

The Lowellville Board of Education met in a work session on Wednesday, August 28, 2024 in the Lowellville Library; President Jennifer Johnson presiding. Mrs. Johnson called the work session to order at 5:00 p.m.

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

WORK SESSION:

- Building and Grounds - Project Updates, Maintenance, and Needs
 - Maintenance repairs for the roof- Revisited quote provided by TEMA, no further questions by Board. Mrs. Sawicki will make a recommendation to move forward with the work during the regular board meeting. Capital improvement funds will be used for the repairs.
 - Water Reel- Revisited the need to purchase a new water reel for the field. The current water reel can no longer be repaired. District received quotes to purchase a water reel with the ability to water the field in one pass instead of two. This will cut down the overall time to water the field from 12 hours to 3-3 ½ hours. Mrs. Sawicki will make a recommendation to purchase the water reel during the regular board meeting. Permanent improvement funds will be used.
 - Electric upgrades in the shed at the track were completed and all lightbulbs at the field that were out were replaced in August. Permanent improvement funds were used for the electrical upgrades in the shed.
 - Bleachers at field- These will need to be replaced soon. District will look into the needs and designs discussed. Need a ramp on the visitor side. When replacing band bleachers, the district would like to create a design similar to Masillon Perry where there was concrete underneath the section, a few aisles in the section, and possibly a little higher up rather than wider.
 - A question was asked regarding the progress of the Village being able to find the grant paperwork for the baseball fields. At this time, they have not been able to locate the actual grant paperwork. Andrea Apisa will continue to communicate with the attorney on how the district can move forward with securing the property.
- Building and Grounds- Timeline to Begin Identified Projects
 - Track- Andrea Apisa met with the attorney regarding the need to secure RFP and/or RFOs for the resurfacing of the track. The district is a member of the Ohio School Council and will work with them to select a company that they have secured bids from (similar to the school bus purchasing). Andrea will follow up with the Ohio School Boards to get the resurfacing project moving forward. The Board will approve the vendor and costs once the district receives the options and quotes. Permanent improvement funds will be used.
 - The overall consensus was that the buildings and grounds list of needs, wants, and wish lists that the school administration and board have worked on over the last two years needs to be completed. We need to begin moving forward on the projects and secure a total cost for any large projects that will need to be done in order to determine how much debt we may need to take out to cover remaining costs.
 - The district has made several improvements from the list already (examples include: partial replacement of bleachers in gym, asphalt resurfacing, new bell/PA system in school, replacement of air handler fan, etc)
- Building and Grounds- Estimates for Work to be Completed

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- Funds that will be used to complete some of the initial projects will come from capital improvement and permanent improvement funds.
- Will need to eventually hire a design architect and get pricing for everything on the list of improvements. Would like to get the large projects moving forward as soon as possible.
- Policy Discussion- Cell Phone Use and Religious Expression Days
 - Model cell phone policy provided by ODEW was distributed and discussed. Adaptations to the model policy as to how to customize for Lowellville were discussed as a group. Mrs. Sawicki and the administrators will work with OSBA to customize the recommended policy for the district. Once finished, the policy will be brought to the Board for review and approval. The official policy will need to be implemented during the start of the 25-26 school year. The administrators will determine if /when it is appropriate to begin implementing the policy before the 25-26 school year.
 - 7-12- cell phones are allowed in the school but they must be put in the pockets hanging on each classroom door during class (including study hall). Students will carry their phone from class to class and put it in the appropriate pocket on the classroom door.
 - 7-12- students will be able to use cell phones during breakfast and lunch time.
 - K-6- phones will remain in bookbags in the classrooms if they are brought to school.
 - K-6- students will not be permitted to use cell phones during breakfast or lunch times.
 - The Religious Expression Days required policy will be adopted at the October Board meeting. Mrs. Sawicki will reach out to OSBA for the model policy template and then share with the Board for review and approval.

1. Adjournment:

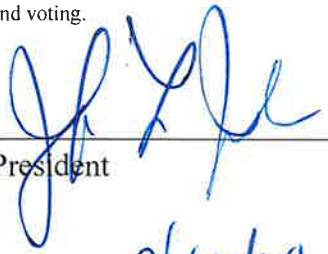
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Moved by Joe Sturm, seconded by Stephanie Yon to adjourn the meeting at 5:59 pm.

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

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.



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