

The Lowellville Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 in the Lowellville 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

(23-11-8521)

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

A. Minutes

- a. Minutes from the October 18, 2023 regular Board meeting
- b. Minutes from the October 24, 2023 special Board meeting

B. Financial Reports

- a. Financial reports, list of bills and expenses paid, and payroll for the month ended October 2023
- b. Approve the 5 year forecast financial report

Report/Discussion:

- Mr. Karlovic reviewed with the Board the changes in the 5 year financial forecast from May 2023 - November 2023.
- As a reminder, the forecast only includes general fund dollars. It does not include permanent improvement funds.
- The assumptions in May 2023 factored in property values. At that time it was not confirmed how much the property values would be but it was estimated that they would be between 14-20% over the forecasted period. Historically, there have been large increases. The values should hit January 2024. February 2024 should reflect the new evaluations.
- Increase in restricted and unrestricted aid from the state
- Phased in faster economically disadvantaged funding
- FY24 to FY28 - no deficit spending
- Cash balances will increase
- District is funded per student now. Will need to monitor student enrollment. 450-470 FTE will keep the forecast healthy.
- As a reminder, permanent improvement funds can not be used for salaries or benefits.

C. Donations

- a. Please approve the following donations to support the Class of 2024’s Breakfast with Santa
Gianna's Catering: Food products & Grinch Costume
Dunkin (Struthers): Food products
Giant Eagle (Poland): \$25.00 Gift Card
IGA (Struthers): \$25.00 Gift Card

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Pat Ginnetti (Mahoning County Engineer): \$500.00 Check
 Rebecca Mickler: Santa/Frosty Costume

Moved by Jerry Dubos. Seconded by Brian Wharry.

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

1. The Ohio Department of Education has updated the requirements for honors diplomas beginning with the class of 2026. Students have the opportunity to choose to pursue one of six honors diplomas:

- Academic Honors Diploma
- International Baccalaureate Honors Diploma
- Career Tech Honors Diploma
- STEM Honors Diploma
- Arts Honors Diploma
- Social Science and Civic Engagement Honors Diploma

Each of these criteria go beyond the standard requirements for a diploma for the classes of 2023 and beyond. Students must meet general graduation requirements **AND** complete the requirements outlined below to qualify for Honors Diplomas.

Students must meet **all but one** of the criteria in order to earn an *Academic Honors* Diploma.

Students may replace the ACT/SAT, GPA **or** World Language requirement with a “Student Strength Demonstration.”

The previous requirements to earn an honors diploma are also available for students in the classes of 2023-2025.

ACADEMIC HONORS DIPLOMA

Requirements	State Minimum
1 Math	Fourth math must be > Algebra 2
2 Science	One additional unit Advanced Science
3 Social Studies	One additional unit Social Studies
4 World Languages	Three sequential units of one world language, or no less than 2 sequential units of two world languages studied
5 GPA	3.5 on a 4.0 scale
6 ACT/SAT	ACT: Score of 27 or higher, SAT: Score of 1280 or higher
7 Seal Requirement	Earn two additional diploma seals, not including Honors Diploma Seal
8 Experiential Learning	Field Experience, OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal*, Portfolio or Work-Based Learning

reach their individual potentials by providing an environment where tradition, iver members of a global society.

Student Strength Demonstration Replacement Options:

- College Credit Plus: 12 total College Credit Plus credit hours
- Advanced Placement: three courses with score of 3 or higher on AP tests
- Career-Technical Assurance Guide (CTAG): 12 total credits
- Apprenticeship/Pre-Apprenticeship: Completion or Evidence of Acceptance if required to be older than 18
- WorkKeys: Score of 6 or higher on all tests (*void for Career-Tech Honors Diploma)
- Armed Services Vocational Battery: Score of 50 or above on the ASVAB
- Work-Based Learning: 250 total hours of work-based learning

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 - Antonio Donatelli
- 1 - Madison Mead
- 2 - James McCormick
- 3 - Vito Carchedi
- 4 - Yetzael Rodriguez Andino
- 5 - Abel Zimmerman
- 6- Santino Alfano
- 7 - Parker Macejko
- 8 - Chloe Necastro
- 10 - Terrence Graves
- 11 - Kenzie McCormick
- 12 - Sophia Yon

2. Congratulations to the Cross Country State Qualifiers on their excellent performances this year.

- a. Sophia Yon- 12th grade
Girls Cross Country
1st team MVAC
District Result: 3rd place out of 81; 19:16
Regional Result: 6th place out of 101; 19:23

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State Result: 17th place out of 185; 18:55 (Personal Best Time); made the awards podium
Awarded All-Ohio

b. Michael Katula -12th grade

Boys Cross Country

1st team MVAC

District Result: 1st place out of 106; 16:52

Regional Result: 8th place out of 111; 16:50

State Result: 36th place out of 186; 16:40.80 (Personal Best Time)

School Record; 16:40:80

c. Nathan Yon- 10th grade

Boys Cross Country

1st team MVAC

District Result: 3rd place out of 106; 17:07

Regional Result: 10th place out of 106; 16:57

State Result: 48th place out of 186; 16:51 (Personal Best Time)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

1. **OMEA District 5 Honors Choir-** Congratulations to the following junior high and high school students who were selected for and participated in the OMEA District 5 Honors Choir at Stambaugh Auditorium on October 27-28, 2023.

Middle School Members:

Isabella DeBeaulieu

Kaileen Diaz

Danika Dubos

Hazel Huff

Nataley Rolland

Lily Sargent

Derek Sida

Vincent Taylor

Jakob Primous

High School Members:

Reese Agee

Abby Grimes

Levi Moore

Kaden Primous

Hadassah Rivera

Zak Sargent

John Swanson

MISSION

2. **Varsity Football-** Congratulations to our varsity football team on an excellent regular season and postseason thus far. The team had a regular season record of 9-1 and were named MVAC League Champions. In addition, the team made their way to the playoffs and are off to an excellent start, moving into week #3 of the postseason. History was made by this team because no other Rocket football team has ever made it to week #3 of the playoffs. The entire district and village are behind you and cheering you on to additional victories!!
3. **OMEA District 5 Honors Band-** Congratulations to the following junior high and high school students who were selected for and will participate in the OMEA District 5 Honors Band at Stambaugh Auditorium on November 17-18, 2023.

Middle School Members

Mason Dutton
Jakob Primous
Nicholas Scott
Lucas Williams
Steven Yon

High School Members

Cheyenne Bott
Casey Gordon (1st chair)
Eliza Primous
Kaden Primous (1st chair)
Nathan Yon
Sophia Yon

4. **Mrs. Mellissa Husosky-** Mrs. Husosky, a music teacher in Lowellville, has been selected to march in the 2023 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade with the Band Directors Marching Band. The marching band consists of 400 band directors from across the country. Throughout their careers, the music educators in this band have collectively mentored and taught hundreds of thousands of students. These professionals not only teach and direct music, they teach about life itself.

The band will be directed by nationally known music educator and innovative band director Jon Waters. The sponsoring organization behind the Saluting America's Band Directors project is the Michael D. Sewell Memorial Foundation, based in Pickerington, Ohio. The foundation was created to recognize and carry on the work of the late Mike Sewell, who dedicated his life to the school and community music programs in Pickerington and the Central Ohio area for almost 40 years.

5. **MVAC All Star Volleyball Classic-** Congratulations to Seniors, Serinna Tych and Bella Willrich for being selected to play in the MVAC All Star Volleyball Classic which was held on November 8, 2023, at Mineral Ridge.
6. **Sophia Yon-** Congratulations to Senior, Sophia Yon for signing with Purdue on November 8, 2023. Sophia will continue as a track and cross country athlete at the Division 1, Big 10 University. Go Boilermakers!

MISSION

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- 1. NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Permanent Improvement and Capital Projects - Discussion Regarding Next Steps

Discussion: Desire to create an assessment plan and eventually hire a Construction Manager at Risk (CMR) to tour the facility and check items such as the roof, HVAC, track, field, etc. The CMR will be able to provide ideas to the Board and administration.

The Board would need to create an RFQ for the CMR. Mr. Karlovic will begin the process of moving forward.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Schedule January 2024 Organizational Meeting and Regular Board Meeting

Discussion: The Organizational Meeting will be held on January 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. The Regular Board meeting will begin immediately after the conclusion of the Organizational Meeting on January 10, 2024.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

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

Discussion: NONE

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS (BOARD POLICY: KD)

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SUPERINTENDENT’S CONSENT ITEMS

(23-11-8522)

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

A. Personnel

1. 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. Tom Beeson-Baseball- Assistant - 5%

MISSION

2. Peace Officer

- a. Robert Younger- Peace Officer, Retroactive to begin October 27, 2023-to work security for Lowellville School District and events for the 2023-2024 school year- \$30.00 per hour
- b. Robert Cranmer- Peace Officer, Retroactive to begin October 27, 2023-to work security for Lowellville School District and events for the 2023-2024 school year- \$30.00 per hour

Moved by Joe Sturm. Seconded by Jennifer Johnson.

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

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS:

(23-11-8523)

- 1. It is recommended that the Board approve the rate for cafeteria aide/cleaning aide step 0 for the 2023-2024 school year beginning January 1, 2024 from \$10.15 per hour to \$10.45 per hour in order to be in compliance with the revised State of Ohio Department of Commerce minimum wage rate.

Moved by Stephanie Yon. Seconded by Brian Wharry.

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

(23-11-8524)

- 2. It is recommended that the Board approve the rate for cafeteria aide/cleaning aide step 1 for the 2023-2024 school year beginning January 1, 2024 from \$10.33 per hour to \$10.45 per hour in order to be in compliance with the revised State of Ohio Department of Commerce minimum wage rate.

Moved by Stephanie Yon. Seconded by Brian Wharry.

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

(23-11-8525)

- 3. It is recommended that the Board approve the overnight field trip to Kalahari on Wednesday, March 6, 2024 and Thursday, March 7, 2024 for the senior class trip.

Moved by Jennifer Johnson. Seconded by Joe Sturm.

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

(23-11-8526)

- 4. It is recommended that the Board move into Executive Session. Moved by **Brian Wharry**, seconded by **Jennifer Johnson**, resolved that the Board of Education of the Lowellville School District adjourn to Executive Session at **6:33 p.m.** to discuss:

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1. X 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 not be taken.

Moved by Brian Wharry. Seconded by Jennifer Johnson.

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

5. It is recommended that the Board return from Executive Session and resume Board Meeting at **(23-11-8527)**
6:54 p.m.:

Moved by Jerry Dubos. Seconded by Jennifer Johnson.

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

6. **Other:** Building Use- It is recommended that the Board approve the following building use request: **(23-11-8528)**
a. Youth Basketball Camp- Boys (Boys Basketball- DJ Aldish)- December 16, 23, 30, 2023 and January 13, 2024- (9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.) Small Gym, Large Gym

Moved by Brian Wharry. Seconded by Stephanie Yon.

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

7. **Other:** It is recommended that the Board approve the following student activity anticipated budget and sales project potential forms as submitted for the 2023-2024 school year: **(23-11-8529)**

- a. Boys Basketball
 - Basketball Poster Ads- November - December 2023
 - Foul shot athon- December 2023

MISSION

- Youth Basketball Camp for Boys- December 2023 - January 2024

Moved by Jennifer Johnson. Seconded by Joe Sturm.

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

(23-11-8530)

8. Adjournment:

Moved by Stephanie Yon, seconded by Brian Wharry to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 pm.

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

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President



Treasurer

12/20/23

Date

12/20/2023

Date

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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.

