



LOWELLVILLE LOCAL SCHOOLS

52 Rocket Place, Lowellville, Ohio 44436

Board of Education

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

AGENDA

DATE: Wednesday, September 20, 2023
PLACE: Lowellville Library

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order:
2. Roll Call: Johnson - Sturm - Wharry - Yon - Dubos
3. Pledge of Allegiance:

TREASURER'S CONSENT ITEMS

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

A. Minutes

- a. Minutes from the August 16, 2023 regular Board meeting

B. Financial Reports

- a. Financial reports, list of bills and expenses paid, and payroll for the month ended August 2023

C. Approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Permanent Appropriation Measure and Certificate of Estimated Resources

D. Donations

- a. Accept a \$500 donation from the PTO. Funds will be used to purchase PBIS awards for students.

Moved by _____, seconded by _____.

Vote: Johnson - Sturm - Wharry - Yon - Dubos
The motion - carried – failed

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

1. Congratulations to the following students who were named to the 2023 Homecoming Court.
Makenna Beeson
Morgan Lewis
Hadassah Rivera

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Aryana Romano
Elizabeth Rossi

Bruce Brenner
Nicholas Donatelli
Cody Nolfi
Geno Perry
Anthony Vrabel

2. Thursday, September 28th we will kick off homecoming celebrations with the parade/snake leaving city hall at 6:45 PM and the bonfire to follow at 7:30 PM. On Friday, the Homecoming Parade starts at 5:30. Queen crowning will take place at half time. Saturday, the day of the dance, doors will open at 5:00 with the King crowning at 5:30 p.m. The dance will follow the crowning at 6:00.
3. Lowellville Local School District is participating in Start With Hello Week, the Sandy Hook Promise, September 18th -22nd. The program empowers youth to "know the signs" leading to safer schools. Students and educators learn how to identify at-risk behaviors and intervene to get help. These early-prevention measures empower everyone to help keep schools and communities safe. The program focuses on social-emotional learning including relationship skills, social awareness, responsible decision-making and self-awareness.

To begin Start with Hello Week week, students in grades K-12 have been tracing their hands and preparing these outlines in their visual art and ELA classes as a positive visual art representation for the Sandy Hook Promise. Students will write a positive word on each hand to be displayed in the school cafeteria. Students will also sign the Promise Pledge encouraging empathy, inclusion and speaking up by being an "Upstander" that they will be able to display in school and then take home for parents to see. A schedule of activities for each day of the week has been compiled. Resources will be provided so that teachers and counselors may implement lessons throughout the school year. All training and resource materials are provided at no cost to the school district.

4. Thank you to the PTO for supporting our PBIS program. They agreed to donate \$500 to purchase awards and prizes for our students. In December/January, they will donate another \$500. In addition, they have Scholastic Dollars to spend and we are welcome to use that to order prizes from the Scholastic catalog.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S RECOGNITIONS:

1. Beginning this month, Mr. Hammond will invite teachers to nominate K-12 students who consistently exhibit the qualities of R.I.S.E. (respectful, inclusive, safe, and engaged) in school. Teachers will be asked to provide a brief description of the student's behavior, attitude and work ethic in their classroom.

Mr. Hammond will then recognize each student in school by awarding them a Rocket Spotlight certificate, a formal letter will be mailed home informing the student's parents/guardians of their recognition, students

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will have their picture taken as a group and then shared on the school website, Facebook and school media class publication; and lastly, each student will receive a treat from the cafeteria.

The students nominated and recognized for the month of September are:

Kindergarten - Anthony Sesser
2nd grade - Nolan Vincent
3rd grade - Ryan Durkin
5th grade - Roland Swanson
6th grade - Dominic McCaughtry
7th grade - Azalea Betlyn
8th grade - Lily Sargent
11th grade - Kyle England
12th grade - Michael Ballone

2. Special Award - Submitted by Mr. Van Kirk- Congratulations to 10th grader, Kaden Italiano for receiving a Premier 1st Place Award for his Landscape painting which was entered in the Canfield Fair Art Show.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

1. Save the Date: Saturday, October 7, 2023- Lowellville School Foundation Quarter Auction

The Lowellville School Foundation is changing things up this year for the main fundraising event. Instead of the reverse raffle, we are going to try a Quarter Auction. The event will be held on Saturday, October 7th at the Lowellville Mt. Carmel Club. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. and the auction will start at 7:00 p.m. It's going to be a fun night and we welcome and encourage everyone to attend. There will be lots of prizes to bid on during the evening. The flier (attachment A) contains additional information as well as a QR code that contains a quick video to explain a quarter auction. If you would like to purchase a ticket to attend the event please contact Mrs. Sawicki at 330-536-8426 ext 148 or c.sawicki@lowellvilleschool.org. Tickets are \$10.00.

We are also seeking donations of any kind (valued between \$1-100) to be auctioned off during the event. If you or someone else is willing to donate a basket, item, gift card, cash, baked goods, etc. please reach out to Mrs. Sawicki. We are asking for all donations to be turned in by Friday, September 22nd.

2. Attendance Challenge -If a student misses just two days a month they will ultimately miss 10% of the school year. Addressing chronic absence is a key component of improving graduation rates, increasing academic achievement and giving young people the best chance at success in their adult life.

Beginning September 18, 2023, Lowellville School District will be partnering with United Way to launch an attendance challenge aimed at reducing chronic absenteeism and promoting regular attendance for all students K-12. We ask that all families work to support our goal of "Strive for Five". Our primary goal is to encourage each student to have no more than five absences in a school year. Regular attendance is crucial for a student's academic success. Thank you for your continued support.

To achieve our goal, we will be implementing a range of strategies and incentives.

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- Monthly Resources for Families: Each month, we will provide resources and tips to support families in ensuring their children attend school regularly. These resources will be shared through various channels, including social media and our school website.
- Quarterly Competitions: We will hold competitions every 9 weeks between grade levels (elementary) and 1st period classes (high school). The winning rooms will receive a plaque/certificate to display, and some type of party/treat. The teacher of the winning room will also receive a prize.
- Year-End Awards: At the end of the school year, we will recognize the top 3 students in each grade who have demonstrated exceptional attendance. Their families will also be invited to join the celebration and will be rewarded as well. In addition, we will honor the student who has shown the most improvement in attendance throughout the year.
- Whole School Goal: To build community and teamwork, we will set a collective attendance goal for our entire school. To keep track of our progress, we will display a visual representation in the cafeteria that will be updated regularly.

3. 2022 -2023 - Ohio School Report Cards Released

- a. [2023 Report Card Guide](#)
- b. [Search for 2022-2023 District and School Report Cards](#)
- c. [Summary, Celebrations, Areas of Improvement & Action Steps](#)

4. Nutrition Group- Samples of new menu items

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- 1. Building, Grounds, and Safety Board Committee Meeting- Met September 5, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.
 - a. Building and Grounds - Project Updates, Maintenance, and Needs
 - b. Permanent Improvement Project Updates
- 2. Finance Committee Meeting- Met September 19, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.
 - a. FES Reconciliation Presentation
 - b. General Updates on the District’s Finances and Funding

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Schedule a special board meeting to solicit feedback regarding facility upgrades

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

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

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS (BOARD POLICY: KD)

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SUPERINTENDENT'S CONSENT ITEMS

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

A. Personnel

1. Classified Staff Appointments

- a. Colleen Murphy-Penk- Substitute Bus Driver, Retroactive to begin September 18, 2023- Step 8 of the classified agreement- \$25.53 per hour

2. Athletic Supplemental 2023-2024 School Year-

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. Dan Dougherty, Baseball- Varsity- 12%
- b. Michael Kacir, Baseball- Assistant - 7%
- c. Carla Raseta, Softball- Varsity- 12%
- d. Brooke Kalitich, Softball- Assistant- 7%
- e. Michael Alfano, Softball- Assistant - 5%
- f. Bob Ballone Jr, Track- Head Boys HS- 12%
- g. Lisa Modelski, Track- Head Girls HS- 12%
- h. Eric Grow, Track- Assistant Boys HS- 8%
- i. Jamie DeMain, Track- 7th & 8th Girls - 8%
- j. Cody Mead, Basketball- Boys 8th- 8%

3. Peace Officer

- a. Michael Trolio- Peace Officer, Retroactive to begin September 15, 2023-to work security for Lowellville School District and events for the 2023-2024 school year- \$30.00 per hour

B. Leave of Absence

- a. Cindi Clemens- Unpaid Leave (2 half days)- August 30 and 31, 2023 (pm only)
- b. Lisa Doll- Revise the FMLA dates- Self- Effective August 2, 2023 - September 10, 2023

C. Building Use Requests

- a. ***Little Rockets Cheer Practice*** (Little Rockets Cheer- A. Higgins)- August and September 2023 if weather is bad and based upon availability- 5:00-7:00 p.m.- Small or Large Gym
- b. ***Birthday Party*** (Josh Hartman)- September 30, 2023- 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.- Pavilion & Restrooms
- c. ***Breakfast with Santa*** (Class of 2024- N. Firmstone)- December 10, 2023- 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.- Cafeteria, Kitchen, Stage
- d. ***Financial Aid Night*** (Guidance Dept. - A. Granitto)- January 18, 2024- 6:00-7:00 p.m.- CCP Room

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- e. **CCP Informational Night** (Guidance Dept. -A. Killingsworth)- February 12, 2024- 6:00-8:00 p.m.- CCP Room

D. Student Activity Anticipated Budgets and Sales Project Potential Forms As Submitted (2023-2024 school year)

- a. Volleyball
 - o Senior Night Basket Raffle- October 10, 2023
- b. Class of 2024
 - o Spirit Wear Fundraiser- September - October 2023

Moved by _____, seconded by _____.

Vote: Johnson - Sturm - Wharry - Yon - Dubos
The motion - carried – failed

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the amended agreement (as submitted) between the Educational Service Center of Eastern Ohio and Lowellville Local Schools to include one-half day per week of TESOL services during the 2023-2024 school year.

Moved by _____, seconded by _____.

Vote: Johnson - Sturm - Wharry - Yon - Dubos
The motion - carried – failed

2. It is recommended that the Board approve the amended agreement (as submitted) between the Educational Service Center of Eastern Ohio and Lowellville Local Schools to reflect the new substitute management assignment fee from \$139.70 to \$151.94 approved by the MVRCOG Board in May 2023.

Moved by _____, seconded by _____.

Vote: Johnson - Sturm - Wharry - Yon - Dubos
The motion - carried – failed

3. Other: It is recommended that the Board approve the contract between Ford Office Technologies and the Lowellville Local School District (as submitted) for the purpose of leasing to own four new copier machines for the district.

Moved by _____, seconded by _____.

Vote: Johnson - Sturm - Wharry - Yon - Dubos
The motion - carried – failed

4. Adjournment:

Moved by _____, seconded by _____ to adjourn

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the meeting at _____ am/pm.


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The motion - carried – failed

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ATTACHMENT A

LOWELLVILLE SCHOOL FOUNDATION



QUARTER AUCTION

WHEN: Saturday, October 7th

WHERE: Lowellville Mt. Carmel Club Hall
102 Washington St, 44436


TIME: Doors At 6pm, Auctions At 7pm

COST: \$10 Per Paddle
ALL-IN Paddles For Purchase At The Event

FOOD/DRINKS: Bring Your Own!

QUESTIONS: Call Or Email Superintendent Christine Sawicki
330-536-8426 ext. 148
C.sawicki@lowellvilleschool.org

How It Works:
Purchase a Paddle. Purchase Tickets To Use As "Quarters". If You See An Item You Wish To Bid On, Put Ticket(s) In And Raise Your Paddle. Once Everyone Bids, a Number Is Selected From The Container And That Person Wins!




SCAN ME FOR A YOUTUBE VIDEO ABOUT QUARTER AUCTIONS


How To Purchase Tickets:
Contact a Foundation Board Member or Purchase At The Event
A Foundation Board Member Will Reach Out To Coordinate Payment
Email: lowellvilleschoolfoundation@gmail.com
Text: 234-280-8680
Only Pre-Purchased Groups Of 8 Tickets Will Have Reserved Tables

Prizes/Raffles Include:

- Xbox Series S
- Gift Cards
- Party Buckets For Your Table
- 50/50
-Many More Prizes

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