

The Lowellville Board of Education met for special board meeting on Thursday, September 23, 2021 in person in the Library; President Stephanie Yon presiding. Mrs. Yon called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

Minutes:

(21-09-7963)

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the minutes from the August 25, 2021, board meeting:

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

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

Treasurer's Report:

1. Review August financial reports and agenda items for approval. Mr. Schiraldi noted some payments from the prior month and informed the Board of upcoming changes to the State Funding Formula with more information to come. Mrs. Yon inquired about appropriations. Mr. Schiraldi explained that in June they finalized appropriations for FY21 and now they will be putting them in place for FY22.

Treasurer's Recommendations:

(21-09-7964)

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

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

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

(21-09-7965)

2. It is recommended that the Board approve the permanent appropriations for fiscal year 2022 as submitted by the Treasurer:

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

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

Principal's Report:

1. Congratulations to the following students selected for the 2021-2022 Lowellville Homecoming Court- Francesca Lellio, Sophia Melillo, Savannah Procick, Averi Shumaker, Carlina Vari-Coppola, Evan Alfano, Vincent Ballone, Brady Bunofsky, Ryan Hvidsak and Anthony Lucente

2. Congratulations to the following students elected to Lowellville Student Council and as class officers for the 2021-2022 school year.

- High School Student Council Officers President: Haley Cutter, Vice President: Anthony Lucido, Secretary: Livia Laudermilt, Treasurer: Brandon Simmons, and Senator: Sammie Moore
- Class Officers for 12th Grade President: Sammie Kelly, Vice President: Emily Wilaj, Secretary: Livia Laudermilt, Treasurer: Cadence Marsh, Senators: Sammie Moore and Logan Agee
- Class Officers for 11th Grade President: Kevin Johnson, Vice President: Ryan Hvidsak
- Secretary: Carli-Vari Coppola, Treasurer: Sophia Mellilo, and Senators: Lily Vari-Coppola and Frankie Lellio
- Class Officers for 10th Grade President: Sophia Yon, Vice President: Tino Ocasio-Rivera, Secretary: Olivia Lavernuick, Treasurer: Michael Ballone and Senators: Natalie Parry and Sophia Alfano
- Class Officers for 9th Grade President: Joslyn Delsignore, Vice President: Bobby Loftus, Secretary: Allyssa Kuzan, Treasurer: Kenna Beeson, and Senators Aryanna Romano, Maddie Esposito, Michelle Cavna
- Class Officers for 8th Grade President: Nathan Yon, Vice President: Josh Pazel, Secretary Gia Morales, Treasurer: Natalee Macejko, Senators: Brandon Harris and Landen Tych
- Class Officers for 7th Grade President: Jeffrey Dubos, Vice President: Jaxon Graff, Secretary: Victoria Beatty, Treasurer: Brody Daniels and Senators: Ricky Willrich, Sam Shumaker and Kasen Smith

3. Students in grades K-6 will attend our first Avengers assembly tomorrow and on Friday, October 1st students in K-3 will attend a fire prevention assembly. The fire truck will be on site and they will be able to check it out.

4. Miss.Gapsky, Miss Yates, Mrs. DiRienzo, Mrs. Havrilla, Mrs. DiLoreto, Mrs. N. Firmstone, Mr. Sammartio and Mrs. Parry began Tier one PBIS training. This district team will take part in the 4 part series with the goal of looking at our systems, practices and data to improve social, emotional and academic outcomes for students. Mrs. Yon inquired about PBIS. Mrs. Parry noted that it is Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports and learning about what is acceptable. The district will have a team for K-12 and there is opportunity for mentorship for K-12. Mrs. Yon noted that this is also being done with the Character Avengers too.

5. Flu shots for staff will be available tomorrow, Friday, September 24 between 1:30 pm and 3:00 pm In the Nurse's Office. Thank you to Village Pharmacy for coming on site to do this

6. Reminder that Friday, October 1st is an early release day for students in grades K-3. All K-3 teachers will be participating in state mandated PBIS training and Really Great Reading Professional development. Additional early release is scheduled for K-3 on Nov. 5th, Dec. 3rd, Jan. 7th, Feb 4th, March 4th, April 1st, and May 6th.

7. Homecoming kicks off the week of October 4th with spirit week for our students, the bonfire on Thursday, October 7th at 6:00 PM, the game and crowning of the queen on Friday, October 8th, and the crowning of the king and the homecoming dance on Saturday, October 9th 5:00 PM-8:00 PM.

8. Parent-Teacher conferences are scheduled for Thursday, October 7th from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Thomas updated the Board on the Levy Campaign finding a Chairperson and Treasurer, receiving donations, ordering postcards and pamphlets, and asked the Board to get endorsements for the levy. Mrs. Yon noted that the district has been discussing this levy since October of last year and need to get messaging out there to the public.

Dr. Thomas updated the Board on the district's current mask requirement. He noted that since the requirement was initiated, quarantine numbers and positive cases have been reduced so he plans to keep the requirement in place for now as the goal is to keep students in class. Mr. Wharry asked if most quarantines cases are coming from outside of school. Mrs. Parry said yes. Mrs. Yon inquired about lunch being an issue. Mrs. Parry noted that it can be but has not been much of an issue so far. Dr. Thomas also informed the Board that the district received rapid test kits that could be used with permission from parents. Mrs. Yon asked if the district has any students online and if it is through VLA with a teacher. Mrs. Parry said that was correct and that there are less than 10 students online.

Committee Reports:

None

Old Business:

Mr. Dubos inquired about athletics ticket sales. He is not convinced that online ticketing is the best option due to how much the district loses in fees. Also, he asked how much was transferred into the athletic account at the end of the previous fiscal year. Mr. Schiraldi noted that it was around \$51,000 between the AD Fundraiser account and General Fund. He also inquired about the ticket manager's responsibilities now that we have online ticketing. Mr. Sammartino informed the Board that the ticket manager position now monitors the website; the AD originally sets it up and then the ticket manager handles the website and reports throughout the year. Mr. Dubos asked if this could be something the AD just absorbs and was informed that it could be investigated.

New Business:

Mr. Dubos asked if there will be a freshmen boys basketball team. Mr. Sammartino said that the AD spoke to the head varsity coach, and they might not have enough kids for a team. Mr. Dubos inquired about how many kids are needed and Mr. Sammartino informed that 7 kids are needed. Mr. Dubos added that he believes it is important to keep the younger teams up to avoid stagnation in the future.

President's Report:

(21-09-7966)

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the amendments as written in the land sales agreement with the Village of Lowellville:

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

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

2. Public Comment on agenda items or other school related issues.

Scott Ogle of Lowellville addressed the Board regarding the uphill battle to get the proposed levy approved due to there being two village levies as well. He mentioned the need to message the district levy is not an increased tax. Mr. Ogle also discussed the decision to wear masks and stated that it should have been a Board decision as people vote for the Board members and can support their decision. Mr. Ogle commented on the high open enrollment numbers and how levy costs fall on district families. He noted that district students bring in more funding than open enrollment students. Mr. Ogle went on to talk about mask exemptions for his kids at the school. He was told there are none but believes that is not true. He would like to hear more from the Board.

Kim Ogle of Lowellville also addressed the Board regarding how there was no vote on the mask mandate, her family was denied and exemption, and now they're being asked to approve a levy that will cost them

\$600 per year to educate their own children. She noted that there is an uptick in illness for students every year and nothing like this happened for H1N1 even though children died then. She noted how often people touch their faces and how this would be the same for masked children. Mrs. Ogle asked if there is any chance for an exemption. Dr. Thomas noted that an answer cannot be given tonight, but he will continue to investigate it. Mrs. Ogle noted that even the federal government has exemptions.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

(21-09-7967)

1. It is recommended that the Board move into Executive Session. Moved by Brian Wharry, seconded by Gerald Dubos, resolved that the Board of Education of the Lowellville School District adjourn to Executive Session at 7:31 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 be taken

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

(21-09-7968)

2. It is recommended that the Board return from Executive Session and resume Regular Board Meeting at 7:49 p.m.

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

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

(21-09-7969)

3. It is recommended that the Board approve the following peace officers retroactive to August 23, 2021:

Troy Fares	Jeffrey Lewis
Stacey Karis	Chief Rick Alli
George Stamos	Darrell Wagner
Jeremy Cramer	

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

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

Stephanie Yon declared motion carried 5-0.

(21-09-7970)

4. It is recommended that the Board approve FMLA for Angela Killingsworth retroactive to September 13, 2021:

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

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

Stephanie Yon declared motion carried 5-0.

(21-09-7971)

5. It is recommended that the Board approve Debbie Towns as Substitute Guidance Counselor for the 20212022 school year at a per diem rate of \$225.00 (USD):

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

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

Stephanie Yon declared motion carried 5-0.

(21-09-7972)

6. It is recommended that the Board approve Kristi Brayer as full-time teacher's aide and placed at the appropriate step on the classified agreement:

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

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

Stephanie Yon declared motion carried 5-0.

(21-09-7973)

7. It is recommended that the Board approve Solay Marcela Bedoya as cafeteria aide (as needed) and educational aide (interpreter) retroactive to August 23, 2021:

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

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

Stephanie Yon declared motion carried 5-0.

(21-09-7974)

8. It is recommended that the Board approve Christopher Edwards as 4.5-hour custodian aide and (as needed):

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

Mr. Dubos asked why the aide is needed. Dr. Thomas informed him that another aide is transitioning out.

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

Stephanie Yon declared motion carried 5-0.

(21-09-7975)

9. It is recommended that the Board approve Chad Likens as substitute bus driver once requirements are completed:

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

Dr. Thomas discussed with the Board how the district and state is short on bus drivers.

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

Stephanie Yon declared motion carried 5-0.

(21-09-7976)

10. It is recommended that the Board approve the bus routes for the 2021-22 school year:

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

Mrs. Yon wanted clarification on why this is recommended. Dr. Thomas updated the Board that one of the state officers informed the district that doing this provides an extra layer of protection for the district and they might want to start doing it annually. Dr. Thomas discussed a May 2017 ODE compliance audit. Mrs. Yon asked for more information about the most recent audit done by the state trooper and Dr. Thomas mentioned 4 points: 1) sharing transportation with Poland, 2) communication with radios-safety 3) borrowing buses, and 4) bus routes. Dr. Thomas mentioned training and inspection and the need to approve bus routes, as well.

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

(21-09-7977)

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

Jamie Walski	Spanish Club Advisor	1%
Mia DiRienzo-Olson	Drama Club Advisor	8%
Mia DiRienzo-Olson	Italian Club Advisor	1%
Mia DiRienzo-Olson	Future Teachers of America	1%
Matt Olson	10th Grade Advisor	1.5%

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

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

(21-09-7978)

12. It is recommended that the Board approve Paul Grier Varsity Football Assistant retroactive to August 25, 2021, at 10%:

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

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

(21-09-7979)

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

Class 2023	Homecoming Bonfire	Parking Lot	10/7/21
Class 2023	Homecoming Dance	Cafetorium/Stage	10/9/21
Student Council	Veteran's Day Assembly	Gym	Oct 10 & 11, 2021
Student Council	Sadie Hawkins	Cafetorium/Stage	11/20/21
JH/HS Band	Concerts	Gym/Cafetorium/Band	12/8/21
JH/HS Band	Concerts	Gym/Cafetorium/Band	3/23/22
JH/HS Band	Concerts	Gym/Cafetorium/Band	5/16/22

Choir	Concerts	Cafetorium/Stage/Band	12/1/21
Choir	Concerts	Cafetorium/Stage/Band	5/17/22
Elem Music	Concerts	Cafetorium	12/15/21
Academic Challenge	Academic Challenge mtg	Library/Room 138	1/5/22
Academic Challenge	Academic Challenge mtg	Library/Room 138	1/12/22
Music Dept	Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser	Gym/Cafetorium/Kitchen	Feb 26&27, 2022
Elem Music	Kindergarten Concert	Cafetorium	2/11/22
5 th /6 th Grade Band	Spring Concert	Gym/Cafetorium/Band	4/27/22
Elem Music	3 rd /4 th Grade Spring Concert	Cafetorium	4/12/22
Elem Music	Talent Show	Gym	5/25/22
Mt. Carmel Band	Rehearsals	Band Room	May 2, 9, & 23, 2022
Class of 2023	Homecoming Dance	Gym/Cafetorium	10/9/2021
Drama Club	Weekly Meetings	Stage	Wednesdays 21/22

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

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

(21-09-7980)

14. It is recommended that the Board approve the following Field Trip Applications:

Choir	Powers Auditorium	12/17/2021
English	Festival at YSU	4/6/22
English	Festival at YSU	4/8/22

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

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

(21-09-7981)

15. It is recommended that the Board move into Executive Session. Moved by Brian Wharry, seconded by Stephanie Yon, resolved that the Board of Education of the Lowellville School District adjourn to Executive Session at 8:14 p.m. to discuss:

- ☒ Personnel matters (individuals need not be named)
- ☒ Appointment and/or employment
- ☐ Dismissal
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- ☐ Economic Development
- ☐ Matters required to be kept confidential by state or federal law

Action will not be taken

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

(21-09-7982)

16. It is recommended that the Board return from Executive Session and resume Regular Board Meeting at 8:42 p.m.

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

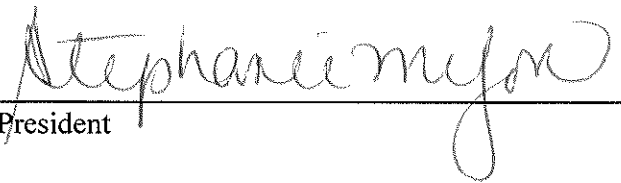
ROLL CALL: Wharry -Yon -Dubos - Palumbo - Sturm - All Aye.
Stephanie Yon declared motion carried 5-0.

(21-09-7983)

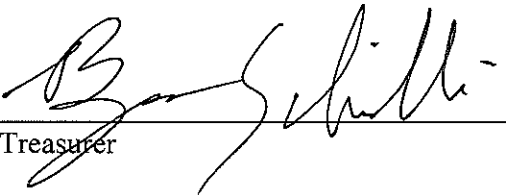
17. Adjournment:

Brian Wharry moved to adjourn at 8:43 pm. Seconded by Michael Palumbo.

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



President



Treasurer