

The Lowellville Board of Education met for regular board meeting on Wednesday, OCTOBER 27, 2021 in person in the Library; President Stephanie Yon presiding. Mrs. Yon called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

**Minutes:**

(21-10-7984)

1.        It is recommended that the Board approve the minutes from the September 23, 2021, 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 September financial reports and agenda items for approval. Mr. Schiraldi discussed changes to the state funding formula, specifically open enrollment, and how it would impact the district. He mentioned that the state auditors have begun their FY20 and FY21 audit and noted the 5-Year Forecast will be presented next month. Mrs. Yon inquired about the forecast due date and Mr. Schiraldi noted that it is due November 30. Mr. Schiraldi also mentioned that next months Board Meeting fell the day before Thanksgiving and the Board agreed to move it to November 16, 2021 at 6:30pm.

**Treasurer's Recommendations:**

(21-10-7985)

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

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.

(21-10-7986)

2.        It is recommended that the Board approve the following transfer of funds:

- 200-9130 (Class of 2019) to 200-9133 (Class of 2022) - \$422.40
- 200-9131 (Class of 2020) to 200-9133 (Class of 2022) - \$2,169.46
- 200-9132 (Class of 2021) to 200-9133 (Class of 2022) - \$354.40

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

Mr. Dubos inquired about the funds being spread across the different classes instead of just the senior class. Mr. Schiraldi noted that he could look into that but believes this is how it has typically been done in the past.

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

**Principal's Report:**

Mrs. Parry started by saying congratulations to the following choir students who were selected to represent our school at the District V Honors Choir Festival on Saturday, October 23rd: Aubrey Copanic, Abigail Grimes, Levi Moore, Hannah Morris, Zachariah Sargent, and Krystalin Vinion.

Congratulations to Sophia Yon for finishing first in Girls Division 3 District Race. She will be competing in the Division 3 Regional Tournament at Boardman High School Saturday at 9:00 AM.

November 8th, all juniors will take the ASVAB. The ASVAB is used as a career planning tool that measures students' academic aptitudes and work-related interests.

Thank you to PTO for arranging Virtual Field Trip Programming with Cleveland Museum of Natural History for our elementary classrooms. Each classroom has the opportunity to take 2 'virtual trips' to learn about a variety of topics like fossils, minerals, mammals, space, etc.

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held Friday, November 19 and Monday, November 22nd. Again, thank you to PTO for organizing this and the parents who volunteer to staff it.

CCP- One of our goals for next year is to increase CCP participation while keeping students here in the building. To do this we are exploring 2 options

- Credentialing our staff to teach courses here during the school day
- AND opening a CCP lab for students to complete *online* courses during their study halls (Students would come to the lab during their assigned study hall time to complete online college courses taught by Eastern Gateway staff. A Lowellville staff member would be assigned "observer" access in these courses allowing them to help track assignments, due dates, and grades ensuring that our students are completing their coursework successfully.)

We met with Eastern Gateway and the credentialing of staff seems like a straightforward process.

- The teacher must have a master's degree in the discipline they want to instruct
- **OR** they need a master's degree with 18 graduate courses in the discipline they want to instruct.
- The only discipline with a gray area is foreign language because it's considered a hard-to-fine-discipline.

\*Eastern Gateway does allow double seating-meaning you can have students in the same period taking the course for college credit while others only take it for high school credit. This is vital for a small school like ours where there isn't a lot of room in the schedule to play with.

Mr. Palumbo inquired about what courses would be offered. Mrs. Parry noted possible courses were: English 101 and 102, Public Speaking, Art History, Psych/Soc, College Algebra/Trig, Calculus, Biology, Chemistry, US History, Government, Comparative Politics, Italian, Spanish, and more. Mrs. Yon noted that this would be part of the district strategic plan as well, so it would be good to get implemented. Mrs. Parry talked about having an observer would be an important piece of this. Mr. Palumbo asked who an observer could be. Mrs. Parry stated any certified teacher could be an observer. She added that the next steps are to secure staffing, establish a lab space, and then educate parents/students about the opportunity.

Mrs. Yon inquired about an upcoming PBIS training. Mrs. Parry noted that surveys were sent out and an on-site visit is being scheduled. Mrs. Yon asked about guidance usually being involved and that could be concerning. Mrs. Parry noted that you can include guidance and Dr. Thomas added that ours was previously trained. Mrs. Yon also requested an Academic Committee meeting be scheduled to go over the report card. Dr. Thomas noted that the district had 100% graduation.

**Superintendent's Report:**

Dr. Thomas updated the Board on the status of the levy campaign and noted that phone canvassing has

been scheduled and an informational video might be made as well.

Mrs. Yon asked about the safety grant and inquired if a committee meeting was needed. Dr. Thomas said it might not be needed as the district can supplant expenses. Mr. Wharry asked about the safety buckets that were created and noted some items in there might expire and need replaced. He also mentioned a Stop the Bleeding training that was previously offered.

Mrs. Yon asked about the status of camera replacements. Dr. Thomas noted that the district was waiting on the company to come out and complete it.

Mrs. Yon also asked about a soil sample that was taken from the field. Dr. Thomas noted that the district was getting an analysis done to help with maintenance in the future.

Mrs. Yon inquired about issues with one of the roadways. Dr. Thomas updated the board that people ran over cones and even barrels that were set in place to contain the issue, so now we have reached out to the village to change the road back to a 2-way. Mr. Dubos asked how many supervisors are outside during drop-off/pick-up every day. Mrs. Parry noted that there are 2. Mr. Dubos asked if there was a schedule as he has received complaints. Mrs. Parry assured him that the SRO and 2 staff are out there daily.

Mrs. Yon asked about the status of a bus consortium. Dr. Thomas updated that it could not be done due to insurance issues. The district is utilizing subs from other districts and has 3 more going through training. Mr. Wharry inquired about the state expediting getting bus drivers approved. Dr. Thomas noted that he has heard mention of it but they are still figuring out how to alleviate the process.

**Committee Reports:**

None

**Old Business:**

Mr. Palumbo wanted on record that the 2019 Superintendent evaluation was mutually signed by him and the Superintendent and turned into the central office by him. Dr. Thomas did not recall receiving it, but Mr. Palumbo assured that it was turned in. Mrs. Yon noted that she and Mr. Dubos both received a copy through a record request.

**New Business:**

None

**President's Report:**

Scott Ogle addressed the Board and discussed that the authority of a superintendent comes from the Board. He noted that other school district boards voted on policies for masks and for them to allow an unelected official to make that determination was a failure. The public expects the Board to be their voice and asked that they draft policy like other school districts that the Board looks at policy and approves. He went on to mention how the Board should have exemptions (for masks) and policies for exemptions. He noted how larger districts did not require masks and added that that their boards voted on it as it should not be on one unelected individual to decide. Mr. Ogle also questioned why K-2 was not part of Veterans Day. Mrs. Parry noted that they do other activities to acknowledge the day and in the past, it has been 3-12. Mr. Ogle finished by noting mandates should be applied equally as he's seen pictures of students without masks.

Matt Inskeep addressed the Board regarding the signs for School Excellence he used to see but has concerns with what has happened since. He provided an overview of the districts report card grades over

previous years. Dr. Thomas noted how the grading system has changed 3 different times and that there is a controversial value-added piece in the grading now. Mr. Inskeep went on to say that achievement in the district is lacking. CCP would be great but only if students are on par to do it. He finished by adding that academics in the district needs improvement.

Angel Laudermilt addressed the Board regarding a situation with guidance and preferred status with college. She noted that our guidance did not send items in for her daughter's college entrance, and she almost missed preferred status at YSU. She noted that college and career pathways is a major part of guidance and that the district needs to ensure better support services for the students.

**Superintendent's Recommendation:**

(21-10-7987)

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the retirement of teacher Pam Iarussi at the end of the 2021-22 school year:

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.

(21-10-7988)

2. It is recommended that the Board approve Jared Van Kirk as Grounds Maintenance (as needed):

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

Mr. Dubos noted that we just hired someone and questioned why we needed another. He asked if regular custodial staff could handle it. Dr. Thomas noted that this was just on an as-needed basis for items outside of the school day.

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

(21-10-7989)

3. It is recommended that the Board approve the OTES 2.0 Memorandum of Understanding as submitted for the 2021-2022 school year:

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

Mr. Dubos asked if this opened the bargaining agreement. Dr. Thomas said yes. Mr. Dubos inquired about who was involved and Dr. Thomas said it was him, Mrs. Parry, Mr. Sammartino and the LEA President. Mr. Dubos asked if the administration put this together and the LEA president presented it to the union, and they already approved. Dr. Thomas noted yes. Mr. Dubos asked if the administration was comfortable that there would be teachers who do not need an evaluation who have not been evaluated for 2 years. The administration agreed that it was fine. Mr. Dubos also asked if we had any 50% instruction. Mrs. Parry noted that possibly the athletic director.

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

(21-10-7990)

4. It is recommended that the Board approve Mike Minnie as Boys Freshman basketball coach for the 2021-2022-school year and placed at the appropriate percentage on the Master Contract provided 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:

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

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

(21-10-7991)

5. It is recommended that the Board approve Jeff Lewis as substitute bus driver once requirements are completed:

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

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

(21-10-7992)

6. It is recommended that the Board approve the following building use request:

PTO                      Cafetorium                      Cookie & Paint                      November 5, 2021

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

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

(21-10-7993)

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

Grade 3 & 4                      Packard Music Hall                      December 3, 2021  
Choir                                  Powers Auditorium                      December 16, 2021

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

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

(21-10-7994)

8. It is recommended that the Board move into Executive Session. Moved by Gerald Dubos, seconded by Brian Wharry, resolved that the Board of Education of the Lowellville School District adjourn to Executive Session at 7:48 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: Sturm - Wharry -Yon -Dubos - Palumbo - All Aye  
Stephanie Yon declared motion carried 5-0.

(21-10-7995)

9. It is recommended that the Board return from Executive Session and resume Regular Board Meeting at 9:09 p.m.

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

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

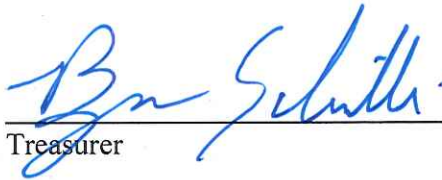
(21-10-7996)

10. Adjournment:

Brian Wharry moved to adjourn at 9:11 pm. Seconded by Stephanie Yon.

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

  
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 President

  
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 Treasurer