

The Lowellville Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, NOVEMBER 20, 2019 in the Library/Media Center; President Michael Palumbo presiding. Mr. Palumbo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Sam Ramunno - Present Brian Wharry – Present  
Stephanie Yon - Present James Alfano - Present  
Michael Palumbo - Present

**Minutes:**

(19-11-7484)

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the minutes from the October 16, 2019 Board Meeting:

Mr. Palumbo called for a motion to approve. Moved by James Alfano seconded by Sam Ramunno.

ROLL CALL: Ramunno -Wharry -Yon - Alfano - Palumbo - All Aye.

Mr. Palumbo declared motion carried. 5-0

**Treasurer’s Report:**

1. Review October Financial Reports and Agenda Items for Approval.

**Treasurer's Recommendations:**

(19-11-7485)

2. It is recommended that the Board approve the financial reports, bills and payroll for October 2019, as submitted by the Treasurer:

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

ROLL CALL: Ramunno -Wharry -Yon - Alfano - Palumbo - All Aye.

Mr. Palumbo declared motion carried. 5-0

(19-11-7486)

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

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

ROLL CALL: Ramunno -Wharry -Yon - Alfano - Palumbo - All Aye.

Mr. Palumbo declared motion carried. 5-0

(19-11-7487)

4. It is recommended that the Board authorize the execution and delivery of a master electric energy sales agreement between the district and Power4Schools’s endorsed electric power supplier, ENGIE Resources, LLC:

Motion to postpone until the December Meeting.

Mr. Palumbo called for a motion to approve. Moved by Mike Palumbo seconded by Sam Ramunno.

ROLL CALL: Ramunno -Wharry -Yon - Alfano - Palumbo - All Aye.

Mr. Palumbo declared motion carried. 5-0

**Principal's Report:**

Dr. Thomas noted that Mr. Hynes and teachers Mrs. Havrilla and Mrs. Sanders were attending the Ocalicon special education conference in Columbus.

**Superintendent's Report:**

None

**Committee Reports:**

Mrs. Yon noted that the Safety Committee met on Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Thomas noted that the following items were discussed at the meeting...

2009 Guinness World Record breaker Jon Pritikin is scheduled to come speak to grades 7-12 on April 24, 2020 at no cost to the District. Mr. Pritikin empowers and inspires students of all ages and combines his attention-grabbing "feats of strength" with an even more impressive message of how he overcame incredible challenges throughout his life.

We received a free Nightlock 2 door barricade device to try out and talked with Nightlock while at the OSBA Conference. He noted that the Safety Committee is still looking into the possibility of these devices and what needs to be done to get assistance from the state to help with pay for and install them.

Mr. Schriner is reviewing the current intercom system and consulting staff to see if any upgrades are necessary.

The Safety Committee will be accepting a \$2,500 School Safety & Security grant offered by Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost. The committee will be meeting again in December to decide what these grant funds will be used on.

Stop The Bleed has recently delivered the tourniquets that the staff was trained on at the beginning of the school year.

We continue to try and diagnose the sewer smell in the school that continues and is usually most prevalent on Monday mornings after the school has been closed for the weekend. Morrone Mechanical believes that the grease traps are cracked and not sealing properly which is producing the odor. Matt Morrone is working on a quote and timeline to replace the grease traps.

In regard to the BWC Safety & Security grant money that was received at the end of October...

Printers Edge installed the first set of security decals on a set of doors near the cafeteria. They will install the remainder of the decals when we have some days where the temperature is over 50 degrees.

An iPhone camera has been installed outside of the Board office door and cameras have been installed at the playground area.

The floor scrubber model that we planned on purchasing from Damon Industries has been discontinued so we will be purchasing a new and comparable model that is actually about \$800 cheaper. Paperwork for this modification has been submitted to the Ohio BWC.

Mrs. Yon noted that Judge Dellick would be coming in to talk to students about the dangers of Vaping and Sexting.

**Old Business:**

Dr. Thomas and Mr. Cene discussed the pricing for our Board policies to be provided in electronic format and put online. While the price quote from NEOLA was quite high, OSBA gave us a quote of \$1,500 for the electronic updates. We are currently paying \$900 for the hard copies so the increase to move to the electronic versions would be \$600. It was decided that this change would be voted on at the December Board meeting.

Mr. Alfano noted that there was discussion at the October meeting about hiring an additional special education teacher and he wanted the Board and administration to keep this in mind as we move forward.

Mrs. Yon touched base on the policy regarding multi-sport athletes that was discussed at the October meeting. Dr. Thomas noted that the coaches have been made aware that students are able to play more than one sport per season but must choose one as their primary sport.

**New Business:**

Mr. Palumbo asked what was being done with Rachel's Challenge since the program began last year. Dr. Thomas noted that not much was going on with the program currently. Mr. Palumbo noted that he would like to see that program utilized instead of starting a new program that is similar.

Mrs. Yon noted that she would like to see the remaining Success & Wellness funds go towards programs that help with developing the whole child.

**President's Report:**

Public Comment -

Mrs. Julie Diloreto spoke regarding the fact that the current contract with certified staff caps employee's sick days at 250. Mrs. Diloreto noted that she and other staff should have more than 250 sick days but are limited because of the cap. She feels that staff should be able to accumulate and use more than 250 sick days even if they will only be paid on the contract amount upon retirement (25% of 236 days).

Mrs. Diloreto also noted that she felt that before the district enters into any new mental health initiative similar to Rachel's Challenge, the staff should discuss which initiatives they think would be most effective for students.

**Superintendent's Recommendation:**

(19-11-7488)

1. It is recommended that the Board accept a donation from Amy & Don Friedrich in the amount of \$250 for the athletic programs:

Mr. Palumbo called for a motion to approve. Moved by Sam Ramunno seconded Mike Palumbo.

ROLL CALL: Ramunno -Wharry -Yon - Alfano - Palumbo - All Aye.  
Mr. Palumbo declared motion carried. 5-0

(19-11-7489)

2. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Varsity Football Coach Doug Velasquez effective November 13, 2019:

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

ROLL CALL: Ramunno -Wharry -Yon - Alfano - Palumbo - All Aye.

Mr. Palumbo declared motion carried. 5-0

(19-11-7490)

3. It is recommended that the Board approve the following Building Use Applications:

Drama Club	Lock in	Stage	11/22/19 & 11/23/19
Lowellville Boosters	Banquet	Gym/Cafetorium/Kitchen	11/12/19
Lowellville Boosters	Winter Sports	Gym/Cafetorium/Kitchen	11/24/19

Mr. Palumbo called for a motion to approve. Moved by Michael Palumbo seconded James Alfano.

ROLL CALL: Ramunno -Wharry -Yon - Alfano - Palumbo - All Aye.

Mr. Palumbo declared motion carried. 5-0

(19-11-7491)

4. It is recommended that the Board approve the following Sales Project Potentials:

Pep Club	Tee Shirt Sales	11/21/19-12/5/19
Character Avengers	Tee Shirt Sales	11/22/19 - 12/6/19

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

ROLL CALL: Ramunno -Wharry -Yon - Alfano - Palumbo - All Aye.

Mr. Palumbo declared motion carried. 5-0

(19-11-7492)

5. It is recommended that the Board approve the following Field Trip Requests:

Grade 5	YSU Planetarium	11/25/2019
Senior Class	Project MKC	12/10/2019

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

ROLL CALL: Ramunno -Wharry -Yon - Alfano - Palumbo - All Aye.

Mr. Palumbo declared motion carried. 5-0

(19-11-7493)

6. It is recommended that the Board move into Executive Session. Moved by Mike Palumbo, seconded by Sam Ramunno, Resolved that the Board of Education of the Lowellville School District adjourn to Executive Session at 7:58 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: Ramunno -Wharry -Yon - Alfano - Palumbo - All Aye.  
Mr. Palumbo declared motion carried. 5-0

(19-11-7494)

7. It is recommended that the Board return from Executive Session and resume Regular Meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Mr. Palumbo called for a motion to approve. Moved by Mike Palumbo seconded Sam Ramunno.

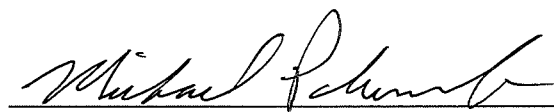
ROLL CALL: Ramunno -Wharry -Yon - Alfano - Palumbo - All Aye.  
Mr. Palumbo declared motion carried. 5-0

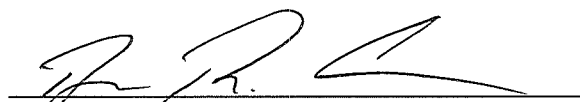
(19-11-7495)

8. Adjournment:

Mike Palumbo moved to adjourn at 9:15 pm. Seconded by Sam Ramunno.

ROLL CALL: Ramunno -Wharry -Yon - Alfano - Palumbo - All Aye.  
Mr. Palumbo declared motion carried. 5-0

  
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President

  
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Treasurer

