

The Lowellville Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, May 27, 2020 via Virtual; President Michael Palumbo presiding. Mr. Palumbo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Minutes:

(20-05-7585)

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the minutes from the regular Board meeting on April 22, 2020:

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

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

Treasurer's Report:

Mr. Schiraldi reviewed April financial reports and agenda items for approval.

Mr. Palumbo asked about stimulus plan. Mr. Schiraldi and Dr. Thomas discussed with the Board about some of the guidelines of the stimulus plan monies and different approaches the District can take with those monies.

Treasurer's Recommendations:

(20-05-7586)

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the financial reports, bills, and payroll for April 2020, as submitted by the Treasurer:

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

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

(20-05-7587)

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, 2020:

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

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

Mrs. Yon asked for a run through of the Five-Year Forecast. Mr. Schiraldi informed the Board of the assumptions that were used to form the projections.

(20-05-7588)

3. It is recommended that the Board adopt Temporary Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2021 as submitted by the Treasurer:

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

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

(20-05-7589)

4. It is recommended that the Board approve the following renewal contract effective July 2020:

- 2020-2021 commercial property, liability, cyber, umbrella and fleet insurance through Ohio School Plan, Love Insurance Agency at an annual premium of \$27,090.00:

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

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

Mr. Schiraldi updated the Board that Cyber Insurance was adjusted for a higher coverage and lower deductible.

Principal's Report:

Mr. Hynes discussed the completion of schedules for grades 7 through 12.

Mrs. Yon asked for a year-end recap. Mr. Hynes discussed virtual graduation, finals, student locker clean out, and teacher classroom clean out. He informed the Board that June 5, 2020 will be the last day for clean out and then the building will be closed to the staff.

Mrs. Yon asked about a COVID-19 update regarding teachers and online learning. Mr. Hynes explained that overall, the online learning went well with some minor hiccups.

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Thomas discussed with the Board plans for the opening of 2020-2021 school year. The elementary portion of the building is set to be painted this summer based on the scheduled phases previously established. A company will be coming in to fit sneeze guards in certain areas of the building as a COVID-19 precaution. Additional cleaning supplies are also being ordered to ensure cleanliness of the building in dealing with COVID-19. Dr. Thomas also informed the Board that he is planning on forming a task force committee to assist with plans for the coming school year and dealing with COVID-19.

Mrs. Yon asked if there have been additional guidelines from the Ohio Department of Education or when we can expect to receive those guidelines. Dr. Thomas said new information has yet to be received, but he is expecting some information to arrive by the end of June.

Committee Reports:

Curriculum and Blended Learning: Mrs. Yon updated the Board on committee discussions on how the coming school year would look. The committee's goal is to meet the needs of teachers and students and they are looking into additional Chromebooks and ensuring student access if distance learning continues. Discussion ensued between the Board regarding those items.

Buildings and Grounds: Mr. Palumbo updated the Board on progress of the fieldhouse being painted. Lawn cutting and field maintenance has begun, and Mr. Palumbo reiterated the plexiglass/sneeze guards that are planning to be installed in the school building. Dr. Thomas added that updating panel covers and looking at the HVAC system has been placed on hold.

Athletics: Mr. Wharry discussed safety protocols that have been established and noted that they will be put in place. These protocols were formed with the assistance of the District’s Athletic Director, Larry Sammartino. Mr. Wharry confirmed that the Fitness Center will remain closed at this time as we continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation and guidelines for opening back up. Mr. Wharry also confirmed that the school’s golf outing will still be held this summer. Mr. Wharry informed the Board of a new cheerleading policy for tryouts that have been formed to account for COVID-19 guidelines. Discussion ensued about some of the changes with this policy. Mr. Palumbo asked about waiver forms for athletes. Dr. Thomas informed the Board the he has templates for waiver forms, but not sure if the school will use it.

Old Business:

No discussion.

New Business:

Dr. Thomas discussed the CARES Act with the Board. The district will be receiving approximately \$48,000 in CCIP. The District will need to abide by guidelines that have been provided on how these monies can be spent. One possible action the District could take is to use the monies on technology such as purchasing additional Chromebooks.

Mr. Dubos inquired about the Bus Grant that the District received and the cost of the bus. Dr. Thomas informed the Board that the bus is approximately \$83,000 and the District received about \$39,000 in grant money. Bus #30 needs at least \$12,000 in repairs and it would be beneficial to replace this bus instead. Discussion ensued and Mrs. Molinaro informed the Board about how the grant works. The District will make the bus purchase and then be reimbursed for the allotted portion of the bus.

President’s Report:

None.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

(20-05-7590)

1. It is recommended that the Board move into Executive Session. Moved by Mike Palumbo, seconded by Stephanie Yon, Resolved that the Board of Education of the Lowellville School District adjourn to Executive Session at 7:40 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 be taken

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

(20-05-7591)

2. It is recommended that the Board return from Executive Session and resume Regular Meeting at 8:08 p.m.

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

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

(20-05-7592)

3. It is recommended that the Board approve a one-year limited contract for McKenzie Moore as teacher and placed at the appropriate step of the collective bargaining agreement for the 2020-2021 school year:

Mr. Palumbo called for a motion to approve. Moved by Gerald Dubos seconded Brian Wharry.

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

(20-05-7593)

4. It is recommended that the Board approve a one-year limited contract for Sandra Phillips as teacher and placed at the appropriate step of the collective bargaining agreement for the 2020-2021 school year:

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

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

(20-05-7594)

5. It is recommended that the Board approve a one-year limited contract for Fred Schriener, Technology Coordinator, at a salary of \$62,424.00 (USD) for the 2020-2021 school year:

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

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

(20-05-7595)

6. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Dennis Hynes effective July 31, 2020:

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

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

(20-05-7596)

7. It is recommended that the Board approve a three-year limited contract for Tracie Parry K-12 Principal, at a salary of \$88,000.00 (USD) effective the 2020-2021 school year:

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

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

Dr. Thomas introduced Tracie Parry to the Board. Mrs. Parry thanked the Board for the opportunity.

(20-05-7597)

8. It is recommended that the Board approve Sandra Ross as guidance counselor and paid at an hourly rate calculated per the collective bargaining agreement for the 2020-2021 school year: :

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

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

(20-05-7598)

9. It is recommended that the Board approve a continuing contract for Angel Mclaughlin as Secretary - Principal:

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

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

(20-05-7599)

10. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Cheryl Mamula as crossing guard for the 2020-2021 school year:

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

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

11. It is recommended that the Board approve the following supplementals for the 2020-2021 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:

(20-05-7600)

Pat Minnie

Football -7&8 Head (9%)

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

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

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

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

(20-05-7605)

14. Other: Cheer Policy Addendum -- It is recommended that the Board approve the Lowellville Varsity, Junior Varsity, and Junior High Cheerleading Tryout COVID-19 Pandemic Policy and Procedures:

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

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

(20-05-7606)

15. It is recommended that the Board move into Executive Session. Moved by Brian Wharry, seconded by Joseph Sturm, Resolved that the Board of Education of the Lowellville School District adjourn to Executive Session at 8:21 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: Palumbo - Sturm - Wharry - Yon - Dubos - All Aye.
Michael Palumbo declared motion carried 5-0.

(20-05-7607)

16. It is recommended that the Board return from Executive Session and resume Regular Meeting at 8:41 p.m.

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

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

(20-05-7608)

17. Adjournment:

Gerald Dubos moved to adjourn at 8:42 pm. Seconded by Joseph Sturm.

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



President



Treasurer