

The Lowellville Board of Education met in special session on Tuesday, July 27, 2021 in person in the Cafeteria; President Stephanie Yon presiding. Mrs. Yon called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

Minutes:

(21-07-7924)

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the minutes from the June 29, 2021, Special Board meeting:

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

Mrs. Yon mentioned some wording issues regarding a discussion around what ESSER Funds are being used for under the Academic Committee. This was noted by the Board.

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

Treasurer's Report:

1. Review June financial reports and agenda items for approval. Mr. Schiraldi noted that the District ended the year a head of what was originally forecasted. Increase in tax valuations and replacement of state payments were a big driver for this. Expenses such as salaries increased due to COVID, but not as much as expected. Mrs. Yon noted that there were some other unexpected variances such as legal fees during the year.

Treasurer's Recommendations:

(21-07-7925)

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

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

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

(21-07-7926)

2. It is recommended that the Board approve the resolution to proceed regarding placing a permanent improvement levy on the ballot in November 2021:

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

Mayor Iudiciani mentioned the deadline for submission. Mr. Schiraldi confirmed the district was on schedule. Mrs. Yon asked about the difference in resolutions from last months meeting and this one. Mr. Schiraldi explained that the first one was a resolution of necessity which gets submitted to the county auditor and this one is a resolution to proceed and submit the levy documentation to the Board of Elections.

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

Principal's Report:

Mrs. Parry updated the Board that Success by 6 started today and Literacy Bootcamp begins Monday. Both programs will run through August 13th.

We are surveying our families about their transportation needs for this upcoming school year. Once we have that information, families will be notified (early August) about their students' pick up/drop-off times

We have also been working on scheduling events for the upcoming school year. Attached is the tentative list. Note-there may still be some changes.

Mr. Palumbo inquired about how many kindergarten students are enrolled for the coming year. Mrs. Parry informed the Board that there are approximately 34 students enrolled. Mrs. Yon noted the kindergarten enrollment is similar to prior year's numbers which is good. Mrs. Yon also mentioned she was glad to hear Success by 6 is going well and asked about calendars being sent out. Mrs. Parry confirmed that yes, one calendar will be sent out to the community and another one provided internally with just some additional internal information.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Schiraldi noted that Dr. Thomas was unable to attend due to an illness. He went on to discuss Dr. Thomas' only item which was the upcoming 31st Annual Board of Education Golf Outing. 36 teams were signed up so there would be a full slate, sponsors have been rolling in, and Board Member participation will be greatly appreciated throughout the day.

Committee Reports:

Ad Hoc – BYOT Committee: Mrs. Yon provided an overview of Bring Your Own Technology and mentioned how the administration discussed this policy with other districts to see how others handle it. She mentioned removal of Wi-Fi requirements for cellphones. Mr. Dubos asked for clarification. Mr. Schiraldi informed the Board that currently, in order to access the Wi-Fi, you have to download a certificate onto each device, which means it can't really be done on the cellphones. The A-site is looking into how to better distribute this so any device can be added to the filtered Wi-Fi.

Mrs. Yon went on to note that the main goal is for students and staff to use their technology responsibly. Mrs. Parry stated that they want to promote proper use, where not to use devices, that having them in the school is a privilege that can be lost, and teachers should have discretion on device use. Mrs. Yon also noted that Tracie and Larry would discuss this with classroom teachers so it will be understood what is expected. Mr. Wharry went on to state that the committee updated terminology, will rely on teacher discretion, and adjusted the policy to keep up with the times. Often, situations will have to be handled on an individual basis. Mrs. Yon emphasized there being no Snapchat or videoing of other students and staff.

Mr. Wharry asked if this only applied to grades 7-12. Mrs. Parry noted that elementary will also have teacher discretion within the classroom, but they will not be allowed in common areas. Mr. Sturm noted that they can be kept in bookbags/cubbies.

Old Business:

Mrs. Yon introduced Mayor Iudiciani so he could discuss the land sale agreement between the Village of Lowellville and the school district. Mayor Iudiciani informed the Board that the contractor, Sam Pitzulo, for the condominiums has questions regarding the deed restrictions that are in place, specifically to define "significant" and the 2-year deadline. Essentially, he would like to remove the deed restrictions as it ties his hands. The District's Attorney, Ted Roberts, noted that this was a big ask coming from the mayor as these

restrictions were negotiated upfront. Mayor Iudiciani went on to discuss how much money the Village has put into the deal with the school district and other projects the Village is planning. He hopes the school will utilize some of the projects and notes how the school benefits from all of them. He also noted that 7-8 people have committed to the developer for a condo and the mayor has a plan to potentially put additional residencies on the river. He stated that currently the Village is being restricted by the school and informed the Board that part of their parking lots and roadways are on a right-away owned by the Village. Mr. Wharry asked what is stopping the Village from doing all of this. Mayor said the deed restrictions and mentioned potential for eminent domain. Mrs. Yon stated that it is the developer holding this up. We had a business transaction and that if Sam has issues with the restrictions he should also be here. Attorney Roberts agreed that this should have been discussed a year ago when negotiations began. This is a 2-party transaction. The school could only enter the agreement with a municipality directly and would have needed to put it out for bid if dealing with a developer. The Village pitched this deal to the school based on additional tax revenue being generated. Development needs to be residential dwellings at \$2.5 million valuation because there was concern about how long construction could take and this ensures the project gets completed. The Village officially got the deed on 6/4/2021 and that is when the time schedule began. Mrs. Yon clarified the restrictions and when the deed was recorded. She noted that the clock started on 6/4/2021 and the substantial completion date is 6/4/2023. She asked if Sam does not think it could be done in that timeline. Mayor reiterated that concerns are with the restrictions. Attorney Roberts asked if the mayor could get a construction schedule from their attorney. Mr. Wharry asked if the condos will be built separately, and Mrs. Yon asked could they reach the valuation with fewer condos. Mayor noted that their attorney stated the property will be used for approximately 18 condominiums at \$2 million valuation. Attorney Roberts noted that he understands, but he does not recall receiving that information. He stated that Dr. Thomas wanted the Board to hear the Villages concerns and although delays due to COVID and surveys are no one's fault, the timeline for construction did not start until a month ago. He asked how far out they want it to be pushed. He respects the mayor's concerns but there is a signed agreement. An appraisal was needed due to existing statutes, the paving was additional consideration for the agreement, the school already waived the performance bond, and now the Village is asking the school to waive terms again. He asked the mayor to forward their requests to him in writing.

Mr. Sturm asked if the developer agreed to build the condos all at once or separately. Mayor Iudiciani informed the Board that they would be built as paid. Attorney Roberts noted that the restrictions were put in place to avoid a vacant lot from sitting there for years and that there was no pushback when the agreement was signed. Mrs. Yon noted that she was a no vote on the agreement because she thought there should be more community involvement. The mayor stated that he does not want the Village to be stagnant and wants to grow the Village. He should have fine combed through the agreement better but noted that he also could have given tax abatements on the property but did not. Mr. Wharry asked if there was any issue with breaking ground in a year. Mayor Iudiciani said that would not be an issue. Mrs. Yon stated that it seems the developer is holding this up. The school sold the property and are not impeding on the rest of the process. Mr. Sturm stated that the Board will need a request in writing from the Village. Mayor reiterated what the request is. Attorney Roberts reiterated that the Village should meet with him and school representatives with a request in writing if they would like to make changes to the agreement. Mr. Sturm agreed. Mrs. Yon and Mr. Dubos both explained that this could be could for all parties involved, however, the district needs to know what the plan is and what the exact changes will be. Attorney Roberts noted that the Board is exercising their prudent responsibility to taxpayers with these restrictions. The restrictions are not to tie up the Village, but rather incentives on the developer. Mayor asked if they could go to a different developer. Attorney Roberts said yes. Mrs. Yon stated that everyone would still like to make the deal happen.

New Business:

None

President's Report:

None

Superintendent's Recommendation:

(21-07-7927)

1. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of William McCaughtry as Field Maintenance effective July 15, 2021:

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.

(21-07-7928)

2. It is recommended that the Board approve the following personnel through the Mahoning Valley Regional Council of Governments (MVRCOG) for the 2021-2022 school year and placed at a cost of \$100.00 per day plus associated costs (\$25.67 per day):

Cole Baird	Full-time Substitute Teacher
Christina Freed	Full-time Substitute Teacher
Carrine Esenwein	RTI Aide
Maddeline Burgess	Online Instructor

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

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

(21-07-7929)

3. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Lawrence Sammartino as Teacher effective August 01, 2021:

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

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

(21-07-7930)

4. It is recommended that the Board approve a one-year limited contract for Mandy Coira as Cook and placed at the appropriate step on the classified agreement for the 2021-22 school year:

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

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

(21-07-7931)

5. It is recommended that the Board approve Ryan Dunn, substitute bus driver, retroactive to July 21, 2021:

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

Mr. Dubos asked if Mr. Dunn was a director of transportation at Boardman and if there would be any issues with that. Mr. Schiraldi noted that Dr. Thomas had discussions with Boardman and there will be no issues between the districts.

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

(21-07-7932)

6. It is recommended that the Board approve under Board policy JI the request of Bob Patton, husband of late Jeannie Patton, to offer a memorial scholarship to Lowellville seniors in the amount of \$1,000.00 commencing in the 2021-22 school year:

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

Mr. Dubos asked if a committee would be needed for this. Mr. Schiraldi stated that Mr. Patton had informed Dr. Thomas of some general guidelines, but a committee would not be necessary for the selection.

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

(21-07-7933)

7. It is recommended that the Board approve the following supplemental positions for the 2021-22 school year:

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| Pam Iarussi - Mentor Lead | Music Director - Robert Antonucci |
| Lucy Bartlett - Mentor Year 1 | Pam Iarussi - Mentor Year 1 |
| Sandi Phillips - Art Club Advisor | Stephanie Havrilla - LPDC |
| Leslie Mercure - Mentor Year 1 | Music Assistant - Mellissa Gapsky |
| Jeannie Reamer - NHS Advisor | Fred Schriener - Yearbook Advisor |
| Debbie Ignazio - Washington DC Advisor | Gina DeLuca - Academic Challenge Advisor |
| Leslie Mercure & Gina DeLuca (Split) - English Festival Advisor | |
| Gina DeLuca & Dominique Weldon (Split) - Student Council Advisor | |

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

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

8. It is recommended that the Board approve the following supplemental contracts for the 2021-2022 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:

(21-07-7934)

Richard Palumbo Basketball – Girls 8th 8%

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

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

(21-07-7935)

Steve Procick Basketball – Girls 7th 8%

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

Mrs. Yon questioned whether the school coaching policy prohibited this due to the restriction of coaching your own child. She asked if the Board could change the policy. Mr. Schiraldi said they could change the policy, but it would have to happen in another vote. Mr. Dubos asked if that the opening was posted everyone, and he was the only one to apply. Mr. Sammartino stated that per the coach, Mr. Procick is all she could find. Mrs. Yon noted that the head coach picks their staff and Mr. Sammartino noted that Lisa recommended Mr. Procick. Mrs. Yon noted that she thinks the head coach should be allowed to pick their staff and asked if the Board could look at the policy. Mr. Wharry noted that the Athletic Committee has discussed this issue in the past and it should be reviewed again. Mr. Schiraldi read the policy aloud and noted that the restriction only applies to head varsity coaches, so it would not impact Mr. Procick. Mrs. Yon requested that the Board review the policy in the near future.

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

(21-07-7936)

Sara Sandora Danceline Advisor 5%

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

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

(21-07-7937)

- 9. It is recommended that the Board approve the following Building Use Requests:
Athletic Boosters August 15th Cow Pickins Football Field

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

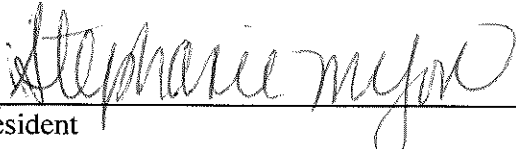
ROLL CALL: Dubos - Palumbo - Sturm - Wharry -Yon - All Aye.
Stephanie Yon declared motion carried 5-0.

(21-07-7938)

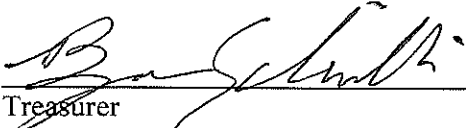
- 10. Adjournment:

Gerald Dubos moved to adjourn at 7:55 pm. Seconded by Brian Wharry.

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



President



Treasurer