

The Lowellville Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, August 25, 2021 in person in the Library; President Stephanie Yon presiding. Mrs. Yon called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

Minutes:

(21-08-7940)

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the minutes from the July 27, 2021, special board meeting and the August 16, 2021, special board meeting:

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

Mrs. Yon noted a date correction needed in the August 16, 2021, meeting minutes. The update was made for the vote on the minutes.

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

Treasurer's Report:

1. Review July financial reports and agenda items for approval. Mr. Schiraldi informed the Board that there will be changes to the State funding formula and the Foundation payments. More information is still coming out and he will provide updates as more information is gathered on how it will impact the district.

Treasurer's Recommendations:

(21-08-7941)

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

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

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

(21-08-7942)

2. It is recommended that the Board approve the resolution to approve updated OASBO Section 457 Plan:

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

Mrs. Yon asked for additional details. Mr. Schiraldi explained that this an additional deferred compensation plan that provides more retirement fund options to the staff. Equitable has financial advisors that can also keep the staff up to date and more informed on retirement decisions which is beneficial to them and the district.

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

Principal's Report:

Mrs. Yon introduced Mrs. Parry. Mrs. Parry noted that the school year is off to a great start! Just a few notes-

Grades 4-12 began on Monday and K-3 has been coming in for individual assessments. They start as a full group on Friday. She also informed everyone that Rocket-man would be coming for K-3 start.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, we met with all the classes in the upper grades (5-12) to review handbook changes including dress code, attendance, etc., behavior expectations and the BYOT policy.

We are excited to host our first home varsity football this Friday against Campbell. Thank you to Mr. Ballone who designed a shirt for our students to wear to hype up the game- The Battle on the River! Hope to see you all there!

Mrs. Yon highlighted some of the items and thanked Mrs. Parry.

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Thomas thanked everyone for a great start the school year. He discussed the permanent improvement levy that will be on the ballot on November 2, 2021 and updated the Board that he received pricing on signs. He asked the Board to provide recommendations for a campaign chairperson and treasurer. Mrs. Yon asked him to send a reminder email. She also inquired about the district borrowing a bus from Boardman. Dr. Thomas informed the Board that yes, the district was borrowing a bus while waiting for repairs to be done on one of our own. He added that the district is using its own drivers.

Committee Reports:

None

Old Business:

Dr. Thomas began discussing ongoing issues with the property sale to the Village. A meeting was held with a councilman and the property developer on August 17, 2021, where nothing concrete came, but the district attorney and administration requested a proposal for changes to the deed restrictions and the other parties agreed. Dr. Thomas then introduced the district attorney, Ted Roberts, who explained the deed has a timeline and if that does not work, he wanted to know what the development statement said. The developer only stated it was going to be built as sold and he'd stay one or two ahead. Attorney Roberts noted that the law says the developer needs to provide a prospective to potential buyers on the plans for the condominium and the developer did not have one. Mrs. Yon noted that the school no longer owns the property. Attorney Roberts stated that was correct as of June 2021. Mrs. Yon provided a brief overview of the timeline. Councilman Bob Coppola added that the meeting on August 17 did not go bad. Dr. Thomas added that the deed restrictions were based off the mayor's promises to the school. The Board was originally apprehensive about selling without any guarantees. Mr. Wharry asked if the school determined the timeline. Mr. Schiraldi said no. Bob Coppola stated that the Village desperately wanted the land and did not read the contract as well as they should have, they just wanted the deal done. Mrs. Yon noted that the school already sold the land, and the Village and developer are the ones having an issue with each other.

Lowellville resident Lou Mamula stated he was interested in purchasing one of the condos and already transferred money. He believed any deed stipulations should be determined by the Village and not the school. Mr. Schiraldi noted that the district was open to making changes to the sales agreement, but he asked that the Village provide the changes in writing to the district. The Village had failed to provide a proposal of changes in writing to the district, so no progress had been made.

Village resident Joe Shuluga added that they already sold their house to one of their kids and deposited money for one of the condos. Mr. Schiraldi again reiterated that he has been requesting a proposal for changes from the Village and had not received anything. He stated that it was a business deal, and it was not to be handled through an email or board meeting. The Village simply needs to provide changes in writing to the district so he could present the proposed changes to the Board to vote on. Councilman Keith McCaughtry questioned who negotiated contracts, the Board or the treasurer. Dr. Thomas noted that the Board grants authority to the superintendent and treasurer to negotiate on their behalf.

Mr. Dubos noted that the Villages attorney, Jim Lanzo, was in the August 17 meeting and asked what his stance was. Attorney Roberts stated that the understanding that came from the meeting was that the Village and developer would discuss and present a proposal to the school. The school and the Village agreed to the restrictions and those ride with the deed. There is concern with out any restrictions. Mr. Dubos reiterated his question and asked if Attorney Lanzo laid anything out during the meeting. Attorney Roberts said no.

Bob Coppola admitted that the Village made a mistake and are asking the school to help right that mistake. Mr. Palumbo noted that he does not care about restrictions other than there be no tax abatements because the school needs the tax revenue. Mr. Dubos mentioned that there were four stipulations in a letter from Sam Pitzulo, the developer. Mr. Dubos went on to discuss the amount of money received from the Village of around \$80,000 total when the land valued at \$23,000. Mr. Schiraldi noted that the land appraised for \$75-\$80,000. Mr. Dubos added that he believes the district got their moneys worth out of the sale already and inquired about making a motion to remove the deed restrictions. Dr. Thomas stated that the land was an asset for the district. Mr. Dubos said it was a zero-revenue asset. Mr. Wharry asked if this was something that could be pulled off today. Attorney Roberts stated that knowing the Boards' desire they could vote on it, and we would proceed from there.

(21-08-7943)

Mr. Dubos made a motion to amend deed restrictions in the sales agreement with the Village of Lowellville and present the changes for final approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Palumbo.

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

Councilman Keith McCaughtry added that he has been a councilman for years and believes the Village was treated very poorly during this deal and blamed Dr. Thomas. Mr. Schiraldi interrupted and stated that he was involved in every step of the negotiations so if the councilman wanted to blame Dr. Thomas they would have to blame him as well.

New Business:

Mrs. Yon inquired about the state of the football scoreboard. Dr. Thomas noted that it was fixed.

Mr. Dubos asked about not selling football tickets at the gate and what if someone wanted to purchase them last minute. Mr. Schiraldi stated that the online sales stay open after the game starts so they could still be purchased last minute. Mr. Sammartino noted the online sales is being continued from last year and about 8 schools in the league are also doing it online only. Mr. Palumbo added that most schools will likely go to online although Matthews was a league decision. Mrs. Yon questioned if a hybrid model was possible as there were issues during track last year. Lucy Bartlett mentioned that she is on the agenda for approval as ticket manager and she would withdraw if they were going back to selling at the gate as she is not comfortable due to COVID. Mrs. Yon raised her concerns about last years issues with track repeating. Mr. Dubos mentioned Larry selling them at one point. Mr. Sammartino noted that at first during football season people would come into the school to purchase, then for volleyball they moved to requiring a season pass, then finally we moved to online ticketing. Mr. Sturm mentioned we could try it out this week and adjust as needed. Mrs. Yon noted that with Boosters no longer buying jerseys for athletics, the ticket revenue would be needed.

President's Report:

Craig Kumer asked a question to Mrs. Parry regarding schedules rotating. Mrs. Parry noted that they do not. Teachers are shared and being one-to-one has changed the need for certain tech classes.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

(21-08-7944)

1. It is recommended that the Board approve of Chad Richard as Field Maintenance effective July 15, 2021:

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

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

(21-08-7945)

2. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Jenna Deichman as Substitute Teacher RTI Tutor effective July 23, 2021:

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

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

(21-08-7946)

3. It is recommended that the Board approve Patrick Durina as a Substitute Teacher (RTI) through The MVRCOG for the 2021-2022 school year and placed at a cost of \$100.00 per day plus associated costs (\$25.67 per day):

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

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

(21-08-7947)

4. It is recommended that the Board approve Jessica Grow as a (RTI) Aide through the MVRCOG for the 2021-2022 school year and placed at a cost of \$100.00 per day plus associated costs (\$25.67 per day):

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

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

(21-08-7948)

5. It is recommended that the Board approve the revisions to the Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) policy as submitted:

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

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

(21-08-7949)

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

Lea Fabrizzi	12th grade class advisor	4%
Jessica Grow	11th grade class advisor	6%
Julie DiLoreto	LPDC	3%
Pam Iarussi	LPDC	3%
Julie DiLoreto	PM Duty	3.5%
Julie DiLoreto	9th Grade Class Advisor	1.5%
Dan Dougherty	AM Duty	3.5%

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

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

(21-08-7950)

7. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Malik Mostella as Football Assistant 10%:

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

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

(21-08-7951)

8. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Ed Driscoll as Football Assistant 10%:

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

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

(21-08-7952)

9. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Dennis Davis as Football 7 & 8 Head 9%:

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

Mrs. Yon clarified that some of the resignations are due to coaches being moved around so they'll be approved again at a different coaching level.

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

(21-08-7953)

10. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Pat Minnie as Football 7 & 8 Assistant 8%:

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

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

(21-08-7954)

11. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Paul Grier Football Assistant 3% (Part of Head Coach Mamula's 21% Per the Master Contract):

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

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

(21-08-7955)

12. It is recommended that the Board restore Head Coach Mamula's 21% Per the Master Contract:

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

Mrs. Yon again clarified that all football coaching positions will be filled and at the correct amounts.

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

13. 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:

(21-08-7956)

Football Assistant 10% Pat Minnie

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

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

(21-08-7957)

Football 7 & 8 Head Art Millers 9%

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

Mrs. Yon noted that the coaching policy does not apply as this is not a head varsity position.

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

(21-08-7958)

Football 7 & 8 Assistant Joe Ballone 8%

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

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

(21-08-7959)

Ticket Manager Lucy Bartlett 5%

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

Mrs. Yon clarified that ticket sales are staying online for now.

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

(21-08-7960)

14. 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 7:35 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: Yon -Dubos - Palumbo - Sturm - Wharry - All Aye.
Stephanie Yon declared motion carried 5-0.

(21-08-7961)

15. It is recommended that the Board return from Executive Session and resume Regular Board Meeting at 8:06 p.m.

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

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

15. Other: Mr. Schiraldi addressed the Board and stated that as treasurer of the district he would recommend against the Board removing all deed restrictions from the property sale. The point of the sale was to generate tax revenue for the district and some of the deed restrictions are there to ensure the property is developed. Without some of the restrictions, there would be no guarantee for tax revenue which defeats the purpose of the deal. Dr. Thomas agreed and talked about the fiduciary responsibility of the administration and the Board and to keep that in mind.


(21-08-7962)

16. Adjournment:

Gerald Dubos moved to adjourn at 8:13 pm. Seconded by Stephanie Yon.

ROLL CALL: Yon -Dubos - Palumbo - Sturm - Wharry - All Aye.

Stephanie Yon declared motion carried 5-0.



President



Treasurer