

The Lowellville Board of Education met in special session on Tuesday, May 31, 2022 in the Library; 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	Jennifer Johnson - Present
	Joseph Sturm - Present	

1. It is recommended that the Board add the Resolution to Accept Resignation of Superintendent to the Agenda under President’s Report to be considered by the Board:

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

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

2. It is recommended that the Board add the Resolution to Employ Interim Superintendent to the Agenda under President’s Report to be considered by the Board:

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

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

Minutes:

(22-05-8123)

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the minutes from the April 12, 2022 and the May 12, 2022 special Board meetings:

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

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

Treasurer’s Report:

1. Review May financial reports and agenda items for approval. Mr. Schiraldi noted that it has been a solid fiscal year for the district, and they’ve remained in line with the forecast. Mr. Dubos asked if the proposed levy was accounted for in the forecast and Mr. Schiraldi confirmed that no it is not.

Treasurer’s Recommendations:

(22-05-8124)

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

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

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

(22-05-8125)

2. It is recommended that the Board approve the 5-year forecast as submitted by the Treasurer:

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

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

3. It is recommended that the Board accept the following donations:

(22-05-8126)

- MLO Bros - \$1,552 for prom, \$2,834 for 7th and 8th Grade
- John F. Kennedy Catholic School - \$2,285
- Niles School District - \$214
- Pioneer Trails Tree Farm - \$500 scholarship

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

Mr. Dubos asked if the funds that weren't donated for a specific item were earmarked for anything specific. Mr. Schiraldi stated those funds would be placed in the principal's fund for future use.

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

4. It is recommended that the Board accept the following contract renewals:

(22-05-8127)

- HPC – Healthcare Process Consulting, Inc. – one year contract, July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023, for \$2,000 to manage the District's Ohio Medicaid School Program.
- J&G – Julian and Grube, Inc. – three-year contract at \$5,000/year for the purpose of assisting the district in compiling the basic financial statement in compliance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).
- 2022-2023 commercial property, liability, umbrella and fleet insurance through Ohio School Plan, Love Insurance Agency, and cyber insurance through Hyland Cyber Liability Program at an annual premium of \$36,732.00:

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

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

Principal's Report:

Congratulations to the following State Qualifiers-

- 110 Hurdles and 300 Hurdles Michael Ballone
- Sophia Yon 1600 meter run
- Vinny Ballone, Michael Ballone, Jim Clinton, Giovanni Docherty 4x400 relay
- Sophia Yon, Hadassah Rivera, Savannah Procick, Sophia Melillo 4x800 relay

A send off will take place at the school.

Thank you to all of the people whose compassion and kindness helped us get through the last few weeks of school

- PAWS animal group who made being back in the cafeteria a little easier for our staff and students.

- Former Lowellville guidance counselor Deena O'Neill and her dog Lucy.
- Ashley Mariano, ESC Prevention Coordinator, who assessed our support needs and coordinated the counselors who came from districts all over the county.
- Jamie Miller, Clinical Director Alta Behavioral Healthcare and Sarah Macovitz for counseling the staff and preparing us for the students to return.
- PTO- Melissa Miner, Jennifer Osman, Lisa Sturm, and Stephanie Palumbo for collecting and hanging all of the signs of support that other schools made and everything else they did to make that first few days back good for our students.
- Thank you to parents who made themselves available to be friendly faces in the cafeteria that first week back- Michelle Durkin, Ashley Zimmerman, Nikki Sesser, Bobby Clement, Pam Kumer, Debbie Goodman, Nancy Clement, Sara McCaughtry, Tim Demain, Rebecca Mickler, Krissy Cruz, and Lori Dutton, Art Miller, Dena Miller, Lee Harris, Dawn Harris, Angel Laudermilt and Tim Demain.
- The MLO Bros for raising money for prom and for our 7th and 8th grade classes.
- John F. Kennedy Catholic School who did a dress down day to collect money and to the anonymous donor who matched the amount.
- Niles Middle School Journalism Class who sold popcorn and donated the profits to us.
- Fred Schriener for DJing our impromptu dance party the last full day of school.
- Boardman Glenwood Junior High staff and students visited with the high school lunches and provided them with Handles Ice Cream.
- Mary Beth Crozier Nurse Manager at Mercy Health Youngstown for collecting donations to deliver Katie's Korner Ice Cream for our Elementary students
- The many people who donated food for all of the staff, counselors and first responders-The Station Grille at Melillos, Struthers Belleria, Dunkin Donuts Struthers-Mrs. Frohman, Larry's Drive Thru
- Camelot Lanes for donating free bowling passes
- The many schools who sent signs, postcards, plants, and letters of support.
- Chief Alli, Lowellville PD and detectives Larry McLaughlin and Tony Murphy from the Mahoning County Sheriff's Office

With the money raised by the MLO Brothers, we are planning to host a back-to-school party in August for the current 7th and 8th graders. More details to follow.

Also, the Lowellville Board of Education Golf Outing at Bedford Trails is scheduled for Sunday, August 7th. Registration will begin at 7AM with a tee time of 8AM. The cost is \$85.00 per individual of \$340.00 per team. Information will be sent out soon.

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Thomas was not present, and no report was given.

Committee Reports:

Extracurricular/Club Committee – Mrs. Yon updated the Board on the committee's most recent meeting. The committee discussed evaluating and recommending coaches, uniform collection and purchasing, and helmet reconditioning. They went into the importance of maintaining schedules and communicating with the community along with recognizing achievements. There is also a potential media and newspaper class being developed. One of the main concerns is scheduling when to push information out so important information doesn't get buried. The committee discussed bringing back the elementary memory book and updating the athletic handbook in the summer. The sports banquet took place but unfortunately some awards were back ordered. The committee also mentioned reviewing parent organization Board Policies and continuing to make progress on a new band banner in the school.

Old Business:

1. Substitute Teacher Pay – Mr. Schiraldi was unable to get the figures ready but will have them for the next meeting.
2. Website – Mr. Dubos noted that some updates have been made and progress is continuing, but navigation needs improved, and the district needs to ensure the webpages are updated.

New Business:

Mr. Wharry discussed how summer rec hasn't taken place in 2 years, but they are bringing it back this summer. He mentioned that in the past the school would help with the cost for mulch to keep the playground up to date and hopes the district continues that tradition.

1. It is recommended that the Board donate \$1,000.00 to the Summer Rec Program: (22-05-8128)

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

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

President's Report:

Public Comment:

Steve Prociak – Thanked the faculty and staff for all they have done. Talked about his 2 daughters being in the school and feeling terror and how it's horrendous what they went through. He mentioned now is an opportunity to be better. He and his wife will do whatever it takes to make the school safer, including cutting a check for a metal detector. He also noted a new House Bill that lowers standards for teachers to be armed in schools and asked that the district look into the data regarding it.

Sergio Galazia – Talked about his 2 children that attend Lowellville and wanted to echo what Mr. Prociak said. There were 2 incidents back when he attended school and obviously not much has changed. He's concerned about what the district is doing to help the kids and make sure they are ok and are receiving the help they need.

Scott Ogle – Asked the Board if they have amended or updated policies since he started mentioning it months ago or if they have done any analysis on open enrollment. He also questioned getting a legal opinion on superintendents making decisions he feels the Board should make. He also talked about the levy failing again and how that burden falls on local families, not open enrollment. He mentioned being careful not to turn schools into fort Knox or a prison with metal detectors and clear backpacks. He recommended resiliency training for students and noted that teachers can't turn a blind eye to bullying.

Terry Esarco – Talked about being against teachers being armed and noted that he'd quit being in the education field if teachers were armed.

Chief Alli – Thanked parents for showing up to the meeting and being involved. He agreed that changes are needed and noted that they are being continually made. He talked about the school safety committee that meets at least annually and that he is still studying the events of that day and how things can be improved. He added that the district was prepared and responded well. There is no textbook answer, but the district was fortunate and continue to progress.

Leslie Daniels – Asked where the Board stands on metal detectors. The Board noted that they are not answering questions today but are taking all public comments into consideration.

Steve Procick – Agreed that the things mentioned about what the district did well is great but believes metal detectors would have stopped this. He wants to know how the district can avoid firearms being in the building.

Terry Esarco – Noted that his concern is regarding what the district is doing about mental health.

The Board thanked the community members for showing up and offering their comments. Members spoke about how they've implemented some good changes throughout the years such as safety buckets, but they realized improvements can still be made. They welcome these discussions and are considering a variety of options of how to continue the progress the district has made. Mr. Dubos noted that the Board is asking the community to work with them and commented how the safety plan cannot be made public.

Randy Daniels – Talked about he went to a city school which had metal detectors and it did not affect him. He will not send his kids to Lowellville if there is not a metal detector there.

Carol Procick – Noted that her main concern is that her daughter sitting in the same room as the firearm. The what ifs are a concern for the kids and parents along with mental health.

(22-05-8129)

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the resolution to accept the resignation for Dr. Eugene Thomas effective June 7, 2022 (see resolution attached):

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

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

(22-05-8130)

2. It is recommended that the Board approve the resolution to employ Interim Superintendent Ms. Christine Sawicki effective June 8, 2022, through July 31, 2022 (see resolution attached):

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

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

(22-05-8131)

3. It is recommended that the Board move into Executive Session. Moved by Stephanie Yon, seconded by Gerald Dubos, resolved that the Board of Education of the Lowellville School District adjourn to Executive Session at 7:49 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: Wharry - Yon - Dubos -- Johnson - Sturm - All Aye.
Stephanie Yon declared motion carried 5-0.

(22-05-8132)

4. It is recommended that the Board return from Executive Session and resume Regular Board Meeting at 8:33p.m.

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

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

Superintendent's Recommendation:

Mr. Schiraldi presented the Superintendent recommendations to the Board due the Dr. Thomas' absence.

(22-05-8133)

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the following supplemental positions for the 2022-2023 school year and placed at the appropriate step of the Master Contract salary schedule:

Dominique Kerpsack - Lead Mentor for the Resident Educator
Jeannine Reamer - National Honor Society and SADD
Lisa Doll - year 2 Mentor (for Lea Fabrizzi)
Mellissa Gapsky - Music Assistant
Jamie Walski - Mentor Teacher and Spanish Club Advisor
Leslie Mercure - Mentor - Year 1 (for Year 1 RE Jessica Grow) and LPDC
Gina DeLuca - Academic Challenge
Gina DeLuca (50%) & Dominique Kerpsack (50%) - Student Council
Gina DeLuca (50%) & Leslie Mercure (50%) - English Festival Advisor
Dan Dougherty - AM Duty
Debbi Sanders - LPDC
Stephanie Havrilla - LPDC
Julie DiLoreto - LPDC Committee, 9th grade advisor, PM duty
Jared Van Kirk - Art Club
Fred Schriener - Yearbook Advisor
Matt Olson -- Sophomore Advisor
Jessica Grow - Junior Advisor
Lea Fabrizzi - Senior Advisor

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

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

(22-05-8134)

2. It is recommended that the Board approve the following staff for the 2022-2023 school year and placed at the appropriate step of the Classified Contract salary schedule:

Logan Agee Custodial Aide as needed

Chad Likens Custodial Aide as needed
Cheryl Mamula Custodial Aide as Needed
Ryan Dunn Sub Bus Driver
Cheryl Kawecki Sub Bus Driver

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

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

(22-05-8135)

3. Gerald Dubos made a motion to separate the motion to recommend Matt Olson as Boys Varsity Basketball Coach.

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

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

(22-05-8136)

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

Basketball - Girls Varsity 21% Lisa Modelski
Basketball - Girls JV 11% Ron Rotunno
Basketball - Girls Varsity Assistant 10% John Hvidsak
Basketball - Girls 8th 8% Steve Procick
Basketball - Girls 7th 8% Rick Palumbo
Athletic Director 21% - Bob Ballone
Bowling Head 6% - Corrine Esenwein
Football Assistant 10% - Jarrod Vrabel
Football Assistant 10% - Mike Minnie
Football Assistant 10% - Bobby Ballone Jr.
Football Assistant 10% - Paul Grier Jr.
Football Assistant 10% - Mike Palumbo
Girls Golf 4% - Dan Dougherty
8th grade volleyball 8% - Jessica Grow
7th grade Volleyball 8% - Lea Fabrizzi

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

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

(22-05-8137)

5. It is recommended that the Board approve the following supplemental 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:

Basketball - Boys Varsity 21% Matt Olson

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

ROLL CALL: Wharry - yes, Yon - yes, Dubos - no, Johnson - no, Sturm - yes.
Stephanie Yon declared motion carried 3-2.

6. It is recommended that the Board approve Christina Freed as a teacher (PE) and placed at the appropriate step of the master contract: (22-05-8138)

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

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

7. It is recommended that the Board approve Tammy Pettit transportation in lieu for two students in the amount of \$1,077.10 USD: (22-05-8139)

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

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

8. It is recommended that the Board approve the retirement of Ava Burgess effective August 5, 2022 and the payout of unused sick leave days (per diem) upon retirement: (22-05-8140)

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

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

9. It is recommended that the Board approve the following field trips: (22-05-8141)

Jr. High Cheer	Cheer Time Athletics Camp	6/23/22 & 6/24/22
HS Cheerleaders	University of Akron Camp	7/15-7/17/22

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

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

10. It is recommended that the Board approve the following Building Use Requests: (22-05-8143)

Jr. High Cheer	Practice	Gym/Cafetorium	June, July, August (If available)
Liz Hartman	Birthday Party	Pavilion	June 4, 2022
Brian Wharry	Summer Recreation	Pavilion	June 13, 2022 - July 1, 2022
Brian Wharry	Summer Recreation	Concessions @ Field	June 13, 2022 - July 1, 2022

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

ROLL CALL: Wharry - abstain, Yon - yes, Dubos -- yes, Johnson - yes, Sturm - yes.
Stephanie Yon declared motion carried 4-0 with 1 abstention.

(22-05-8144)

11. It is recommended that the Board move into Executive Session. Moved by Gerald Dubos, seconded by Joseph Sturm, resolved that the Board of Education of the Lowellville School District adjourn to Executive Session at 8:41 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: Wharry - Yon - Dubos -- Johnson - Sturm - All Aye.
Stephanie Yon declared motion carried 5-0.

(22-05-8145)

12. It is recommended that the Board return from Executive Session and resume Regular Board Meeting at 8:51 p.m.

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

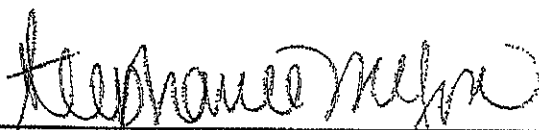
ROLL CALL: Wharry - Yon - Dubos -- Johnson - Sturm - All Aye.
Stephanie Yon declared motion carried 5-0.

(22-05-8146)

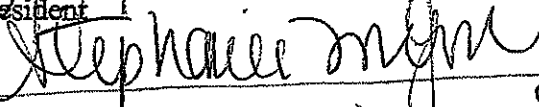
13. Adjournment:

Brian Wharry moved to adjourn at 8:52 pm. Seconded by Jennifer Johnson.


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



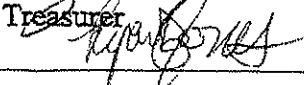
President



President - Date 9/27/22



Treasurer



Interim Treasurer - Date