

The Lowellville Board of Education met in special session on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 in the Library; President Stephanie Yon presiding. Mrs. Yon called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Gerald Dubos - Present Jennifer Johnson - Present  
Joseph Sturm - Present Brian Wharry – Present  
Stephanie Yon - Present

**Minutes:**

(22-04-8098)

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the minutes from the March 24, 2022, special Board meeting:

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

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

**Treasurer’s Report:**

1. Review March Financial Reports and Agenda Items for Approval. Mr. Schiraldi updated the Board on tax advances being extended into April which is uncommon. He also noted that he was working on the May forecast which is due at the end of May.

**Treasurer's Recommendations:**

(22-04-8099)

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the Financial Report, Bills and Payroll for March 2022, as submitted by the Treasurer:

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

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

(22-04-8100)

2. It is recommended that the Board approve the lawn service contract with JRB Lawn Care & Landscaping, LLC as submitted:

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

Mrs. Yon asked when they can start. Mr. Schiraldi noted that they would be here by the end of the week.

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

(22-04-8101)

3. It is recommended that the Board approve the service agreements with the eastern Educational Service Center of Eastern Ohio as submitted for the 2022-2023 school year:

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

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

(22-04-8102)

4. It is recommended that the Board approve the renewal service contract with Frontline Education (Forecast5) as submitted:

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

Mrs. Yon noted that this is the software Mr. Schiraldi uses for Five Year Forecasts and financial reports.

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

**Principal's Report:**

Mrs. Parry presented the Board with her report: the first ever Junior High Spring Fling dance was a success. Thank you to Mrs. Deluca and Mrs. Weldon for organizing it.

We met (virtually) with Karen Guerrieri from the Mahoning County Juvenile Court regarding programming for our students on social media safety. In the fall representatives from the court will be doing classroom lessons with grades 4-6 and assemblies with our 7-12th graders.

The drama club is performing their play, Check Please, for our students in grades 7-12 on Wednesday, April 13th at 8:30 AM. This day is also an early release day.

Thursday, April 14th-Waiver Day. Staff will participate in High Quality Student Data professional development. Supervisors from the county will provide an overview refresher. Then teachers will break into content groups and draft their HQSD submissions for next school year.

Administration met with Chief Alli to plan a series of ALICE drills for after the break. A letter will be sent home to families explaining how the drills will run and what their students can expect. Lessons from the drills will be used to inform future practices.

Kindergarten Screening is scheduled for Friday, April 29th. Mrs. Yon inquired to how many Kindergarten students there were so far. Mrs. Parry noted that there were around 20.

Nurse Wilson is coordinating with the county to offer a shot clinic in the building on Wednesday, May 4th. Students going into grades 7 and 12 will be able to get their required immunizations.

Congratulations to the Lowellville JH Band and Choir students who competed in the solo and ensemble contest at Struthers Saturday, April 9th.

**Highest Rating One/Superior**

Cheyenne Bott - Clarinet Solo

Aubrey Copanic - Vocal Solo

Jaxon Gratz - Euphonium Solo

Anthony Kacir - Snare Drum Solo

Levi Moore - Snare Drum Solo

Ryan Porter - Trombone Solo

Eliza Primous - Snare Drum Solo

Eliza Primous - Vocal Solo

Kaden Primous - Alto Sax Solo

Laila Stevens - Clarinet Solo  
Nathan Yon - Euphonium Solo  
Anthony Kacir, Eliza Primous, Levi Moore - Snare Drum Trio  
Ryan Porter, Nathan Yon, Jaxon Gratz, - Low Brass Trio

**Second Highest Rating Two/Excellent**

Jordan Nock - Trumpet Trio  
John Swanson - Vocal Solo  
Josie Estevez, Samantha Shumaker - Flute Duet

Krystal Vinion and Abby Grimes - Vocal Duet Festival Class

Mrs. Yon noted that the students did a fantastic job with Solo and Ensemble.

**Upcoming Dates**

Prom- Friday, May 6th. Crowning @ 6:15/Dance @7:00  
High School Talent Show- Wednesday, May 11th  
Senior Farewell- Friday, May 13th @ 1:00 PM Families may gather outside the track for pictures)  
Elementary Talent Show- Monday, May 23rd  
Senior Breakfast - May 24th @ 8:00 AM at the Embassy in Youngstown. Please RSVP to the Guidance Office by May 10, 2022.  
Kindergarten Graduation-May 27th @ 8:15  
Commencement - May 29th @ 2:00 PM

**Superintendent's Report:**

Mr. Schiraldi presented on behalf of Dr. Thomas that the Lowellville 4.0 Mill PI Levy informational meeting scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the cafetorium.

**Committee Reports:**

None.

**Old Business:**

Mr. Sturm mentioned reviewing the district's substitute teacher pay rates. Mr. Schiraldi noted that a lot of districts go through the Mahoning County ESC COG and their rate increased to \$110/day. He noted that he would put some numbers together on what increased would look like for the district.

Mrs. Yon inquired about the band banners. Mr. Schiraldi noted that he has been in touch with Mr. Antonucci, and they would be setting up a meeting in the future to put some plans together.

**New Business:**

None.

**President's Report:**

1. Public comment on agenda items or other school related issues

Mayor Iudiciani addressed the Board about the Lowellville Community Improvement Corporation raising money for a preschool. The school district and Mahoning County ESC has been in talks about the preschool and the Mayor hopes the district will still be committed to it as the village attempts to bring the

building up to code to house the preschool. He also noted that Ralph Conti Drive would be getting paved, the county will be closing the bridge to one-way, and Aqua Ohio will be doing work on West Wood Street.

(22-04-8103)

2. It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt the Resolution to Employ Superintendent which states as follows:

**WHEREAS**, the position of Superintendent will be vacant effective August 1, 2022, and the Board conducted a search to fill the position; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3319.01, a board of education is required to execute a written contract of employment with the superintendent and is authorized to appoint a superintendent for a term not longer than five years beginning the first day of August and ending the thirty-first day of July; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board desires to employ Christine Sawicki as Superintendent effective August 1, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Sawicki possesses the requisite qualifications and credentials, including but not limited to the proper state licensure, to fulfill the obligations and duties of Superintendent; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board and Ms. Sawicki have negotiated a contract of employment for Ms. Sawicki to serve as Superintendent effective August 1, 2022, through July 31, 2025, and the contract sets forth the terms and conditions of Ms. Sawicki's employment, including compensation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that as a result of the upcoming vacancy in the Superintendent position, the Board hereby employs Christine Sawicki as Superintendent, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3319.01, under the terms and conditions of a three-year employment contract effective August 1, 2022, through July 31, 2025, and authorizes and directs the Board President to execute such employment contract with Ms. Sawicki on behalf of the Board of Education.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education shall pay Ms. Sawicki an annual salary of \$115,000.00 for the period of August 1, 2022, through July 31, 2023; \$117,300.00 (an increase of 2.0%) for the period of August 1, 2023, through July 31, 2024; and \$119,646.00 (an increase of 2.0%) for the period of August 1, 2024, through July 31, 2025.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that it is hereby found and determined that all formal action of the Board of Education concerning and/or relating to the adoption of this Resolution was taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public and in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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

Mrs. Sawicki thanked the Board and congratulated the elementary students on their concert that night.

ROLL CALL: Dubos –Johnson - Sturm - Wharry - Yon - All Aye.

Stephanie Yon declared motion carried 5-0.

**Superintendent's Recommendation:**

Mr. Schiraldi presented the Superintendent Recommendations on behalf of Dr. Thomas.

(22-04-8104)

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the following teachers for the 2022-2023 school year and placed at the appropriate step of the Master Contract salary schedule:

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| Robbin Carlos      | Renay Choma          | Megan Anderson            |
| Mia DiRienzo       | Lisa Doll            | Daniel Dougherty          |
| Nicole Firmstone   | Mellissa Gapsky      | Angela Killingsworth (GC) |
| McKenzie Augustine | Leslie Mercure       | Jeannine Reamer           |
| Lea Fabrizzi       | Jared Van Kirk       | Dominique Kerpsack        |
| Alina Wittenauer   | Danielle Yates       | Gina DeLuca               |
| Dr. Jared Hale     | Alyssa Granitto (GC) |                           |

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

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

(22-04-8105)

2. It is recommended that the Board approve the following staff for the 2022-2023 school year and placed at the appropriate step of the Classified Contract salary schedule:

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| Jeffrey Hunter - Custodial Aide   | Marsha Kamensky - Educational Aide                 |
| Jean Marie Cappelli -Cafeteria Aide "as needed"                               | Kathy Wharry-Cafeteria Aide "as needed"            |
| Lucille Yarnell-Cafeteria Aide "as needed"                                    | Richard Beard -Custodial Aide "as needed"          |
| April Purtee – Van Driver/Cafeteria “as needed”                               | Danielle Slaven – Custodial Aide “as needed”       |
| Cheryl Mamula -Cafeteria Aide "as needed"                                     | Toni Lanterman – Educ. Aide, Cafe Aide "as needed" |
| Andrea Anguish – Grounds Maintenance "as needed" & Cafeteria Aide "as needed" |  |
| Chad Likens – Bus Driver  | Chad Richard – Grounds Maintenance                 |
| Marcele Bedoya – Cafeteria Aide   |  |

Mrs. Yon called for a motion to approve. Moved by Stephanie Yon seconded by Jennifer Johnson.

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

(22-04-8106)

3. It is recommended that the Board approve the following supplemental and placed at the appropriate percentage on the Master Contract provided she/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:

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| Paul Grier | Weight Training | 6% |
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Mrs. Yon called for a motion to approve. Moved by Joseph Sturm seconded by Brian Wharry.

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

(22-04-8107)

4. It is recommended that the Board approve a continuing contract for Ken Hartzell as Bus Driver and placed at the appropriate step on the classified contract effective August 1, 2022:

Mrs. Yon called for a motion to approve. Moved by Stephanie Yon seconded by Jennifer Johnson.

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

(22-04-8108)

5. It is recommended that the Board approve a two year limited contract for Mandy Coira, cafeteria, and placed at the appropriate step on the classified contract effective August 1, 2022:

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

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

(22-04-8109)

6. It is recommended that the Board approve a continuing contract for Stephanie Novak, Secretary-Principal, and placed at the appropriate step on the classified contract effective August 1, 2022:

Mrs. Yon called for a motion to approve. Moved by Stephanie Yon seconded by Jennifer Johnson.

Mr. Dubos asked if this includes the EMIS position. Mr. Schiraldi stated that he would double check.

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

(22-04-8110)

7. It is recommended that the Board approve William McCaughtry, Grounds Maintenance and placed at the appropriate step on the classified contract effective April 12, 2022:

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

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

(22-04-8111)

8. It is recommended that the Board approve Chad Likens, Grounds Maintenance and placed at the appropriate step on the classified contract effective April 12, 2022:

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

Mrs. Johnson asked if this was an additional maintenance person. Mr. Schiraldi said yes, and that the district had multiple “as needed” grounds people as they have varying availability, and this ensures coverage for the district.

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

(22-04-8112)

9. It is recommended that the Board approve a one year limited contract for Betsy Wilson as school nurse with her salary set at \$24,101.64 effective August 1, 2022:

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

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

(22-04-8113)

10. It is recommended that the Board approve a one year limited contract for Fred Schriener, Technology Coordinator, at a salary of \$64,945.92 for the 2022-2023 school year:

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

Mr. Dubos asked if this followed the 2% increases with the certified staff. Mr. Schiraldi said yes.

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

(22-04-8114)

11. It is recommended that the Board approve the list of graduates as submitted for the 2021-22 school year:

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

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

(22-04-8115)

12. It is recommended that the Board approve the following field trips:

HS Concert Band	Lakeview HS	04.22.22
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Carnegie Science Center	05.09.22
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Pine Hollow Springs	05.03.22
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Wagon Trails Animal Park	05.18.22

Mrs. Yon called for a motion to approve. Moved by Brian Wharry seconded by Jennifer Johnson:

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

(22-04-8116)

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

Lowellville Schools Levy Committee	Cafetorium	Community Meeting	04.26.22
Lowellville Foundation	Cafetorium	Reverse Raffle Dinner	04.24.22

Mrs. Yon called for a motion to approve. Moved by Joseph Sturm seconded by Jennifer Johnson:

Mrs. Yon noted that the raffle will be in 10 days from now. Mr. Sturm suggested having levy flyers available for any attendees.

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

(22-04-8117)

14. It is recommended that the Board move into Executive Session. Moved by Gerald Dubos, seconded by Jennifer Johnson, resolved that the Board of Education of the Lowellville School District adjourn to Executive Session at 8:01 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: Dubos –Johnson - Sturm - Wharry - Yon - All Aye.  
Stephanie Yon declared motion carried 5-0.

(22-04-8118)

11. It is recommended that the Board return from Executive Session and resume Special Board Meeting at 9:06 p.m.

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

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


(22-04-8119)

12. Adjournment:

Jennifer Johnson moved to adjourn at 9:07 pm. Seconded by Joseph Sturm.

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

  
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President

  
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Treasurer