

Special Board Meeting June 12, 2023

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The Lowellville Board of Education met in special session on Monday, June 12, 2023 in the Library; President Joseph Sturm presiding. Mr. Sturm called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

TREASURER’S CONSENT ITEMS

(23-6-8479)

Upon the recommendation of the Treasurer, approve the following items A-C by consent action:

A. Minutes

- a. Minutes from the May 17, 2023 regular Board meeting

B. Financial Reports

- a. Financial reports, list of bills and expenses paid, and payroll for the month ended May 2023
- b. Fiscal year 2024 temporary appropriations and certificate of resources available

C. Donations

- a. Water bottle filling station- donated to the Lowellville Schools from the PTO

Moved by Joe Sturm. Seconded by Brian Wharry.

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

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:

1. On Tuesday, May 9th the elementary hosted Literacy Night. Students participated in grade level literacy activities and attended a presentation by Steve Brown, a Youngstown native and author/illustrator known by the pen name “Dynamo Flapdoodle”. Mr. Brown has written over 20 books featuring themes of multiculturalism, mental health and bullying. He also teaches students how to write and shares his messages of encouragement and inspiration.
2. On Thursday, June 1st Elementary ELA teachers participated in a 3 hour training from Amplify to become familiar with the DIBELS 8th Edition literacy assessments that will be used next year for universal screening, benchmark assessment, and progress monitoring in kindergarten through grade 6. Amplify is also approved by the state for use as a dyslexia screener, which is a requirement for all students in grades K-3 next year.

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3. Thank you to the PTO for updating the main hallway water fountain with a water bottle filling station. They are using the excess funds they had from this school year's fundraisers to purchase it as a donation to the school.
4. Thank you to Mrs. Ignazio and all of the local businesses for organizing and participating in job shadow opportunities for this year's College and Career Readiness class.

Prior to Job shadow day students had to complete a parent consent form, signed student contract, and an employer confirmation form. On the day of the job shadow students take an employer verification form for the employer to sign and attach a business card. Post-activities included filling out a student evaluation of how their day went and sending the employer a Google Form survey evaluating the student on the job (ie. appropriate dress, participation, asking questions, etc.). Below is the list of the participating businesses

Alta, TM Bridal, Western Reserve HS, New Castle School of Trades, Akron Children's Hospital, Direction Home, Mercy Health, Garland Welding, Winner Aviation, M & M Floors, Mahoning County Courthouse, HBK CPAs, Eagle Christian Preschool, Elm Tree Catering, Howard Hanna Real Estate.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S RECOGNITIONS:

1. Congratulations to our track athletes who competed at the State Track Meet on June 2 and 3, 2023.

Junior, Sophia Yon
800 M Run - 8th Finals - 2:18.69

Junior, Michael Ballone
110 M Hurdles - 8th Finals - 15.17
300 M Hurdles - 5th Finals - 39.51

Senior, Anthony Lucente
Discus - 12th Finals - 146.6

Freshman, Drew Modelski
200 M Dash - 16th Prelims

Junior Braylen Dabney, Senior Vinny Ballone, Freshman Drew Modelski, and Freshman Josh Pazel
Boys 4x200 Relay - State Runner Up - 1:29.94

Junior Braylen Dabney, Senior Vinny Ballone, Freshman Drew Modelski, and Senior Tylin Dabney
Boys 4x100 Relay - 12th Prelims

Junior Braylen Dabney, Senior Vinny Ballone, Junior Matt Lucido, and Junior Michael Ballone
Boys 4x400 Relay - 8th Finals - 3:28.52

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

1. Presentation by Holly Hanni and/or Mandy Coira - 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 Nutrition Group Inc. Budgets and Food Service Report
2. SAVE THE DATE: 2023 Board of Education Golf Outing- August 6, 2023- 8:00 a.m.- Bedford Trails Golf Course

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. None Met

OLD BUSINESS:

1. OSBA Policy Manual Review- During the last few months the administration has met numerous times with a representative from OSBA to discuss the changes that are necessary (due to recent legislation) for the Lowellville Local Board Policies. She would like to attend the July 26th Board meeting to present the necessary changes and to also discuss any other policies that may require Board input.

2. New Bus Purchase- Ohio School Council completed the bid process for the school districts who expressed interest. They received bids from seven different companies. The bids vary in prices depending on the options each district selects. If we plan to move forward with a purchase, we will need to discuss as a Board tonight and then approve an after bid resolution this evening or at a special meeting at the end of June because the bid prices are only good until July 15th. After Board approval, we will need to create a purchase order and officially order the bus. It will take about 18 months to actually take ownership of the bus.

Discussion: Mrs. Sawicki presented two different quotes to the Board for consideration. One quote was for a 54 + 1 passenger wheelchair lift Saf-T-Liner C2 school bus and chassis and body bid through Ohio School Council by Myers Equipment Corporation in the amount of \$129,917 and the other quote was for a 60 + 1 passenger wheelchair lift Saf-T-Liner C2 school bus and chassis and body bid through Ohio School Council by Myers Equipment Corporation in the amount of \$133,167.

Mrs. Sawicki's recommendation is to move forward with the purchase of one of the above buses at this time due to the fact that bus #35 (spare bus) is a 2011 model and not always reliable. During football season, the district needs to have and use five buses. Also, the district currently does not own a wheelchair accessible bus. In the event we would ever have students who need special transportation the district would have to contract for such services. Currently, the prices are continuing to increase and it is estimated to take about 18 months to actually take ownership of the bus once ordered. Most likely, the district will not receive the new bus until January 2025. Therefore, purchasing the bus now will allow the district to have an entire new fleet of buses that will be able to accommodate all students.

Current Fleet: Bus #35- 2011, Bus #101-2019, Bus #102- 2019, Bus #103-2020, Bus #105-2021

Board members were in agreement with Mrs. Sawicki's recommendation and decided to move forward with adding a formal recommendation under OTHER at the end of the agenda for the recommendation to approve the

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after bid resolution for the purchase of a 60 + 1 passenger wheelchair lift Saf-T-Liner C2 school bus and chassis and body bid through Ohio School Council by Myers Equipment Corporation.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Date for Special Board meeting at the end of June to approve the appropriations and budgets and any other regular business that needs to be taken care of.

Discussion: The Board members checked their calendars for availability and selected Monday, June 26, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. for the special Board meeting. Mrs. Yon will not be available due to a previously scheduled vacation.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

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

Comments:

- a. Kim McGinness- Commented that she and her husband had some questions regarding the recent announcement of increasing the instructional minutes to the elementary school day and the change to transport all students (K-12) on one route beginning the 2023-24 school year. They were curious about what changed between 7:45-8:05 a.m. and also about some of the language that may be heard on the bus. She explained that her husband called and spoke to Mr. Sammartino and she then thanked Mr. Sammartino for the explanations and answers he provided to her husband earlier that day.
- b. Rebecca Mickler- Stated that her younger son was with her and he thinks that the Avengers will be riding the bus with the younger students. She stated that perhaps the district can incorporate the Avengers into riding the buses occasionally.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS (BOARD POLICY: KD)

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SUPERINTENDENT’S CONSENT ITEMS

(23-6-8480)

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following items A-F by consent action:

A. Building Use Requests

- a. *Revisions to Summer Junior High Cheer Practice Dates from Tues/Thur to Mon/Wed from June 5th-August 31, 2023.* (Advisor Michelle Mangine)- 6:00-8:00 p.m. - Small Gym (cafe if gym not available)
- b. **Girls Varsity Basketball Summer League Scrimmages- June 13th, 20th, and 29, 2023** (Coach-Lisa Modelski)- 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.- Large Gym
- c. **Hartman Birthday Party- June 24, 2023-** (Liz Hartman)- 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.- Pavilion/ Outdoor Restrooms, Swings, Playground

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- d. **Junior High Cheer Camp Class with UCA- July 21, 2023-**(Advisor Michelle Mangine)- 8:30 a.m. -3:00 p.m.- Small or Large Gym
- e. **Lowellville Youth Football Organization - Youth Football & Cheer- Saturday, August 26, 2023, Saturday, September 23, 2023, and Saturday, October 7, 2023** (Holly Smith)- 11:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. - High School Football Field
- f. **Lowellville Crescendo Club Monthly Meetings- August 2, September 6, October 4, November 1, November 29, January 10, February 7, March 6, April 3, May 1, June 5 2023-2024,** (Bob Antonucci)-5:30-8:00 p.m.- Band Room
- g. **Marching Band Summer Band Practice- July 18-21, July 24-28, July 31-August 4, August 7-11, 2023** (Bob Antonucci)- 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.- Small Gym, Cafeteria, Band Room, Stage, Elementary Music Room
- h. **5th Grade Band Parent Informational Meeting- August 17, 2023-** (Bob Antonucci)- 7:00-7:45 p.m.-Band Room

B. Field Trip Requests

- a. High School Cheerleaders to Cheer Camp at University of Akron (Advisor- Angel Laudermilt) from Friday, July 14, 2023 (6:45 a.m.) - Sunday, July 16, 2023 (pick up at 12:00 p.m.)
- b. High School Cheerleaders to Canfield Fair Cheer Demonstration at Canfield Fair (Advisor- Angel Laudermilt) on Wednesday, August 30, 2023 (8:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.)

C. Personnel

- a. It is recommended that the Board approve a limited contract for **Eric Grow as the 7-12th grade math teacher** for the 2023-2024 school year and placed at the appropriate step of the certified master contract (BS step 4 - \$46, 346).
- b. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Steven Hunt, Educational Aide, effective at the end of his current contract on August 31, 2023 due to the purposes of retirement.

D. Athletic Supplemental Positions (2022-2023)

It is recommended that the Board approve the following individuals for the athletic coaching supplementals for the **2022-2023** school year and be 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:

- a. Andrew Boehlke- Weight Training - 6%

E. Athletic Supplemental Positions (2023-2024)

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- a. Casey Slaven- Volleyball 7th- 8%
- b. Steve Procick- Basketball- Girls Varsity Assistant- 10%
- c. Nick Ballone- Basketball- Boys JV- 11%
- d. John Hvisdak- Basketball- Boys Varsity Assistant- 10%
- e. Christopher Machel- Basketball- Boys 7th- 8%

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F. Academic / Other Supplemental Positions (2023-2024)

It is recommended that the Board approve the following individuals for the supplemental positions for the 2023-2024 school year and placed at the appropriate step of the Master Contract salary schedule:

- a. Jamie Walski- Mentor- Years 1 and 2 (each)- 2%
- b. Leslie Mercure- Mentor- Years 1 and 2 (each)- 2%

Moved by Jerry Dubos. Seconded by Jennifer Johnson.

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

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (23-6-8481)**
1. It is recommended that the Board approve the memorandum of agreement between the BHM CPA Group Inc. and independent public accountant (IPA), Keith Faber, Auditor of the State of Ohio (Auditor) and the Lowellville Local School District (as submitted) to conduct the audit of the Lowellville Local School District, Mahoning County, for the fiscal period(s) July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2027.

Moved by Stephanie Yon. Seconded by Brian Wharry.

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

- (23-6-8482)**
2. It is recommended that the Board approve the following breakfast and lunch prices for students for the 2023-2024 school year:

K-6 Breakfast- \$1.00	K-6 Breakfast Reduced- \$0.30
K-6 Lunch- \$2.50	K-6 Lunch Reduced-\$0.40
7-12 Breakfast- \$1.00	7-12 Breakfast Reduced- \$0.30
7-12 Lunch- \$2.75	7-12 Lunch Reduced- \$0.40

Moved by Jennifer Johnson. Seconded by Joe Sturm.

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

- (23-6-8483)**
3. It is recommended that the Board approve payment in lieu of transportation for the 2023-2024 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

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- The cost of providing transportation in terms of equipment, maintenance, personnel, and administration;
- Whether and to what extent the additional service unavoidably disrupts current transportation schedules;

Amount to be paid: \$596.43.

Date of acceptance by parent: June 7, 2023

Moved by Stephanie Yon. Seconded by Jerry Dubos.

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

(23-6-8484)

4. **Other:** It is recommended that the Board approve the following after bid resolution to authorize the purchase of a new school bus from the school bus bids received by Ohio Schools Council.

AFTER BID RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Lowellville Local School District is a member of the Ohio Schools Council. On May 1, 2023, the Ohio Schools Council received bids for school buses on behalf of its members. The Lowellville Local School District Board of Education authorizes the purchase of one (1)- 60+1 Passenger Wheelchair Lift Saf-T-Liner C2 school bus chassis and bodies that were bid through the Ohio Schools Council.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Lowellville Local School District Board of Education wishes to purchase one (1)- 60+1 Passenger Wheelchair Lift Saf-T-Liner C2 school bus chassis and bodies from the bids received through the Ohio Schools Council on May 1, 2023.

Moved by Joe Sturm. Seconded by Brian Wharry.

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

(23-6-8485)

5. Adjournment:

Moved by Jennifer Johnson, seconded by Jerry Dubos to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 pm.

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

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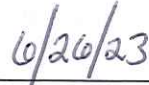
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