

The Lowellville Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, OCTOBER 16, 2019 in the Library/Media Center; President Michael Palumbo presiding. Mr. Palumbo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Minutes:

(19-10-7463)

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the minutes from the September 18, 2019 Regular Board Meeting and October 9, 2019 Special Board Meeting:

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

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

Mr. Palumbo declared motion carried. 5-0

Treasurer's Report:

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

Treasurer's Recommendations:

(19-10-7464)

2. It is recommended that the Board approve the Financial Report, Bills and Payroll for September 2019, as submitted by the Treasurer:

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

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

Mr. Palumbo declared motion carried. 5-0

(19-10-7465)

3. It is recommended that the Board approve the permanent appropriations for fiscal year 2020 as submitted by the Treasurer:

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

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

Mr. Palumbo declared motion carried. 5-0

(19-10-7466)

4. It is recommended that the Board approve the creation of fund 467 to be used for the Student Wellness & Success Funds which will be distributed in fiscal year 2020 and 2021:

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

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

Mr. Palumbo declared motion carried. 5-0

Principal's Report:

In his Principal's report, Mr. Hynes noted that Dylan David scored a 5 on the AP Government exam. Only 12% of students in the nation received a score of 5 and that Dylan should be commended for his hard work and success.

The first nine weeks are wrapping up and everything seems to be running smoothly. The collaboration with ASSET Education has been successful thus far. The Glider Challenge and motorized car curriculums have been a success.

Lowellville and several other districts are partnering for Carnegie Learning professional development in order to minimize cost to each district. We have also created an opportunity for teachers to network with each other using the WhatsApp.

Mrs. Yon asked how conferences went. Mr. Hynes noted that he thought they went well. There were no complaints, and he thought that many parents liked the fact that they were done earlier in the year as opposed to after a student is at risk of failing a class.

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Thomas introduced Lowellville author Rosalyn Torrella. Mrs. Torrella gave a presentation about a book she is interested in writing about Lowellville and Lowellville Schools. A portion of the proceeds of the book sales will be donated to the Lowellville School Foundation. The Board decided to take action on this in the "Other" section of the agenda later in the meeting.

Dr. Thomas introduced John Kuzma, Director of Teaching and Learning at the Mahoning County Educational Service Center and Heather Wukelich, Instructional Coordinator at the Mahoning County Educational Service Center and they gave a presentation on the most recent school report card.

Committee Reports:

The Building and Grounds Committee met on September 25th in the conference room. Mr. Alfano reported that several benches have been vandalized and broken at Old School Park. Dr. Thomas checked with the company that put the benches in and found that they are still under warranty. Fifty-nine bench slats are being sent to us at no charge to the district to replace slats that have cracked. They will be installed when they arrive.

Mr. Alfano noted that the meter logger analysis had been completed by FES after the first year with the new lights. There were a few items of note from the results...

- The monthly compensation amount paid to FES will decrease from \$2,840.72 to \$2,495.69 or \$345.03 per month over the remainder of the contract. We will also be credited for the overpayment we have made to FES over the past year after we sign the addendum that will be recommended later in the meeting.
- When the original estimate was calculated, twelve hours of usage per day was assumed. We are actually closer to ten hours per day.

- All of the lights were not properly functioning when the original estimate was calculated which caused the electricity bill to be an estimated \$500 less than it should have been prior to the new properly functioning lights being installed.
- Ohio Edison has increased our rates about half a cent per KWH since the program began.

Mr. Cene noted that he compared the electric bills from Ohio Edison for the one-year period before the new lights were installed with the year after they were installed. The District's overall electricity usage decreased by approximately 20% with cost decreasing approximately 16% or approximately \$16,000. Mr. Cene reminded the Board that these results were based on all District electricity and not just the lights.

Mr. Alfano also note that the Lowellville logo decal discussed at the last meeting had been installed in the cafeteria. Mrs. Yon asked how much the sticker cost and who did the work. Dr. Thomas responded that it cost \$1,500 and Printer's Edge did the work.

Mr. Wharry noted that the Safety Committee met on October 16th to set the direction for the 2019-2020 school year with new ideas, programs, etc. and that the staff came up with several ideas.

Mr. Wharry noted that 2009 Guinness World Record Breaker Jon Pritikin is schedule 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.

Mr. Wharry noted that retired MCESC truant officer Richard Blevins is offering his services to speak with the students on various topics. Dr. Thomas and Mr. Hynes are currently discussing the content and format and how it would fit into the programming at the school.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Mr. Alfano asked for the administration's opinion on multi-sport athletes during a season. Mr. Hynes noted that there was no policy but that the student athlete had to declare their primary sport if they are playing multiple sports in a season. Mr. Alfano noted that since we only have a limited number of student athletes, we need to make it convenient for students to play multiple sports per season. Mr. Palumbo noted that Mathews has a coaching policy that addresses multiple sport athletes and that he would be happy to share it with the Lowellville Board and Administration. It was agreed that this was something that would be reviewed further.

Mrs. Yon asked that an announcement be made over the loud speaker before home sporting events regarding expected fan behavior.

President's Report:

(19-10-7467)

It is recommended that the Board, in accordance with Section 3319.01 of the Ohio Revised Code, reemploy the Superintendent for a period of two years from August 1, 2020 through July 31, 2022 after his current employment expires, approve the employment contract of the Superintendent in effect from August 1, 2020 through July 31, 2022, a copy of which is on file with the Treasurer's office, and direct the Board President and the Treasurer to execute such employment contract on behalf of the Board:

Mr. Palumbo moved and Mr. Ramunno seconded.

ROLL CALL: Wharry - Yes -Yon - No Alfano - Yes – Palumbo - Yes - Ramunno - Yes
Mr. Palumbo declared motion carried. 4-1

Public Comment -

Mrs. Jennifer Lucido asked why Lowellville's Board policies were not posted electronically on its website. She mentioned that she works at South Range Schools and they use Board Docs for this purpose. Mr. Alfano noted that the Board had considered this in the past but though the cost associated with it was too high. Mrs. Lucido noted that there was no cost to use Board Docs. Dr. Thomas noted that he would research the cost component further.

Mr. Jerry Dubos asked several questions regarding the FES lighting addendum and how the numbers for the adjustment were calculated. Mr. John Donofrio and Mr. Joe Sturm were on hand to answer his questions in detail.

Mr. Jessica Moracco noted that her fourth grade son mentioned that the cafeteria had run out of food several times this school year. Dr. Thomas noted that the cafeteria had not run out of food and asked that Mrs. Moracco call him first thing the following morning to resolve the issue.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

(19-10-7468)

1. It is recommended that the Board hereby approves and authorizes the attached Energy Savings Agreement Meter Logger Analysis Summary and the attached FES Addendum US5300 Lowellville K-12 School ESA - Rev 3 dated September 19, 2019 with Future Energy Solutions Contracts No. 1, LLLP and Future Energy Solutions Maintenance, LLC:

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

ROLL CALL: Wharry - Yes -Yon - No Alfano - Yes – Palumbo - Yes - Ramunno - Yes
Mr. Palumbo declared motion carried. 4-1

(19-10-7469)

2. It is recommended that the Board approve the edits to the updated 5-year Strategic Plan as submitted including the addition of acronyms under goal 3.1:

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

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

(19-10-7470)

3. It is recommended that the Board approve Spiro Schialdone (Basketball - Boys 8th) for the 2019-2020 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:

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

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

Mr. Palumbo declared motion carried. 5-0

(19-10-7471)

4. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Zac Carr, "Basketball-Boys 7th" for the 2019- 2020 school year:

ROLL CALL: Wharry - Yes -Yon - No Alfano - Yes – Palumbo - Yes - Ramunno - Yes

Mr. Palumbo declared motion carried. 4-1

(19-10-7472)

5. It is recommended that the Board approve Luke Piloto (Basketball - Boys 7th) for the 2019-2020 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:

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

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

Mr. Palumbo declared motion carried. 5-0

(19-10-7473)

6. It is recommended that the Board approve Anthony Pastella (Basketball - Girls 8th) for the 2019-2020 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:

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

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

Mr. Palumbo declared motion carried. 5-0

(19-10-7474)

7. It is recommended that the Board approve Patti Donatelli (Basketball - Girls 7th) for the 2019-2020 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:

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

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

Mr. Palumbo declared motion carried. 5-0

(19-10-7475)

8. It is recommended that the Board approve Gina DeLuca as Academic Challenge Advisor for the 2019- 2020 school year:

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

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

Mr. Palumbo declared motion carried. 5-0

(19-10-7476)

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

Student Council	Blood Drive	Gym	1/28/20 & 5/6/20
Troop 55 Eagle Scout	Baby Diaper Drive	Cafetorium	12/7/19
Varsity Girls Basketball	Midnight Madness	Gym/Locker	10/25/19 & 10/26/19

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

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

Mr. Palumbo declared motion carried. 5-0

(19-10-7477)

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

Italian Club	Tee Shirt Sales	10/17/19-10/24/19
Italian Club	Latin Class Tees	10/17/19 - 10/31/19
Italian Club	Italian Club Tees	10/17/19 - 10/31/19
Pep Club	"Class of" Tees	10/17/19 - 10/31/19
Class 2021	Jeans Day	12/11/19

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

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

Mr. Palumbo declared motion carried. 5-0

(19-10-7478)

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

Kindergarten	Oh Wow	4/7/20
First Grade	Lanternman's Mill	11/5/19
First Grade	Rose Garden	4/2/20

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

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

Mr. Palumbo declared motion carried. 5-0

(19-10-7479)

12. It is recommended that the Board approve Kristine Cruz as a substitute teacher pending the submission of employment documents required by the Lowellville Local Schools and ODE:

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

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

Mr. Palumbo declared motion carried. 5-0

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13. It is recommended that Roselyn Torrella be given permission to use Lowellville School artifacts for her proposed book about Lowellville Schools.

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

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

Mr. Palumbo declared motion carried. 5-0

(19-10-7481)

14. It is recommended that the Board move into Executive Session. Moved by Brian Wharry, seconded by Sam Ramunno, resolved that the Board of Education of the Lowellville School District adjourn to Executive Session at 8:40 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 not be taken

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

Mr. Palumbo declared motion carried. 5-0

(19-10-7482)

15. It is recommended that the Board return from Executive Session and resume Regular Meeting at 9:23 p.m.

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

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

Mr. Palumbo declared motion carried. 5-0

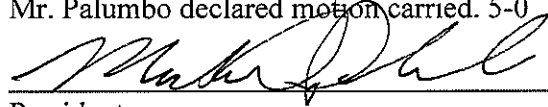
(19-10-7483)

16. Adjournment:

Brian Wharry moved to adjourn at 9:23 pm. Seconded by James Alfano.

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

Mr. Palumbo declared motion carried. 5-0



President



Treasurer

