief Alli (Law Enforcement Training)	Cafeteria	July 12, 2022

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

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

(22-03-8095)

7. It is recommended that the Board move into Executive Session. Moved by Jennifer Johnson, seconded by Brian Wharry, resolved that the Board of Education of the Lowellville School District adjourn to Executive Session at 7:15 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: Johnson - Sturm - Wharry - Yon - Dubos –All Aye.  
Stephanie Yon declared motion carried 5-0.

(22-03-8096)

11. It is recommended that the Board return from Executive Session and resume Regular Board Meeting at 7:51 p.m.

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

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

(22-03-8097)

12. Adjournment:

Gerald Dubos moved to adjourn at 7:52 pm. Seconded by Jennifer Johnson.

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

  
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President

  
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Treasurer