

The Lowellville Board of Education met in special session on Thursday, May 16, 2024 in the Lowellville Library; President Jennifer Johnson presiding. Mrs. Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Jennifer Johnson-Present
Joseph Sturm – Present
Brian Wharry-Present
Stephanie Yon- Present
Gerald Dubos-Present

TREASURER’S CONSENT ITEMS

(24-5-8591)

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

A. Minutes

- a. Minutes from the April 25, 2024 special Board meeting

B. Financial Reports

- a. Financial reports, list of bills and expenses paid, and payroll for the month ended April 2024
- b. Approve the 5 year forecast financial report

Discussion from Ms. Apisa:

*Transfers have traditionally been made from the General Fund to the Athletic Fund in an amount near \$60,000. This year, it is looking like more like \$80,000. We do have a plan to correct it and will begin to create and distribute a plan moving forward.

*Lowellville property taxes increased with reappraisals.

*The auditors are reviewing cash balances now and may begin taking funds back if they feel an organization’s cash balance is too high.

*Expenditures reflect the 3%, 3%, 3% increases and the 8% increase in insurance (insurance rates are not going down).

C. Donations

- a. Please approve a \$1,500 donation from a person who wishes to remain anonymous to support student needs.

Moved by Stephanie Yon, seconded by Joe Sturm.

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

1. Congratulations to the 2024 Lowellville Prom King and Queen Nicholas Donatelli and Elizabeth Rossi.
2. The PTO Carnival for grades K-6 and Kona Ice for grades K-12 will take place on Friday, May 17th. Thank you to the PTO for consistently making the end of the year engaging and enjoyable.

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3. Our underclassman award ceremony will be held on Monday, May 20th at 8:30 AM in the high school gym. Teachers will give awards to outstanding students in their discipline.
4. Students in grades 1 and 2 will walk in our first ever vocabulary parade on Wednesday, May 22nd. Students will dress up in costumes designed to depict a specific word, effectively turning the students into live definitions, which they will present as they parade through the school. This fun and creative approach not only boosts the students' vocabulary skills but also engages them in a hands-on learning experience. Thank you Mrs. Higgins, Mrs Anderson, Mrs. Wittenauer and Mrs. Matisi for starting what we hope will become a yearly tradition.
5. On Thursday, May 23rd, students in grades K-6 and 10 will attend a presentation on railroad safety. We're including sophomores specifically to ensure that as new drivers, they are aware of the safety protocols at railroad crossings.
6. Our annual Elementary Talent Show is scheduled for Thursday, May 23rd at 1:15. Parents of participating students are invited to attend.
7. High school students will receive their 2024-2025 school year class schedule on May 23rd.
8. Friday, May 24th marks the last day for our seniors. We will conduct a clap out at 1:15 PM. Students will gather around the track to cheer them on as they take their final lap together as a class.
9. Kindergarten graduation is scheduled for Thursday, May 30th at 8:30 AM.

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 - Gianni Perrett
- 1 - Isabella Sudon
- 2 - Janci Wirtz
- 3- Geno Williams
- 4 - Jackson Coon
- 5 - Cassidy Hartsock
- 6 - Garrett Oles
- 7 - Laila Coira

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8 - Olivia Clement
11 - Ethan Askew

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

1. Stay in the Game

Dear Parents- As we prepare for the upcoming school year, we wanted to inform you that Lowellville Local School District will be continuing our efforts to decrease chronic absenteeism and increase daily attendance rates. We're thrilled to announce our recent partnership with Stay in the Game (<https://stayinthegame.org/>), an organization dedicated to supporting student attendance.

We believe that regular attendance is crucial for academic success, and with the support of Stay in the Game, we aim to reinforce this message throughout our community. We're excited about this partnership and the positive impact it will have on our students' education.

We kindly ask for your cooperation and support in promoting the importance of daily attendance among your children. Together, we can ensure that every student has the opportunity to thrive academically.

More information about our partnership and initiatives will be shared with you in the coming months. Thank you for your ongoing support.

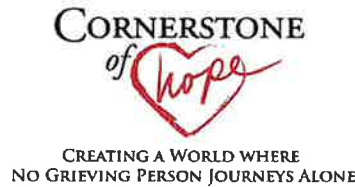
2. We are excited to announce that this summer, Lowellville School District will be offering summer A.R.T.S. Aware sessions for our students. The sessions will include Cornerstone of Hope art sessions, Sources of Strength, and Mindfulness Farming.

These sessions are designed to continue supporting the whole child, focusing on their emotional, mental, and physical well-being. We believe that these experiences will not only be educational but also enriching and enjoyable for our students.

Please see the below flier for more information or contact Mrs. Tracy Vivo at t.vivo@lowellvilleschool.org for any additional details you may need. We look forward to providing these opportunities for our students and hope to see many of them participate.

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Lowellville Local School District
Summer A.R.T.S. Aware
(Art. Resilience. Transformation & Strength)



WHEN: Tuesdays & Thursdays in JUNE 12PM-2PM
2 Weeks in August - Dates to be Announced

WHERE: The Summer REC pavilion

Spots for Cornerstone of Hope's Art Sessions will be first come first serve.

A sign-up sheet will be provided each week at Summer REC.

Interested in signing up ahead of time... please contact:

Mrs. Tracy Vivo; Behavioral Health & Wellness Coordinator

t.vivo@lowellvilleschool.org

330.536.8426 EXT: 612



Sources of Strength activities will take place on Wednesdays!

Interested in the Green Team Mindfulness Farm for some fun competitive farming?

...see Mrs. Vivo or Farm Managers, Jordan Nock & [J] Eskins

3. Discontinued Use of Final Forms

Dear Parents- After careful consideration and evaluation of our processes, we have decided to discontinue the use of Final Forms beginning the 2024/2025 school year. Instead, we will transition back to completing paper copies of all necessary forms, including emergency medical and physical forms.

We understand that this may be a change for some of you, but we believe that returning to paper forms will streamline our administrative processes and ensure that all information is accurately recorded and securely stored. Additionally, this change will allow for easier access and completion of forms for families who may not have reliable internet access.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we make this transition. Please feel free to reach out to our administrative team if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your continued support of our school community.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- 1. None Met

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Facility Upgrades- We are still working to obtain some cost estimates for the building improvement projects that were identified in the fall. On May 7th, we met with Hively Construction again to review the projects we wanted cost estimates for. Once we receive the estimates we will schedule a Building & Grounds Board Committee meeting to discuss possible next steps.
- 2.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. None

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

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

Reeve Donatelli- 10th grade student- Reeve spoke on behalf of the boys golf team in support of Mr. Fred Schriener and stated what a huge asset Mr. Schriener is to the community. He asked the Board to consider the feedback before making a decision on his coaching status for next year. Reeve stated that Mr. Schriener worked to build a program and that mediocrity will continue if Mr. Schriener is removed. Reeve shared further that many of the players on the boys golf team have made improvement. In closing, Reeve provided the Board with letters from other players who were unable to attend.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS (BOARD POLICY: KD)

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SUPERINTENDENT’S CONSENT ITEMS

(24-5-8592)

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

A. Personnel

- 1. Certified Staff Appointments

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- a. It is recommended that the Board approve a limited contract for **Richard Wilkins as an Intervention Specialist Teacher** for the 2024-2025 school year and placed at the appropriate step of the certified master contract (Masters Step 5 - \$53,812).

2. Staff Retirement

- a. Fred Schriener- Technology Coordinator- Fred's last day of work will be May 31, 2024.

3. 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. John Hvisdak- Basketball - Boys Varsity Assistant- 10%
- B. Nick Ballone - Basketball - Boys JV- 11%
- C. Michael Duponty- Basketball- Boys Freshman (min. 6)- 8%
- D. Cody Mead- Basketball- Boys 8th- 8%
- E. Christopher Machel-Basketball - Boys 7th- 8%
- F. Dan Dougherty- Football- 7 and 8 Assistant- 8%

4. Rescind Athletic Supplementals - 2024-2025

- a. It is recommended that the Board rescind the 2024-2025 Girls Golf (4%) supplemental previously approved at the January 10, 2024 Board meeting for Dan Dougherty.
- b. It is recommended that the Board rescind the 2024-2025 Boys Golf (4%) supplemental previously approved at the January 10, 2024 Board meeting for Fred Schriener.

5. Clubs and Activity Supplemental 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. Gina DeLuca- Academic Challenge Advisor- 3%
- b. Dan Dougherty- AM Duty- 3.5%
- c. Julie DiLoreto- Class Advisor- Grade 9- 1.5%
- d. Matt Olson- Class Advisor- Grade 10- 1.5%
- e. Nicole Firmstone- Class Advisor- Grade 11- 6%
- f. Alyssa Streb- Class Advisor- Grade 12- 4%
- g. Sara Sandora- Danceline Advisor- 5%
- h. Vincent Siciliano- Drama Club Advisor- 8%
- i. Gina DeLuca - English Festival Advisor - 0.5% -Full Percentage has been split.
- j. Leslie Mercure- English Festival Advisor- 0.5%- Full Percentage has been split.
- k. Amanda Signor- FTA Advisor- 1%
- l. Robert Antonucci- Music Director- 20%
- m. Mellissa Husosky- Music - Assistant- 10%
- n. Julie DiLoreto- LPDC- 3%

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- o. Stephanie Havrilla - LPDC- 3%
- p. Debbi Sanders- LPDC- 3%
- q. Dominique Kerpsack- Mentor- Lead- 2%
- r. Jared Van Kirk- Art Club Advisor- 1%
- s. Jeannine Reamer- NHS Advisor- 3%
- t. Julie DiLoreto- PM Duty- 3.5%
- u. Jeannine Reamer- SADD Advisor- 1%
- v. Jamie Walski- Spanish Club Advisor- 1%
- w. Gina DeLuca- Student Council Advisor- 1.5%- Full percentage has been split.
- x. Dominique Kerpsack- Student Council Advisor- 1.5%- Full percentage has been split.
- y. Diane Nord- Ticket Manager- 2.5%- Full percentage has been split.
- z. Emily Lisowski- Ticket Manager- 2.5%- Full percentage has been split.
- aa. Robbin Carlos- Wellness Program- 1%

B. Building Use

- a. **Girls Basketball Skills Practice with Anthony Pugh** (Steve Procick)- June 1, 2024 - July 31, 2024- 3 days a week-time TBD- Large Gym and Small Gym
- b. **Little Rockets Football & Cheer** (John Mentzer)- August 24, September 7, September 14, and September 21, 2024- 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.- Football Field
- c. **Birthday Party (Joe Alfano)**- July 20, 2024- 12:00-3:00 p.m.- Pavilion, Restrooms, Playground

Moved by Jennifer Johnson, seconded by Brian Wharry.

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

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS:

(24-5-8593)

- 1. It is recommended that the Board move into Executive Session. Moved by Jerry Dubos, seconded by Brian Wharry, resolved that the Board of Education of the Lowellville School District adjourn to Executive Session at 6:25 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 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;

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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 be taken.

Moved by Jerry Dubos, seconded by Brian Wharry.

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

(24-5-8594)

2. It is recommended that the Board return from Executive Session and resume Board Meeting at 8:14 p.m.:

Moved by Jennifer Johnson, seconded by Jerry Dubos.

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

(24-5-8595)

3. 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 Jerry Dubos, seconded by Jennifer Johnson.

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

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4. It is recommended that the Board approve the salary for Betsy Wilson, nurse, for the 2024-2025 school year in the amount of \$25,320.

Moved by Jerry Dubos, seconded by Joe Sturm.

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

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5. It is recommended that the Board approve the salary for Jennifer Lane, Central Office Secretary, for the 2024-2025 school year in the amount of \$40,973.

Moved by Brian Wharry, seconded by Jennifer Johnson.

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

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6. It is recommended that the Board approve the FY24 and FY25 Student Wellness and Success and Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid Plan (as submitted).

Moved by Stephanie Yon, seconded by Brian Wharry.

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

(24-5-8599)

7. It is recommended that the Board approve the resolution outlined below to enter into a shared services agreement with Austintown Local School District for the services of a treasurer:

RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH AUSTINTOWN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE SERVICES OF A TREASURER

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Lowellville Local School District (“Board”) is in need of a Treasurer for Fiscal Year 2025, 2026, and 2027 (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2027); and

WHEREAS, the Board and the Austintown Local School District Board of Education (“Austintown Board”) are both boards of education and political subdivisions in the State of Ohio, legally authorized by Ohio Revised Code Sections 3313.222 and 9.482 to enter into shared services agreements upon such terms as are agreeable, when authorized by their respective legislative actions; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Andrea Apisa serves as the Assistant Treasurer of Austintown; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to facilitate a cooperative financial cost sharing arrangement, the Board and the Austintown Board would like to share the services of the Assistant Treasurer of Austintown, Andrea Apisa, and enter into a Shared Services Agreement to facilitate this arrangement whereby Andrea Apisa will serve as the Treasurer of the Lowellville School District; and

WHEREAS, the term of the Shared Services Agreement is from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027; and

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WHEREAS, the Board agrees to pay the Austintown Board a fee to utilize Andrea Apisa's services as Treasurer in accordance with the terms of the Shared Services Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby approves the Shared Services Agreement with the Austintown Board effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board appoints Andrea Apisa to serve as the Treasurer through the Shared Services Agreement with the Austintown Board effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes the Board President to execute the Shared Services Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is hereby found and determined that all formal action of the Board of Education concerning and/or relating to the adoption of this Resolution was taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public and in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Moved by Jennifer Johnson, seconded by Jerry Dubos.

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

(24-5-8600)

8. It is recommended that the Board approve the agreement (as submitted) for **Mary Ann Davis** to serve as a literacy coach/consultant for up to 50 days during the 2024-2025 school year. She will continue to be paid with the Title IIA funds.

Moved by Jerry Dubos, seconded by Stephanie Yon.

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

(24-5-8601)

9. Other: Summer Rec Building Use- It is recommended that the Board approve the building use form for the Summer Rec program- June 3, 2024 - June 28, 2024- Monday - Friday- 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.- Concession Stand- Outdoor Pavilion, Playground

Moved by Jennifer Johnson, seconded by Jerry Dubos.

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

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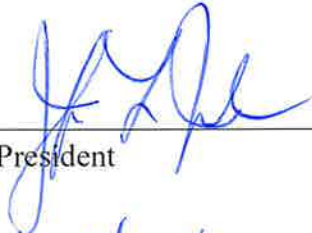
10. Adjournment:

Moved by Joe Sturm, seconded by Brian Wharry to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

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

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President

6/26/24

Date



Treasurer

6/26/2024

Date

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