



LOWELLVILLE LOCAL SCHOOLS

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Board of Education

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

AGENDA

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

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

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

TREASURER'S CONSENT ITEMS

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

A. Minutes

- a. Minutes from the November 15, 2023 regular Board meeting

B. Financial Reports

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

C. Donations

- a. It is recommended that the Board accept the donation of two treadmills and an exercise bike from the Lowellville Athletic Boosters to be used by all students.

Moved by _____, seconded by _____.

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

1. Our K-6 homerooms and high school science classes participated in the Hour of Code, a global initiative reaching tens of millions of students in 180+ countries held from December 4th to December 10th. The Hour of Code introduces students to the fundamentals of coding and computer science. The goal of this initiative is to spark an interest in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) fields, and

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broaden students' perspectives on the practical applications of computer science across STEM disciplines. Moving forward, we hope to further integrate coding concepts into our curriculum.

2. To continue with STEM and to help bring in the holiday cheer, the 5th and 6th grade participated in an Elf on the Shelf STEM project on Friday, December 8th. The elf requested a taller shelf to sit upon, so the students were challenged to create one using only toothpicks and gumdrops. Groups consisted of a mixture of 5th and 6th grade students who worked collaboratively to plan, build, and test their elf shelf. In addition, the students wrote reflections about their project and created a poster to display their findings.
3. On December 4th and 5th, students from grades 6 and 9 participated in Alta's Linkages program which focuses on addressing depression and suicide. Following the educational sessions on both days, students from all grades were offered the opportunity for suicide and depression screenings. Participation in the screenings was strictly on a voluntary basis, and only students whose parents had expressly requested one were screened.
4. Each year a district must ensure that personnel are trained in evidence-based crisis management and de-escalation techniques as well as the safe use of physical restraint and seclusion. On December 19th a team of staff members were trained in Crisis Prevention Intervention (CPI). CPI teaches strategies to prevent and manage disruptive behavior in school. It involves understanding root causes, effective communication for de-escalation, and, if necessary, employing safe physical interventions. The focus is on fostering a safe learning environment and equipping educators to navigate challenges while promoting positive outcomes. Additional teams will be trained next year.

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 - Aubrianna Edwards
1 - Abigail Anderson
2 - Patrick Durkin
3 - Lucian Wilson
4 - Lilliana Sesser
5 - Alina Galazia
6 - Ethan Camara and John Crilley
11- Dominic Encarnacion

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SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

1. Congratulations to the winners and runner ups in the grades 3-5 and 6-8 grade spelling bees that took place on December 1, 2023:
Grades 3-5 Champion: Roland Swanson- 5th grade
Grades 3-5 Runner Up: Skylar Higgins- 5th grade

Grades 6-8 Champion: AJ Powell- 6th grade
Grades 6-8 Runner Up: Michael Alfano- 6th grade
2. Michael Katula- Congratulations to Senior, Michael Katula for signing with Malone University on December 20, 2023. Michael will continue as a track and cross country athlete at the Division II University. Go Pioneers!
3. Dear Families, Students, Staff, and Board Members,

As we approach the joyous holiday season, I wanted to take a moment to extend my warmest holiday wishes to each and every one of you. May this festive season bring you moments of laughter, love, and cherished time spent with family and friends.

In alignment with the spirit of the holidays, I am delighted to share information regarding our upcoming winter break. School will not be in session from Friday, December 22nd through Sunday, January 7th, allowing our students and teachers to enjoy this special time of the year.

This break provides us with an opportunity to recharge, reflect, and appreciate the blessings that surround us. Whether it's celebrating cherished traditions, embarking on new adventures, or simply taking time for relaxation, I encourage everyone to make the most of this festive season.

As we bid farewell to this year, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering dedication, hard work, and commitment to our educational community. Your contributions have been invaluable, and I am truly proud of the progress and achievements we've made together.

Wishing you all a Happy Holiday filled with warmth, happiness, and beautiful memories. May the New Year ahead be filled with prosperity, success, and continued growth.

Warm regards,

Mrs. Sawicki

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. None Met

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OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Update on Permanent Improvement and Capital Projects
- 2.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS (BOARD POLICY: KD)

In order for the Board to fulfill its obligation to complete the planned agenda in an effective and efficient fashion, a maximum of 30 minutes of public participation may be permitted at each meeting. Each person addressing the Board shall give his/her name and address. If several people wish to speak, each person is allotted three minutes until the total time of 30 minutes is used. At the discretion of the Board President, the time limit may be extended to five minutes. During that period, no person may speak twice until all who desire to speak have had the opportunity to do so. Persons desiring more time should follow the procedure of calling the Board office to request to be placed on the regular agenda at the Superintendent’s discretion. The period of public participation may be extended by a vote of the majority of the Board, present and voting.

SUPERINTENDENT’S CONSENT ITEMS

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

A. Personnel

1. Classified Staff Appointments

- a. Tiffany Lesnansky- Cafeteria Aide- Retroactive effective November 29, 2023- Step 0 of the classified agreement- \$10.15 per hour until December 31, 2023. Beginning January 2024, her rate will be \$10.45 per hour.

2. Athletic Supplemental 2023-2024 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:

- a. Richard Palumbo- Girls Basketball- Volunteer- 0% - Retroactive to the beginning of the 2023-2024 season

B. Leave of Absence

- a. Cynthia Clemens- Unpaid Leave (2 days)- January 11 and 12, 2024

Moved by _____, seconded by _____.

Vote: Dubos - Johnson - Sturm -Wharry - Yon

The motion - carried – failed

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SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the amendment to Schedule A for the 2023-2024 services provided to the Lowellville Local School District by the Educational Service Center of Eastern Ohio (ESC) to include the technology optimization infrastructure services.

Moved by _____, seconded by _____.

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

2. It is recommended that the Board approve the Resolution (as submitted) Approving And Authorizing Amendment To Agreement Regarding The Mahoning County School Employee Insurance Consortium To Clarify Certain Inconsistencies Relating To Section 2(C).

Moved by _____, seconded by _____.

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

3. It is recommended that the Board move into Executive Session. Moved by _____, seconded by _____, resolved that the Board of Education of the Lowellville School District adjourn to Executive Session at _____ 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. X Matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or rules or state statutes;
6. _____ Specialized details of security arrangements.

Action will/will not be taken

Moved by _____, seconded by _____.

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

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4. It is recommended that the Board return from Executive Session and resume Board Meeting at _____ p.m.:

Moved by _____, seconded by _____.

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

5. Other:

Moved by _____, seconded by _____.

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

6. Adjournment:

Moved by _____, seconded by _____ to adjourn
the meeting at _____ am/pm.

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

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