The Lowellville Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, October 18, 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- Absent
Brian Wharry-Present
Stephanie Yon- Present

TREASURER'S CONSENT ITEMS

(23-10-8516)

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

A. Minutes
a. Minutes from the September 20, 2023 regular Board meeting

B. Financial Reports
a. Financial reports, list of bills and expenses paid, and payroll for the month ended September 2023

C. Donations
a. Accept a used ping pong table as a donation from Shelly Durbin.

Moved by Joe Sturm. Seconded by Brian Wharry.

ROLL CALL: Sturm - Wharry - Yon - Johnson -All Aye
Dubos- Absent
Joe Sturm declared the motion carried 4-0.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

1. Grades 2 and 6 completed gifted testing this month.

2. Students in grades 5-12 participated in a nicotine vaping prevention program presented by Mercy Health. The program is entitled CATCH My Breath and is an evidence-based vaping prevention program that empowers students with the knowledge and skills needed to make informed decisions about e-cigarettes and resist social pressures to vape.

3. We completed our first ALICE drill on September 28th where we practiced sheltering in place. We were able to complete the drill in just over 2 minutes. All rooms were locked, windows covered, and we could hear bolo sticks dropping into their holes as we stood in the hallways.

4. The K-2 staff met to conduct a review of their report cards, aiming to ensure alignment with educational standards, accurate representation of curriculum coverage, and clear communication of student progress to

parents. We collected samples of report cards from neighboring schools as a reference. Our next step is to reconvene for further discussions and recommendations regarding potential changes for the 2024-2025 school year.

5. This month, we handed out 264 RISE tickets, and during our first monthly RISE drawing, we were able to give out 30 prizes, across both high school and elementary. We will celebrate our first RISE day on October 19th. Elementary students will celebrate with a glow dance party hosted by DJ Nick Kerpsack. High school homerooms will be competing in a volleyball tournament. They can win extra points for things like a team name, team colors, a team uniform, a team chant, getting their homeroom teacher to participate, etc.

6. Mr. Hammond and I are also excited to share that we are collaborating with Rachael Ayers, an education innovation specialist from the ESC, to introduce a monthly learning series aimed at increasing our knowledge of emerging technologies, specifically artificial intelligence (AI) to discover how it can transform teacher (and principal) effectiveness, student engagement and overall productivity. Sessions will be held here after school.

7. Grade 3 will take their fall state test in ELA on October 24th and 25th. The test consists of two 90 minute sessions in which the students are tested on reading informational text, reading literary text and writing (opinion and informative/explanatory). In the writing component students are required to construct a multi-paragraph text-based response in which they present or analyze information or support an opinion/argument.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S RECOGNITIONS:

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

   Mr. Hammond then recognizes each student in school by awarding them a Rocket Spotlight certificate, a formal letter is mailed home informing the student's parents/guardians of their recognition, students have their picture taken as a group and it is 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 this month are:

   K - Richard Klar
   1st - Michael Palumbo
   2nd - Krismary Lopez-Cotto
   3rd - Liv Palumbo
   4th - Karina Cruz
   5th - Mileena Copanic

6th - Whitley Arnoto
7th - Steven Yon
7th- Hailey Wolfgang
8th - Kaileen Diaz
10th - Laila Stevens

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

1. National Principal Month- In celebration of National Principals Month, we want to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for the incredible work Mrs. Parry and Mr. Hammond does each and every day. Your dedication, leadership, and unwavering commitment to our school community are truly exceptional.

2. Lowellville School Foundation - Quarter Auction- Thank You Letter

With the utmost gratitude, the Lowellville School Foundation would like to extend a heartfelt "BIG THANK YOU" to all those who took part in last night's First Annual Quarter Auction. The event saw incredible generosity from individuals and businesses who contributed auction items, and we couldn't have accomplished this without their unwavering support. Once again, we sincerely express our thanks to them.

We also want to express our appreciation to the Mount Carmel Club for generously providing the venue, the National Honor Society students who dedicated their time and assistance throughout the night, and our remarkable school administration for not only attending but also contributing their expertise to organize, process, and ensure the success of the event. We are profoundly grateful to all of you.

We hope that all who participated had an enjoyable evening, and your pride and generosity in supporting this fundraiser are truly commendable.

It's essential to remember that all proceeds from this event are for the benefit of our students, which is the primary reason behind our collective efforts. We are confident that both past and future scholarship recipients also extend their gratitude.

Please help us spread the word that we will soon begin planning next year's event, and we are certain that the next Quarter Auction will be even more successful in raising funds for the scholarship opportunities for our Lowellville Rocket Seniors.

Congratulations to the winners and all the attendees. And let's always keep our school's mission in mind:

"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."

Remember, each one of us has a role to play, no matter how small or large, in contributing to our students' success.

Finally, if anyone is interested in joining the Lowellville Foundation and helping to ensure the success and mission of our excellent school district, please contact any of the foundation members listed on the school's website or reach out to the school directly.

Congratulations to all,
Lowellville School Foundation

3. On Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. the Lowellville Board of Education will hold a special meeting in the school cafeteria to engage in a work session to discuss permanent improvements and capital projects. No action will be taken during the meeting.

4. Veterans Day Assembly- ***Save the Date*** for our annual Veterans Day Assembly. The assembly will be held in the morning on Friday, November 10, 2023. Additional details will be shared soon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

1. NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. NONE

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

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

NONE

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS (BOARD POLICY: KD)

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SUPERINTENDENT'S CONSENT ITEMS

(23-10-8517)

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

A. Personnel

1. **Athletic Supplementals 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. Michael DuPonty-Basketball Boys Freshman (Minimum 6)- 8%
b. Joe Ballone- Track- 7 & 8 - Boys- 8%
c. Wesley Hodge- Track- Assistant Girls HS- 8%

B. **Building Use Requests**

a. ***Lowellville Youth Basketball League*** (Holly Smith)- October 2023 - February 2024- Practice Dates and Times Will Be Determined Based on Gym Availability- Small or Large Gym

Moved by Joe Sturm. Seconded by Jennifer Johnson.

ROLL CALL: Sturm - Wharry - Yon - Johnson -All Aye
Dubos- Absent
Joe Sturm declared the motion carried 4-0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

(23-10-8518)

1. **Other: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following items A- B by consent action:**

A. Personnel- Classified Staff Appointment

a. Joyce Wilson- Cafeteria Aide as needed for the 2023-2024 school year retroactive to begin on October 18, 2023. Step 0 of the classified agreement- $10.15 per hour.

B. **Personnel- Peace Officer**

a. James Ritter- Peace Officer for the 2023-2024 school year to work security for Lowellville School District events- $30.00 per hour.

Moved by Stephanie Yon. Seconded by Brian Wharry.

ROLL CALL: Sturm - Wharry - Yon - Johnson -All Aye
Dubos- Absent
Joe Sturm declared the motion carried 4-0.

2. Adjournment:

(23-10-8519)

Moved by **Jennifer Johnson,** seconded by **Brian Wharry** to adjourn the meeting at **6:42 pm.**

ROLL CALL: Sturm - Wharry - Yon - Johnson -All Aye
Dubos- Absent
Joe Sturm declared the motion carried 4-0.

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Joseph [illegible]
President

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Treasurer

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