



LOWELLVILLE LOCAL SCHOOLS

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Board of Education

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SPECIAL BOARD MEETING:

AGENDA

DATE: Thursday, April 25, 2024

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Lowellville Library

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-B by consent action:

A. Minutes

- a. Minutes from the March 20, 2024 regular Board meeting

B. Financial Reports

- a. Financial reports, list of bills and expenses paid, and payroll for the month ended March 2024

Moved by _____, seconded by _____.

Vote: Dubos - Johnson - Sturm- Wharry - Yon

The motion - carried – failed

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

1. State testing concluded this week. Results are scheduled to be released on May 14th for math, science and social studies and May 20th for ELA.
2. Congratulations to the 2024 Lowellville Prom Court- Bruce Brenner, Nicholas Donatelli, Robert Loftus, Cody Nolfi, Anthony Vrabel, Makenna Beeson, Joslyn Delsignore, Madison Esposito, Aryana Romano and Elizabeth Rossi. Prom will be held on Friday, May 3, 2024.
3. Starting next school year, our district will transition to using ParentSquare exclusively for its communications, moving away from multiple platforms like Remind, ClassDojo, Send It, etc. This change is designed to streamline communication by consolidating all updates, alerts, discussions, and

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other messages into one centralized platform. ParentSquare will also handle district-level communications, such as all-call announcements and attendance calls. This means that everything from classroom-specific messages to broader district-wide notifications will come through the same system. By using ParentSquare, we aim to make accessing and managing school communications more straightforward for parents, teachers, coaches and administrators, ensuring that important information is consistently received and easily accessible to everyone.

4. The month of May is nationally recognized as Mental Health Awareness Month. Lowellville Local Schools will honor the month with a MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK from May 6th- May 10th. On May 8th, an event for MS and HS aged students will be held here on campus called The GetSchooled Tour! The Get Schooled Tour is a 60-minute high-energy event that educates students about mental health and the network of care that surrounds them. Elements of the Get Schooled Tour include engaging education, trivia competitions, interactive polling, and compelling video. In addition, please, see the list of activities, events and themes for the week.



**LOWELLVILLE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT'S
MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK
May 6th-10th, 2024**

The month of May is nationally recognized as Mental Health Awareness Month.
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AWARENESS WEEK. Please, see the list of activities, events and themes for the week.

- ★ **Monday: MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK Kick-Off**
 - Wear Break the Stigma t-shirt or **Green** for Mental Health Awareness.
 - School-wide picture to be taken at 8AM. Awareness item give-away.
- ★ **Tuesday: TWIN TUESDAY: Twin with Someone to Show You're Not Alone**
 - Students are encouraged to dress alike or in the same color as a classmate.
- ★ **Wednesday: WEAR WHITE to WHITE-OUT NEGATIVE THOUGHTS**
 - Students are encouraged to wear **WHITE**.
 - **Gr. 6-12 RemedyLIVE "Get Schooled Escapism Tour" 12:30PM**
 - Journals to be given to all students and staff to encourage healthy outlets.
- ★ **Thursday: TELL US HOW YOU FEEL THURSDAY**
 - Students are encouraged to wear a color that describes their emotions.
- ★ **Friday:**
 - GRADES 7-12 **WEAR LIGHT BLUE for PHYSICAL HEALTH or HEALTHY ACTIVITIES**
 - GRADES K-6 WEAR YOUR GRADE LEVEL **COLOR** and participate in physical activities for **K-6 FIELD DAY**

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5. The Senior Breakfast is Tuesday, May 21st at 8:00 AM at Avion on the Water. RSVPs can be made to Mrs. Granitto. Commencement is Sunday, May 26th at 2:00 PM.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S RECOGNITIONS:

Rocket Student Spotlight of the Month!

1. Congratulations to 6th grade student Abbigail Cavna. Abbigail was one of five students in Mahoning County whose Green Team Recycle/Save the Earth poster was selected to be displayed on a billboard across the county. Her poster is located on South Ave. near Rulli Bros.



SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

1. On Saturday, April 13, 2024, Lowellville junior high band and choir members participated in a solo and ensemble contest at Champion High School. Congratulations to all of the students who participated.

Band- All of the students who performed received the highest rating of a one/superior. Congratulations to:

- Kayleigh Cruz- Snare Drum Solo
- Morgan DeMain- Xylophone Solo
- Jakob Primous- Trumpet Solo
- Nicholas Scott- Trumpet Solo
- Nicholas Scott- Tuba Solo
- Lucas Williams- French Horn Solo
- Steven Yon- Trumpet Solo
- Kayleigh Cruz and Morgan DeMain- Snare Drum Duet
- Nicholas Scott, Jakob Primous, Steven Yon- Trumpet Trio
- Mason Dutton, Nicholas Scott, Lucas Williams- Brass Trio
- Steven Yon, Jakob Primous, Lucas Williams, Mason Dutton, Nicholas Scott- Brass Quintet

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Choir- Congratulations to the following students for receiving the highest rating of a one/superior:

- Jakob Primous: Vocal Solo
- Nataley Rolland: Vocal Solo

Choir- Congratulations to the following student for receiving the second highest rating of a two/excellent:

- Isabella DeBeaulieu - Vocal Solo

2. Class of 2024- Lowellville High School presents its 134th Annual Commencement on Sunday, May 26, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. in the Paul V. Johnson Gymnasium.

3. Parents: We want to inform you about a minor adjustment to the start time for all K-12 students at Lowellville, beginning in the upcoming 2024-2025 school year. We will be moving the start time up to 7:40 AM, five minutes earlier than the previous start time of 7:45 AM.

This adjustment is being made to facilitate a positive change in our high school schedule. By adding the additional five minutes to the day and adjusting the length of each period we are now able to introduce a thirty minute advisory period which will occur first thing in the morning. During the advisory period our students will be actively engaged in various activities/meetings including, guidance lessons, class meetings, sources of strength activities, scheduling, academic interventions, among others.

Additionally, our administration will have the opportunity to meet and plan with various staff members throughout the year. During this time, they will focus on reviewing data, planning lessons, and making necessary adjustments to enhance the learning experience for our students.

We believe these changes will contribute to a more effective and supportive learning environment for all students. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we strive to continuously improve the educational experience at Lowellville.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. None Met

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Superintendent Evaluation Process
- 2.

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PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

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

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. Certified Staff Appointments

- a. Angela Higgins- Success by 6 Teacher for Summer 2024 Program- \$21.13 per hour

2. Classified Staff Appointments

- a. Marcela Estevez- Success by Six Aide for Summer 2024 Program- \$16.50 per hour

3. Non Bargaining Unit Personnel (Grant Funded) Appointment

- a. Teresa (Tracy) Vivo- 1 year contract for the 2024 -2025 School Year- Behavioral Health and Wellness Coordinator- 240 Days- Step 4 of the Behavioral Health & Wellness Coordinator Salary Schedule-\$62,431

4. Athletic Supplementals Appointments- 2024-2025 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. DJ Aldish- Basketball Boys Varsity- 21%
- B. Lisa Modelski- Basketball Girls Varsity- 21%
- C. Steve Procick- Basketball Girls Varsity Assistant- 10%
- D. Ron Rotunno - Basketball Girls JV- 11%
- E. Rick Palumbo- Girls Basketball Volunteer- 0%
- F. Carrine Esenwein- Bowling Head- 6%
- G. Christina Freed- Bowling JV- 4%
- H. Eric Grow- Indoor Track Head Coach- 4%
- I. Robert Ballone Sr. - Athletic Director- 21%
- J. Diane Nord- Girls Assistant AD- 6%
- K. Emily Lisowski- Girls Assistant AD- 6%

5. Substitute Nurse Appointments

- a. Sharon Wilson, 2024-2025 School Year- \$18.31 per hour
- b. Carla Raseta, 2024-2025 School Year- \$18.31 per hour

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6. Peace Officers Appointments

It is recommended that the Board approve the following Peace Officers available to work security for Lowellville School District and events for the **2024-2025** school year:

- a. Elrico Alli
- b. Stacy Karis
- c. Troy Fares
- d. Mike Trolio
- e. DJ Aldish
- f. George Stamos
- g. Daryl Wagner
- h. Charles Butch
- i. Jeff Lewis
- j. Dan Mamula
- k. James Ritter
- l. Robert Younger
- m. Robert Cranmer
- n. Keith Brown
- o. Douglas Bobovnyk
- p. Brian Ferreri

B. Leave of Absence

- a. Marcela Estevez- Unpaid Leave (2 1/2 days)- May 29, 2024- half day, May 30-31, 2024- full days

C. Building Use

- a. ***Birthday Party*** (Lynn Cataldo)- June 8, 2024 - 12:00-3:00 p.m.- outdoor pavilion, restrooms, playground

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

- a. Drama Club
 - Ticket Sales for Spring Play- April 2024
 - Concession Sales for Spring Play - April 2024

Moved by _____, seconded by _____.

Vote: Dubos - Johnson - Sturm- Wharry - Yon

The motion - carried – failed

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. 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. X The appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of an employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against an

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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. X 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/will not be taken.

Moved by _____, seconded by _____.

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

2. 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

3. It is recommended that the Board approve the Class of 2024 graduates as submitted below:

Sophia Alfano	Michael Ballone	Connor Binion	Hunter Bott	Meranda Caruso	Caleb Costanzo
Braylen Dabney	Riahnna Edwards	Landon Esenwein	Landon Frohman	Michael Gibson	Donovon Gomez
Casey Gordon	Destiny Hunsucker-Richard	Michael Katula	Olivia Lavernuick	Kayla Lawson	Mathew Lucido
Bruce Mahon	Mia Mangine	Ryan Neider	Natalie Parry	Vincent Perry II	Shannyn Phillips
Fortunato Rivera- Ocasio	Rachel Speis	Serinna Tych	Arianna Wasko	Isabella Willrich	Nathan Wilson
Sophia Yon					

Moved by _____, seconded by _____.

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The motion - carried – failed

4. It is recommended that the Board approve a limited contract for the following teachers and/or school counselors for the **2024-2025** school year and be placed at the appropriate step of the Certified Master Contract salary schedule:

Robbin Carlos	Renay Choma	Megan Anderson	Lisa Doll
Daniel Dougherty	Nicole Firmstone	Melissa Husosky	Angela Killingsworth (counselor)
McKenzie Augustine	Leslie Mercure	Jeannine Reamer	Jared Van Kirk
Dominique Kerpsack	Alina Wittenauer	Alyssa Streb	Gina DeLuca
Dr. Jared Hale	Alyssa Granitto (counselor)	Emily Lisowski	Eric Grow
Amanda Signor	Jessica Dent	Carrine Esenwein	

Moved by _____, seconded by _____.

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

5. It is recommended that the Board approve a two year contract beginning the 2024-2025 (**2024-2025 and 2025-2026**) school year for the following Classified Staff members and be placed at the appropriate step of the Classified Master Contract salary schedule:

Nick Ballone- Educational Aide	Cynthia Clemens- Bus Driver
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Moved by _____, seconded by _____.

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

6. It is recommended that the Board approve the following staff “as needed” for the **2024-2025** school year and be placed at the appropriate step of the Classified Master Contract salary schedule:

Cheryl Mamula- Cafeteria Aide Custodial Aide (summer)	Lucille Yarnell- Cafeteria Aide	Logan Agee- Custodial Aide	Richard Beard- Custodial Aide
Paulette Collet- Cafeteria Aide	Kathy Wharry- Cafeteria Aide	Tiffany Lesnansky- Cafeteria Aide	Chad Likens- Cafeteria Aide, Custodial Aide, Grounds Maintenance

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Toni Lanterman- Cafeteria Aide	Mildred Sturm- Cafeteria Aide	Cheryl Kawecki- Substitute Bus Driver	Colleen Murphy-Penk- Substitute Bus Driver
Joyce Wilson- Van Aide and Cafeteria Aide	Laura Macejko- Educational Aide	Ryan Dunn- Substitute Bus Driver	Shawn McCormick- Cafeteria Aide
John Olson- Van Aide			

Moved by _____, seconded by _____.

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

7. It is recommended that the Board approve the contract (as submitted) between the Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board, and Lowellville Schools to engage in a collaborative with Miami University Center of Excellence of School Based Prevention and Early Intervention to support the adoption and/or expansion of the Ohio School Wellness Initiative through onboarding Behavioral Health and Wellness Coordinator in Lowellville Schools.

Moved by _____, seconded by _____.

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

8. It is recommended that the Board approve the FY25 3313.845 MVRCOG Service Agreement as submitted:

Moved by _____, seconded by _____.

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

9. It is recommended that the Board approve the 3 year agreement (as submitted) between the Healthcare Process Consulting, Inc. (HPC) and Lowellville Local School District for the purpose of HPC assisting the district in managing the district's Ohio Medicaid Service Program to procure federal medicaid reimbursement for district provided Medicaid eligible services. The agreement will be effective July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2027.

Moved by _____, seconded by _____.

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

10. It is recommended that the Board approve the start and end times for all K-12 students for the 2024-2025 school year. All students will attend school from 7:40 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Moved by _____, seconded by _____.

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The motion - carried – failed

11. It is recommended that the Board approve the change in funding for the Response to Intervention Teacher position beginning the 2024-25 school year. The position was previously grant funded and will now be funded by the general fund.

Moved by _____, seconded by _____.

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

12. It is recommended that the Board approve the resolution (outlined below) to implement a reduction in force of the teaching staff and to suspend a teacher contract.

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code § 3319.17, Board of Education Policy GCPA, and the Lowellville Education Association Contract effective through August 31, 2024 (“LEA Contract”), allow for a reduction in force for financial reasons and, more specifically, the LEA Contract allows for reducing the number of bargaining unit positions in an area in which a reduction is deemed necessary and/or abolishment of a position(s); and

WHEREAS, the Board currently employs three physical education teachers in the District; and

WHEREAS, for financial reasons and because a reduction is deemed necessary and/or abolishment of a position(s), the Superintendent has recommended to the Board that it effectuate a reduction in force of a physical education teacher position in the best interest of the District consistent with Ohio Revised Code § 3319.17, Board Policy, and the LEA Contract; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is necessary to implement a reduction in force or abolishment of a position(s) of a physical education teacher position in the best interest of the District consistent with Ohio Revised Code § 3319.17, Board Policy, and the LEA Contract; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that:

Section 1. For financial reasons and because a reduction is deemed necessary to abolish one position of physical education teacher. This position is hereby abolished effective the end of the 2023-2024 school year. Therefore, the employment contract between the Board and affected teacher, Christina Freed, is hereby suspended indefinitely effective June 30, 2024.

Section 2. The affected teacher in Section 1 will be afforded applicable recall rights pursuant to the LEA Contract.

Section 3. The Treasurer/CFO is authorized and directed to notify the affected teacher in Section 1 above of the Board’s action to suspend her employment contract and to provide information as to her applicable rights and obligations as a result of the reduction in force.

Section 4. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board and of any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken, and that all deliberations of this Board and

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of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were held, in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

Moved by _____, seconded by _____.

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

13. Other: It is recommended that the Board accept the terms of the tentative agreement with the Lowellville Education Association (Certified Staff) as submitted for a three year period beginning September 1, 2024 and ending August 31, 2027.

Moved by _____, seconded by _____.

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

14. Adjournment:

Moved by _____, seconded by _____ to adjourn
the meeting at _____pm.

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

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