

The Lowellville Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 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
	Gerald Dubos - Present	Michael Palumbo - Present
	Joseph Sturm - Present	

Minutes:**(20-02-7543)**

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the minutes from the organizational Board meeting and regular Board meeting on January 08, 2020 and the Special Board meeting on February 05, 2020:

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

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

Treasurer's Report:

Mr. Schiraldi updated the Board on the January financials. He noted a transfer from the Red Tree fund into the General Fund and explained that this is an occasional transfer that occurs due to timing of funds being received from property tax advances and foundation receipts from the state.

Treasurer's Recommendations:**(20-02-7544)**

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the financial reports, bills and payroll for January 2020, as submitted by the Treasurer:

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

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

Principal's Report:

Mr. Hynes discussed the school's transition to Standards Based Report Cards. This initiative will start with Kindergarten through 2nd grade in the 2020-2021 school year. Final approval for the Standards Based Report Cards is scheduled to be done in April or May. The initiative can potentially be extended to the 3rd grade in the future.

Mr. Hynes also discussed the progress on the Course Catalogue for the 2020-2021 school year. Necessary adjustments have been made to update various classes that will be offered. Mrs. Yon inquired whether additional changes might occur. Mr. Hynes explained changes will likely only occur if class sizes are too small. He also explained that they adjusted the catalogue to include enough electives due to students' ability to opt-out of physical education if they meet certain requirements.

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Thomas presented Elizabeth Hartman to the Board. He honored her with a congratulations for retirement after 27 years served with Lowellville Local School District and presented her with gifts for her service to the school. Mrs. Hartman thanked the Board, administration, and her coworkers for their time and efforts in working with her through the years.

Dr. Thomas presented Mayor James Iudiciani to the Board. Mayor Iudiciani gave a presentation on his *Growing Lowellville* initiative. The initiative includes a paving project, various businesses interested in establishing a presence in the Village, dam removal and park construction, development of a Community Interest Company (CIC, non-profit), and acquiring Old School Park to potentially construct condominiums.

Mr. Palumbo inquired who would be on the CIC Board of Trustees. Mayor Iudiciani explained the potential positions that would be open and potential candidates for the positions. Board Members would be excluded from sitting on the CIC Board of Trustees.

Mr. Dubos inquired whether any projects have begun. Mayor Iudiciani discussed the start date for the paving project and the progress on the dam removal. Additional projects were still pending various factors and meetings.

The condominiums will be 18 units for people 55 years old and up. Bob Coppola and Ron Rotunno spoke in support of the Mayor's initiatives, especially the development of condominiums at Old School Park. Mayor Iudiciani also discussed potential joint ventures with the school on other property in the Village.

Dr. Thomas presented Kate Keller who works with the county ESC. Mrs. Keller works with schools on communications and public relations. She presented the Board with a calendar project for the school. She has done this project with various other schools in the district and described how the calendars are put together and distributed. This project can also be a joint venture with the Village. Mrs. Keller also informed the Board of other school communications and public relations services that can be provided.

Committee Reports:

Curriculum Committee: Reinforced Mr. Hynes report on Standards Based Report Cards and completing the Course Catalogue. Mrs. Yon also introduced the potential of using Apptegy or SchoolPointe as a communications tool.

Buildings and Grounds Committee: Mr. Palumbo updated the Board on a project to paint the football locker rooms and a portion of the scoreboard. Mr. Palumbo also mentioned a project to update the acoustic panels in the cafeteria to add a colored cover on them. This type of project was done with the band room panels in the past. Mr. Palumbo added that the committee discussed the Mayor's paving project.

Financial Committee: Mr. Palumbo and Mr. Dubos informed the board about the finance committee meeting and handed it over to Mr. Schiraldi to discuss some of the specifics. Mr. Schiraldi informed the Board of two (2) bond issues that would be expiring in 2021 and the schools need to begin putting together a proposal for a levy to fill the void when those revenues are no longer collected. The bond issues were passed in 1999 in order to construct the new (current) school building. Both the construction and facilities bonds are expiring, and collections will cease in 2022. Mr. Schiraldi is putting together a proposal for a Permanent Improvement levy that will be vital for the school to maintain the building and make additional improvements for the students and faculty.

Community Safety Committee: Mrs. Yon discussed with the Board that the school has a grant for safety updates to the building. The committee discussed various options as to what the funds can be used on and are in the process of prioritizing the updates that are needed. The committee will likely come to an agreement at on what to use the funds on in their next meeting on March 25th.

Old Business:

Mrs. Yon inquired about a Band Banner project. Mr. Dubos explained to the Board that he spoke with Mr. Antonucci (Band Director/Teacher) and mentioned that he is not ready to start the project. Mrs. Yon also inquired about a Special Education teacher. Dr. Thomas explained to the Board that this is on hold until the school can determine enrollment numbers and staffing needed for next year.

Mr. Sturm inquired about any updates to the EdChoice legislature being discussed by the state. Dr. Thomas updated the Board that the structure of EdChoice was still up in the air and the state Senate and House were continuing arguments to find a compromise. The next deadline for this decision is April 1st, 2020.

New Business:

No discussion.

President's Report:

Mr. Palumbo opened the floor for public comment. Mayor Iudicini inquired again about the paving project and whether the school needed and new scoreboard. Dr. Thomas explained that the paving project would need additional time to be discussed between the Board. Also, Mr. Palumbo and Mr. Dubos explained that there are old advertisements that are still on the scoreboard that need painted over until new advertisements can be sold.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

(20-0-7545)

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the master calendar for the 2020-2021 school year:

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

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

(20-02-7546)

2. It is recommended that the Board approve the course catalog as written with authorization for the Superintendent to make any necessary modifications for the 2020-2021 school year:

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

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

(20-02-7547)

3. It is recommended that the Board approve the law firm of Roth Blair as special counsel to the District retroactive to February 12, 2020: Mrs. Yon inquired as to why this counsel was needed. Dr. Thomas explained that he; Mrs. Molinar, and Mr. Schiraldi met with them to discuss options on potential projects in the District.

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

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

Michael Palumbo declared motion carried 5-0.

(20-02-7548)

4. It is recommended that the Board approve the Agreement for Application Services and for Internet Access Services for fiscal year 2021 with ACCESS:

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

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

Michael Palumbo declared motion carried 5-0.

(20-02-7549)

5. It is recommended that the Board approve the Memorandum of Understandings (MOU's) with the following higher education institutions for the 2020-2021 school year for College Credit Plus (CCP):

Kent State University
Stark State College
University of Toledo
Eastern Gateway Community College
Youngstown State University

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

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

Michael Palumbo declared motion carried 5-0.

(20-02-7550)

6. It is recommended that the Board approve the authorization of the 2020-2021 membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association for grades 7-12:

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

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

Michael Palumbo declared motion carried 5-0.

(20-02-7551)

7. It is recommended that the Board approve the changes to the cheerleading tryout policy and procedures: Mr. James Alfano interjected to introduce Andrea Anguish who missed her opportunity to speak during the public comment portion. Mr. Palumbo invited Andrea to present her comment to the Board. She had a written statement regarding the hiring process for coaches and potential improvements for how coaching staffs are changed. Her statement is attached.

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

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

(20-02-7552)

8. It is recommended that the Board approve Jesse Coon, "Basketball - Boys JV" for the 2019-2020 school year retroactive to November 01, 2020 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 inquired about why this was a retroactive approval. Dr. Thomas explained that it was an oversight. Discussion ensued on dates of hire. Mr. Wharry explained the new hiring schedule that the Athletic Committee put together and how the process would hopefully flow moving forward.

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

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

(20-02-7553)

9. It is recommended that the Board approve Nick Lucente, "Track - Assistant Girls HS" 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 Joseph Sturm seconded Brian Wharry.

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

(20-02-7554)

10. It is recommended that the Board approve Eric Grow "Track - Assistant Boys HS" 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 Michael Palumbo seconded Joseph Sturm.

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

(20-02-7555)

11. It is recommended that the Board approve Michelle Mangine, " Cheerleading - 7 & 8" for the 2020-2021 school year and placed at the appropriate percentage on the Master Contract provided she 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 Michael Palumbo.

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

(20-02-7556)

12. It is recommended that the Board approve Jenna Modelski, " Track - 7 & 8 Girls " for the 2019-2020 school year and placed at the appropriate percentage on the Master Contract provided she 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 Joseph Sturm.

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

(20-02-7557)

13. It is recommended that the Board approve Josh Kelly "Volleyball - Head Varsity" for the 2020-2021 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. Dubos asked when volleyball starts. Mr. Palumbo answered and said the hiring schedule that was developed properly reflected the timeline for this.

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

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

(20-02-7558)

14. It is recommended that the Board approve Kayla Governor, "Volleyball - JV/Assistant Varsity" for the 2020-2021 school year and placed at the appropriate percentage on the Master Contract provided she 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 Joseph Sturm.

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

(20-02-7559)

15. It is recommended that the Board approve Courtney Kelly, "Volleyball - 8th" for the 2020-2021 school year and placed at the appropriate percentage on the Master Contract provided she 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 Joseph Sturm.

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

Michael Palumbo declared motion carried 5-0.

(20-02-7560)

16. It is recommended that the Board approve Mike Minnie, "Varsity Football Assistant" for the 2020-2021 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 Michael Palumbo seconded Brian Wharry.

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

Michael Palumbo declared motion carried 5-0.

(20-02-7561)

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

Wellness Forum	Stress Management	Band/Elementary/Music/Library	2/20/20
Class 2020	Sweetheart Dance	Gym/Cafetorium	2/15/20
JH/HS Cheerleaders	Cheerleading tryouts	Entire School	3/21/20
JH/HS Cheerleaders	Tryouts	Gym	3/16,17,19 & 20 2020
Literacy	Literacy Night	Gym/Cafetorium/K-6	3/11/20
Drama Club	Spring Performance	Cafetorium/Stage	Feb/Mar 2020
Drama Club	Set Connection	Stage	2/18/20
Lowellville Boosters	5/6 Basketball	Gym/Cafetorium	3/7,8,14,15 2020

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

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

Michael Palumbo declared motion carried 5-0.

(20-02-7562)

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

Bridge Bldg Class	YSU Kilcawley Center	3/2/20
K-6 Grades	City Hall	3/11/20
Senior Class	Southern Park Mall	2/11/20
Sophomore Class	MCCTC	1/27/20
National Honor Society	Banquet at Bogey's	4/3/20

Mr. Palumbo asked about the MCCTC trip. Discussion ensued about trips that may have already been voted on. Mrs. Yon confirmed that this was voted on in the previous Board Meeting along with Mr. Antonucci's class trip and the Robotics trip. Remove 8th grade trip, Mr. Antonucci's class trip, and Robotics trip. All were previously voted on.

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

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

19. Other: None

(20-02-7563)

20. Adjournment:

Stephanie Yon moved to adjourn at 9:01 pm. Seconded by Joseph Sturm.

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



President



Treasurer

8:40 PM
2-26-2020
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5-19-20
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5-14-15

Hi, my name is Andrea Anguish + until today ~~2020~~

~~coach~~ I was the 7th grade volleyball coach. I have been the coach for the past 2 seasons, and before that I was 7th grade coach for the 2015-2016 season until the coaching staff was changed. I started my coaching career at Stambaugh Charter Academy in 2004 with Intra Mural Volleyball which is basically teaching skills for the sport + keeping intercity kids active through the year ~~as~~ recreation. I have over 8 ~~total~~ years of coaching experience + I have had no parent complaints

except for when the ~~kids missing playing~~ ~~season~~. The reason I am telling you this is because I was never asked what my full credentials were when I started, and ~~not~~ both times that I

was hired as the coach I had no idea who the head coach ~~coaches~~ should was. I am still very confused as to what the hiring also beat process for coaches is, and there are many rules that are practices w/ in place, but not followed across the board. When I started their team + here, my stepdaughter who is now a senior was in 8th grade.

not just sharing I was told that I couldn't coach her because I was ^{when convenient +} up ~~for~~ a parent. = No problem - I took 7th grade. As a coach, I ~~used to~~ have seen parents in this system who are unable to ~~be~~ set games.

~~aside~~ their emotions when it comes to pushing their kids to be the best in front of their peers. The 2 year rule should not apply and to be honest kids shouldn't be coached by their parents across the board. Coaches should be willing to work with every group in a sport - not just their own kids' grade. * I ~~made a~~ complaint ^{season or 2} ~~this~~ ^{past} ~~year~~ about an incident that happened with my daughter + her

coach for volleyball. The situation was addressed quickly by our AD and I thought it had ended. Every year our coaches are approved or denied by the Board. I know as a coach that complaints + records are taken into consideration. I was told that the junior high program needed to be "revamped" today + I am not needed to coach 7th grade, yet the other coaches remain the same + in the same position. I have had ~~3~~ great seasons in the ~~3~~ years that I have coached ^{since the 1980s} with no complaints ~~and~~ including a situation between parents. ~~I~~ I was looking forward to another great season until ^{today} ~~the situation~~. If I had known that I did not have my position, I would have applied for the head coaching position. I guess what I am requesting is for the policies + procedures to be clear for everyone across the board allow no parent (even myself) to coach their own kids, ^{in any sport} + look at experience for every applicant every year before approval ~~and not let the principal's~~ I no longer have my position because my head coach had no recommendation for the spot. But maybe going forward, this could prevent headaches for ~~everyone involved~~ everyone involved with every sport.