

The Lowellville Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, August 24, 2022 in the Library; President Stephanie Yon presiding. Mrs. Yon called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

(22-08-8208)

Mrs. Yon moved to modify the agenda to add an executive session to discuss personnel, a resolution to approve the resignation of the Treasurer, and a resolution to approve an interim treasurer under the President's Report following public comment. Seconded by Gerald Dubos.

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

Minutes:

(22-08-8209)

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the minutes from the July 27, 2022 Board meeting:

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

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. Review July financial reports and agenda items for approval. Mr. Schiraldi updated the Board on the financial report. He also noted that the District has been approved for a Safety Grant after initially being denied the grant in December of 2021. Mrs. Sawicki added that Governor DeWine released additional funds for this grant which is why we are now being awarded based on the initial application. Fortunately the district can use the funds for any items on the approved list that have been purchased since January 1, 2022 which will be a significant help to the safety updates the school is making.

Treasurer's Recommendations:

(22-08-8210)

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the financial reports, bills and payroll for July 2022, as submitted by the Treasurer:

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

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

MISSION

The Lowellville Local School District will educate, empower and challenge our students to reach their individual potentials by providing an environment where tradition, community and excellence create productive members of a global society.

1. New this year, all students entering the building will walk through a weapon detector. We included the following procedures in our welcome back letter to families. Mrs. Parry noted that this was a work in progress and adjustments would be ongoing.
  - Students will walk through the detector single file. They cannot stop in the middle of the detector but must continue walking the whole way through or it will trigger an alert
  - Students do not have to remove their backpacks or any belongings *except* for chromebooks/computers and musical instruments. Chromebooks/computers and musical instruments will trigger an alert, so these items will be handed to staff to be hand screened. Students need to have these items out of their bags and ready.
  - If the detector alerts, the student will step to the side for secondary screening. Secondary screening consists of a staff member using a wand metal detector to detect what is triggering the sensor.
2. Beginning this year our school guidance counselors, Mrs. Angela Killingsworth and Mrs. Alyssa Granitto, will be assigned to classes of students. Each year they will rotate their assignments and “move up” with their assigned class. It is our hope that this will give our counselors and students/families the opportunity to build strong working relationships. Mrs. Killingsworth will support students in grades Kindergarten, 2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th, 10th, and 12th and Mrs. Granitto will support students in grades 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th, and 11th. Note: Mrs. Granitto will be out on maternity leave through the middle of October. Mrs. Killingsworth will support Mrs. Granitto’s caseload until she returns.
3. The week of September 12th Alta Behavioral Care will present the Linkages Program- a mental health education program about depression and suicide. During the first day of the program, they will provide an overview of the topics of depression and suicide. They use video clips from the national SOS (Signs of Suicide) program and class discussion to help students identify the symptoms of depression and suicide. A goal of the Linkages’ program is to empower students to reach out to a trusted adult if someone is showing signs of depression or suicide. This part of the program will be provided to all students. This program would be in person for grades 4-12.

In addition to the education component of the program, every student, with parental consent, will have the opportunity to complete a Brief Screen for Adolescent Depression. Participation in the Brief Screen is voluntary. The questionnaire results are reviewed individually with each student by a Linkages Mental Health Liaison. The Brief Screen allows staff to identify any students who may benefit from speaking with a trusted adult (such as a parent, teacher or school counselor). At times, students identify that they believe they may benefit from counseling. If this is the case, the Linkages Mental Health Liaison can assist with a referral to an agency for a mental health assessment. If any student reveals that they are thinking of harming themselves, they will have an immediate and private conversation with a Linkages Mental Health Liaison and the students parent/guardian will be contacted. The results of the screen will only be shared with school guidance counselors and administrators if necessary for safety.

### **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:**

#### MISSION

The Lowellville Local School District will educate, empower and challenge our students to reach their individual potentials by providing an environment where tradition, community and excellence create productive members of a global society.

- Return to School - 2022-23 – Mrs. Sawicki noted that it has been a good start to the new school year and how excited the school is for the K-3 to return to class. She also noted that there is some fine tuning being done as there are new procedures in place for this year. She appreciates everyone’s understanding and flexibility as adjustments are made.
- Mrs. Sawicki thanked everyone who participated, helped work, or sponsored the golf outing and helped make it a great success.
- Mental Health Summit - Sunday, September 11, 2022 @ 3:00 p.m.
  - Partnership between the school district, Village Council, Holy Rosary Church, Alta, and others
  - This will be a program for mental health awareness with a question and answer which will be open to all
  - Mrs. Sawicki added that this program is geared more towards the adults and can help educate on the mental health lessons students are learning
- Mrs. Sawicki thanked a parent (Shanna Wirtz) who crocheted “worry monsters” that will go along with lessons from the guidance counselors for some of the elementary students.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

None. Mrs. Yon noted that a levy committee meeting would likely be held in September.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Superintendent and Treasurer Evaluations. Mrs. Yon noted that these were ongoing, but postponed due to the start of school.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Entire review and update of the policy Manual through OSBA’s services

\*Timeline to Complete the Process: 1 year

\*Cost- \$8,500

Mrs. Sawicki spoke with OSBA regarding how districts typically do a policy review every 5 years along with quarterly updates that get sent to the Superintendent. The school would send policies, contracts, and handbooks which OSBA would review and provide recommended updates. Once done, there will be a policy manual review with a summary of changes. Mrs. Johnson inquired if the Board could bring their own changes. Mrs. Sawicki said yes, they would be able to do that and continue to make changes throughout the process. Mr. Dubos noted that this provides a legal protection as well.

2. Audit Exit Conference – Mrs. Yon updated the Board that there was a meeting with the auditors and once the report was finalized it would be released to everyone.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT:**

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

Cassie Stabinski – Inquired as to why kindergarten drop off moved. Mrs. Parry noted that the elementary bus drops off in the back and most others get dropped off in the front. Doing this re-distributes the number of students going through the same door, and elementary pickup is in the back so this will make drop-off and pickup the

MISSION

The Lowellville Local School District will educate, empower and challenge our students to reach their individual potentials by providing an environment where tradition, community and excellence create productive members of a global society.

same. Cassie asked if there would be enough staff to get students to their classroom since they are not used to getting dropped

**Regular Meeting continued August 24, 2022**

2743

off in the back. Mrs. Parry noted that there would be staff available to make sure students get to their classroom. Cassie then questioned if the suicide awareness lessons were only 4-12 as K-3 feels like too young of an age for that. Mrs. Parry agreed and said the district works with mental health professionals to make sure lessons are age appropriate.

(22-08-8211)

1. It is recommended that the Board move into Executive Session. Moved by Stephanie Yon, seconded by Brian Wharry, resolved that the Board of Education of the Lowellville School District adjourn to Executive Session at 7:08 p.m. to discuss:

1.  The appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of an employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against an employee, official, licensee or student, unless the employee, official, licensee or student requests a public hearing;
2.  The purchase of property for public purposes or the sale of property at competitive bidding;
3.  Conferences with the board's attorney to discuss matters which are the subject of pending or imminent court action;
4.  Preparing for, conducting or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with employees;
5.  Matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or rules or state statutes;
6.  Specialized details of security arrangements.

Action will be taken

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

(22-08-8212)

2. It is recommended that the Board return from Executive Session and resume Board Meeting at 8:30 p.m.:

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

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

(22-08-8213)

3. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Treasurer, Bryan Schiraldi, effective September 7, 2022:

MISSION

The Lowellville Local School District will educate, empower and challenge our students to reach their individual potentials by providing an environment where tradition, community and excellence create productive members of a global society.

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

ROLL CALL: Sturm - Wharry - Yon - Dubos -- Johnson -- All Aye.  
Regular Meeting continued August 24, 2022

2744

Stephanie Yon declared the motion carried 5-0.

(22-08-8214)

3. It is recommended that the Board approve the appointment of Ryan Jones as Interim Treasurer of the Lowellville Local School District at no additional cost through their 2022-2023 service agreement with the ESC of Eastern Ohio effective September 8, 2022:

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

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

**SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS:**

(22-08-8215)

1. It is recommended that the Board retroactively approve Victoria Baughman as the **Building Secretary/EMIS Coordinator** for the 2022-2023 school year and placed at the appropriate step of the classified master contract (Step 3- \$14.87/hour plus the \$1,500 stipend/year ). Her first day of employment was August 22, 2022.

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

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

(22-08-8216)

2. It is recommended that the Board retroactively approve Adrienne Sepesy as a **Cafeteria aide/cashier** for the 2022-2023 school year and placed at the appropriate step of the classified master contract (Step 0- \$9.95/hour). Her first day of employment was August 5, 2022.

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

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

(22-08-8217)

3. It is recommended that the Board retroactively approve Christine Cavalier as a **Cafeteria Aide** "as needed" for the 2022-2023 school year and placed at the appropriate step of the classified master contract (Step 0- \$9.95/hour). Her first day of employment was August 22, 2022.

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

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

MISSION

The Lowellville Local School District will educate, empower and challenge our students to reach their individual potentials by providing an environment where tradition, community and excellence create productive members of a global society.

(22-08-8218)

4. It is recommended that the Board approve the following supplemental position for the 2022-2023 school year and placed at the appropriate step of the Master Contract salary schedule:  
**Regular Meeting continued August 24, 2022**

2745

Alyssa Streb - Class Advisor - Grade 12 - 4%

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

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

(22-08-8218)

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

Fred Schriner – Girls Assistant AD - 12%

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

Mr. Sturm asked why this was girls assistant. Mrs. Sawicki noted that this was the verbiage in the negotiated contract but there will potentially be an MOU to change the title to Assistant AD as those are the duties for the position.

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

(22-08-8219)

6. It is recommended that the Board retroactively approve Andrew Boehlke as a **volunteer for the football program** for the 2022-2023 school year provided he meets 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:

Football Volunteer- 0%- Andrew Boehlke

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

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

(22-08-8220)

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

- **Athletic Boosters- Cow Pickens and Dance for Grades 9-12**  
*August 14, 2022*  
Football Stadium, Summer Rec Pavillion, Press Boxes, Concession Stand
- **Lowellville Little Rocket Cheer Practice- (as space is available)**  
*August 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 23, 24, 29, 30*

MISSION

*September 7, 8, 12, 13*  
Large gym or small gym

**Regular Meeting continued August 24, 2022**

2746

- **Liz Hartman- Birthday Party**  
**September 18, 2022**  
Pavillion, restrooms, swings

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

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

(22-08-8221)

8. It is recommended that the Board approved the revised (July 2022) service agreement with the Educational Service Center of Eastern Ohio for the 2022-2023 school year as submitted. The revised agreement includes adjusting the number of days of school psychologist services from 3 days to 2 days per week and adding 1 ½ days per week of special education supervisor services.

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

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

(22-08-8222)

9. It is recommended that the Board retroactively approve John Olson as an **Educational Aide for the Van** for the 2022-2023 school year and placed at the appropriate step of the classified master contract (Step 0-\$10.77/hour). His first day of employment was August 22, 2022.

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

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

(22-08-8223)

10. It is recommended that the Board approve the field trip to the Mahoning Valley Skilled Trades Expo at the Canfield Fairgrounds on Wednesday, September 21, 2022 for the 9th grade class.

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

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

(22-08-8224)

11. It is recommended that the Board approve the following supplemental position for the 2022-2023 school year and placed at the appropriate percentage on the Master Contract provided he meets the requirements, prior to

MISSION

The Lowellville Local School District will educate, empower and challenge our students to reach their individual potentials by providing an environment where tradition, community and excellence create productive members of a global society.

working with students, set forth by the Lowellville Board of Education, the Ohio High School Athletic Association and the Ohio Department of Education:

**Regular Meeting continued August 24, 2022**

2747

Basketball- Boys Varsity Asst. - 10%- Steve Hunt

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

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

(22-08-8225)

12. It is recommended that the Board approve Toni Lanterman as **Cafeteria Aide** (during the lunch hours- “as needed”) for the 2022-2023 school year and placed at the appropriate step in the classified master contract.

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

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

(22-08-8226)

13. It is recommended that the Board retroactively approve Eric Grow as a **substitute van driver “as needed”** for the 2022-2023 school year and placed at the appropriate step in the classified master contract. His first day of employment was August 1, 2022.

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

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

(22-08-8227)

14. It is recommended that the Board approve the 2022-2023 van routes as submitted (routes are subject to change based on any new enrollments).

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

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

(22-08-8228)

15. It is recommended that the Board approve payment in lieu of transportation for the 2022-2023 school year for student Steven Tsikouris. He will attend an ESC classroom located in Springfield Elementary School. Reason for impracticality: The following factors were considered in arriving at this determination in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 3327.01 and 3327.02:

- The number of pupils to be transported
- The cost of providing transportation in terms of equipment, maintenance, personnel, and administration;

MISSION

- Whether and to what extent the additional service unavoidably disrupts current transportation schedules;

Amount to be paid: \$538.55

Regular Meeting continued August 24, 2022

2748

Date of acceptance by parent: August 4, 2022

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

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

(22-08-8229)

16. It is recommended that the Board approve Spiro Schialdone as a **volunteer for the boys basketball program** for the 2022-2023 school year provided he meets 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:

Boys Basketball Volunteer- 0%- Spiro Schialdone

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

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

(22-08-8230)

17. It is recommended that the Board approve Matt Hvisdak as the **boys basketball- 8th grade coach** for the 2022-2023 school year provided he meets 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:

Boys Basketball 8th Grade- 8%- Matt Hvisdak

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

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

(22-08-8231)

18. It is recommended that the Board move into Executive Session. Moved by Gerald Dubos, seconded by Brian Wharry, resolved that the Board of Education of the Lowellville School District adjourn to Executive Session at 8:56 p.m. to discuss:

1.  The appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of an employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against an employee, official, licensee or student, unless the employee, official, licensee or student requests a public hearing;
2.  The purchase of property for public purposes or the sale of property at competitive bidding;

#### MISSION

The Lowellville Local School District will educate, empower and challenge our students to reach their individual potentials by providing an environment where tradition, community and excellence create productive members of a global society.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ Conferences with the board's attorney to discuss matters which are the subject of pending or imminent court action;
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Preparing for, conducting or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with employees;

**Regular Meeting continued August 24, 2022**

2749

5. \_\_\_\_\_ Matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or rules or state statutes;
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Specialized details of security arrangements.

Action will not be taken

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

(22-08-8232)

19. It is recommended that the Board return from Executive Session and resume Board Meeting at 9:07 p.m.:

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

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

(22-08-8234)

20. Adjournment:

Jennifer Johnson moved to adjourn at 9:08 p.m. Seconded by Stephanie Yon.

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

MISSION

The Lowellville Local School District will educate, empower and challenge our students to reach their individual potentials by providing an environment where tradition, community and excellence create productive members of a global society.

President

*Stephanomyson*

Treasurer

*[Signature]*

MISSION

The Lowellville Local School District will educate, empower and challenge our students to reach their individual potentials by providing an environment where tradition, community and excellence create productive members of a global society.