

The Lowellville Board of Education met in special session on Wednesday, May 25, 2021 in person in the Cafeteria; President Stephanie Yon presiding. Mrs. Yon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Minutes:

(21-05-7872)

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the minutes from the April 28, 2021 regular Board meeting:

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

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

Treasurer's Report:

1. Review April financial reports and agenda items for approval. Mr. Schiraldi informed the Board that due to having a healthy bank balance, he sent funds over to their investment portfolio as to not maintain a high bank balance. Otherwise the district continues to trend in a favorable direction.

Treasurer's Recommendations:

(21-05-7873)

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

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

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

(21-05-7874)

2. It is recommended that the Board approve the updated Five-Year Forecast as submitted by the Treasurer for submission to the Ohio Department of Education on or before May 31, 2021: Ms. Yon asked to have May vs November explained.

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

Mrs. Yon inquired about the difference between the November Forecast and the May Update. Mr. Schiraldi noted that the November Forecast is a projection of that year and the following years whereas the May Forecast shows what actually occurred during the fiscal year along with updated projections for future years.

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

Principal's Report:

Congratulations to the Spring Sports All MVAC selections:

- Baseball: Justin Beeson 2nd Team and Ricky Palumbo Honorable Mention
- Softball: Sammie Kelly 1st Team and Kennedy Kelly Honorable Mention
- Track and Field: Sophia Yon 1st Team in the 1600 and 3200 meter runs and Vinny Ballone in the 400-meter dash

The Senior Farewell was a success. The seniors gathered for one final walkthrough of the building and then out for a lap around the track as students, faculty and parents cheered and congratulated them. The event ended with a chalk throw photo which can be seen on the school website.

Thank you to the PTO for supporting elementary field day this past week with class shirts and Kona Ice. Also thank you to Gabby and The Nutrition Group for providing a picnic style lunch for the students. It was beautiful weather, and everyone had a lot of fun participating in the various activities organized by Mr. Ballone and Ms. Carlos.

Also, thank you to Danielle Yates for organizing and Bob Ballone with Austintown Pools and Spas for sponsoring Kona Ice for our jr high and high school students.

Mrs. Yon inquired about the virtual talent show. Mrs. Parry explained the elementary talent show (grades 1-6) went virtual this year. Students were asked to submit videos and then Miss Gapsky compiled them all to create one movie. The students will be able to watch in their classrooms this last week of school, and it will be posted online for families to watch.

Mrs. Yon inquired about final report cards. Mrs. Parry noted final report cards will be posted online by June 4th. They will also be mailed home.

Mr. Dubos asked about class schedules for next school year. Mrs. Parry noted that the students may not have the schedule in hand, but it should be completed by the first or second week of June. Mrs. Yon noted that there will be ample time for students and Angie (Guidance Counselor) met with her child regarding 4-year plan. Mrs. Yon also asked about the senior breakfast and graduation practice. Mrs. Parry stated that both went well, but there is concern about weather for an outdoor graduation.

Upcoming Events

May 27th-Senior trip to Kalahari

May 28th 2 9:00 AM- Kindergarten Graduation

May 30th @ 2:00 PM--Commencement

June 4th Report Cards posted online and mailed home

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Thomas suggested moving graduation indoors to the gymnasium due to potential inclement weather. Capacity would allow for 5-6 people per family. He also requested that the Board show up around 1:30 pm for a Board picture prior to commencement. The Board agreed.

Committee Reports:

Dr. Thomas noted that he wanted to form an ad hoc committee to discuss bussing and possibly purchasing a new bus. He noted that bus #11 needs repairs and the costs are expensive. A quote for a new bus was received and the price would be around \$85,000. Dr. Thomas would like the committee to meet in early June to discuss potentially combining bus routes or purchasing a new bus. Mrs. Yon noted that the newest bus was purchased with a grant. Dr. Thomas confirmed, but stated there are currently no bus grants available. Mrs. Yon noted that it would be good to know the number of kids per bus and that there have

been all-calls regarding current combining of bussing. Mr. Dubos mentioned that he was under the impression that the district was fine regarding bussing after the most recent bus purchase. Dr. Thomas noted that we were at the time, however we have old buses that do not get used enough and ultimately break down. Mr. Dubos questioned how many buses the district currently has. Dr. Thomas noted that there are 5. He also thanked Poland Schools for allowing the district to borrow a bus.

Old Business:

Dr. Thomas introduced Mayor Iudiciani to the Board. The Mayor discussed the Village’s upcoming paving projects that include the schools parking lots, one of the Village alleys, Conti Drive, and various other roads/alleys. The Mayor requested that the Board consider removing the Performance Bond in the land sale agreement due to the paving projects already being scheduled. Mrs. Yon asked for clarification on the bond. The Mayor stated that it is basically insurance that the Village will do the project. Mrs. Yon then clarified that the Village wanted to get rid of the Bond due to the projects already being scheduled and the Mayor confirmed. The Mayor went on to discuss the formation of the Lowellville Community Improvement organization that will help fund projects throughout the Village. One of those projects is a River Front Grant and Clean Ohio Grant to form a river front park and activities that the school district would hopefully utilize. He also noted that one of the churches in the village is closing and he noted it could potentially be a pre-school or daycare. Dr. Thomas asked if there were any further questions regarding the bond. The Board had none.

Mrs. Yon called for a motion for the Board to approve a Resolution eliminating Performance Bond requirements and adjusting dates in the Sales Agreement with the Village. Moved by Michael Palumbo seconded Brian Wharry.

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

New Business:

None

President’s Report:

None

Superintendent's Recommendation:

(21-05-7875)

1. It is recommended that the Board move into Executive Session. Moved by Brian Wharry, seconded by Stephanie Yon, resolved that the Board of Education of the Lowellville School District adjourn to Executive Session at 7:29 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 taken

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

(21-05-7876)

2. It is recommended that the Board return from Executive Session and resume Regular Board Meeting at 12:03 a.m.

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

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

(21-05-7877)

3. Mrs. Yon called for a motion to approve a Resolution to modify the suspension of a student from 10 days to 3 days:

Moved by Stephanie Yon seconded Brian Wharry.

ROLL CALL: Sturm - aye, Wharry - aye, Yon - aye, Dubos - aye, Palumbo - no.
Stephanie Yon declared motion carried 4-1.

(21-05-7878)

4. It is recommended that the Board move into Executive Session. Moved by Brian Wharry, seconded by Michael Palumbo, resolved that the Board of Education of the Lowellville School District adjourn to Executive Session at 12:04 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 taken

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

(21-05-7879)

5. It is recommended that the Board return from Executive Session and resume Regular Board Meeting at 12:46 a.m.

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

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

(21-05-7880)

6. It is recommended that the Board approve a three-year limited contract for Lawrence Sammartino as K-12 Assistant Principal, at a salary of \$78,000.00 (USD) effective the 2021-2022 School year:

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

ROLL CALL: Sturm - aye, Wharry - aye, Yon - aye, Dubos - no, Palumbo - aye.
Stephanie Yon declared motion carried 4-1.

(21-05-7881)

7. It is recommended that the Board approve a one-year limited contract for Cindy Innocenzi as a as Special Education Aide for the 2021-2022 school year teacher 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 Gerald Dubos.

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

(21-05-7882)

8. It is recommended that the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Lowellville Education Association (LEA) for the SuccessBy6 program as written and submitted:

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

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

(21-05-7883)

9. It is recommended that the Board approve summer school (Boot Camp) August 2-13 2021 for grades 1 through 6 (6 teachers):

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

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

(21-05-7884)

10. It is recommended that the Board approve the service contract with the Education Service Center of Eastern Ohio for the 2021-22 school year in the (estimated) amount of 145,535.88.

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

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

(21-05-7885)

11. It is recommended that the Board approve the retirement of Mary Harris (Cook) effective June 1, 2021:

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

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

(21-05-7886)

12. It is recommended that the Board approve the resignation of Adrienne Sepesy (Cafeteria Aide) effective May 14, 2021:

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

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

(21-05-7887)

13. It is recommended that the Board authorize 2021-2022 membership in the Ohio Athletic High School Athletic Association for grades 7-12:

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

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

(21-05-7888)

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

Jr. High Cheer	Cheertime Athletics	June 24 & 25, 2021
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Mrs. Yon called for a motion to approve. Moved by Gerald Dubos, seconded by Stephanie Yon.

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

(21-05-7889)

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

Jr. High Cheer	Practice	Wherever Available	May, June, July, August
Mt. Carmel Band	Practice	Band Room	May 10 & 24, 2021

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

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

(21-05-7890)

16. It is recommended that the Board approve under Board policy JI the request of Kathy Hidalgo, parent of late student Anthony Fimognari, to offer a memorial scholarship to Lowellville seniors in the amount of \$1,000.00:

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

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

(21-05-7891)

17. It is recommended that the Board approve the Athletic Handbook as submitted for the 2021-22 school year:

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

Mrs. Yon commented that the handbook is being condensed from 70 pages down to 4 pages.

ROLL CALL: Sturm - aye, Wharry - aye, Yon - no, Dubos - aye, Palumbo - aye.
Stephanie Yon declared motion carried 4-1.

(21-05-7892)

18. It is recommended that the Board approve the Course Catalog as submitted for the 2021-22 school year:

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

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

(21-05-7893)

19. It is recommended that the Board approve the revised cheer policy as submitted for the 2021-22 school year:

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

ROLL CALL: Sturm - aye, Wharry - aye, Yon - no, Dubos - aye, Palumbo - aye.
Stephanie Yon declared motion carried 4-1.

(21-05-7894)

20. It is recommended that the Board approve the list of seniors for graduation as submitted for the Class of 2021:

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

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

21. It is recommended that the Board approve the following supplemental contracts for the 2021-2022 school year and placed at the appropriate percentage on the Master Contract provided they 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:

Jared VanKirk Athletic Director 21% (21-05-7895)

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

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

Ivan Solak Girls Assistant AD 12% (21-05-7896)

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

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

Matt Olson Boys Varsity Basketball 21% (21-05-7897)

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

ROLL CALL: Sturm - aye, Wharry - aye, Yon - aye, Dubos - no, Palumbo - aye.
Stephanie Yon declared motion carried 4-1.

Lisa Modelski Girls Varsity Basketball 21% (21-05-7898)

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

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

Tom Caputo Boys Varsity Assistant Basketball 10% (21-05-7899)

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

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

Nick Ballone Boys JV Basketball 11% (21-05-7900)

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

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

Luke Polito Boys 8th Basketball 8%

(21-05-7901)

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

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

Matt Hvidsak Boys 7th Basketball 8%

(21-05-7902)

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

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

Bob Ballone Jr. Bowling Head 6%

(21-05-7903)

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

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

John Hvidsak Girls Varsity Assistant Basketball 10%

(21-05-7904)

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

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

Ron Rotunno Girls JV Basketball 11%

(21-05-7905)

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

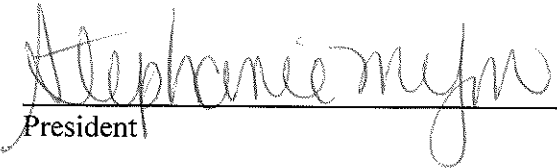
ROLL CALL: Sturm - Wharry -Yon - Dubos - Palumbo - All Aye.
Stephanie Yon declared motion carried 5-0.

(21-05-7906)

22. Adjournment:

Michael Palumbo moved to adjourn at 12:55 am. Seconded by Brian Wharry.

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



President



Treasurer