

The Lowellville Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, September 18, 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

(24-9-8646)

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

A. Minutes

- a. Minutes from the August 28, 2024 work session
- b. Minutes from the August 28, 2024 regular Board meeting

B. Financial Reports

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

C. Approve the Fiscal Year 2025 Permanent Appropriation Measure and Certificate of Estimated Resources

D. Donations

- a. Please approve a donation of sixty book bags filled with school supplies from Model Logistics and Amazon.
- b. Please approve a donation of \$900 from the Will McCaughtry Foundation to cover the cost of the upcoming music therapy after school sessions for grades 4-12.
- c. Please approve the donation of various items for the District's student assistance program from Mercy House Church.

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- 1. Congratulations to members of the 2024 Homecoming Court.

Reese Agee
Giuliana Alfano
Natalee Macejko
Giana Morales
Sophia Rach

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Andrew Boehlke
Drew Modelski
Josh Pazel
Kaden Primous
Nathan Yon

2. The homecoming Bonfire will start at 7:30 PM in the back parking lot of the school. The band will march from the front of the school to the back parking lot at 7:15 p.m. Due to safety concerns, there will be no snake. Friday, September 20th at 5:40 the parade will begin from City Hall. Directly following the parade, both the King and Queen will be crowned on the football field before the game.
3. This week both our junior high and high school students had an opportunity to attend the Mahoning Valley Skilled Trades Expo at the Canfield FairGrounds. Students had the opportunity to meet with professionals in various trade industries, learn how to apply for apprenticeships and gain hands-on experience on what they can expect in their future careers.
4. We are pleased to announce that this year we will again be participating in high-dosage online tutoring for ELA through Amplify. Forty students identified as below benchmark will receive live online tutoring sessions three times per week at no cost to the district. These students will engage in a series of 10-day lessons, and their progress will be monitored to assess their response. The data collected will help tailor the subsequent series of lessons. If, by the mid-year benchmark, students achieve at or above benchmark levels, they will be exited from the program.
5. The adjustment to our master schedule, adding a homeroom for high school students, has allowed us to establish Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) for our high school teachers. Beginning the week of September 9, teachers have been meeting weekly by department (core or elective) and grade level to discuss instructional challenges, student attendance, behavior, engagement, or well-being. Together, they outline solutions, share resources and strategies, define next steps, assign responsibilities, and identify any support needed from administration. We're excited about this opportunity for our teachers to collaborate and learn from each other.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S RECOGNITIONS:

1. September - Attendance Awareness Month

A. Stay in the Game Digital Pledge Week (September 2-6)

"As part of our commitment to keeping everyone engaged and motivated this school year, we're excited to introduce the "Stay in the Game" initiative. To make this even more impactful, we're asking every student to take a moment to complete the "Stay in the Game" digital pledge. By taking this pledge, you're making a promise to yourself, your friends, and your teachers to show up, stay focused, and keep pushing forward, no matter the challenges you face."

B. Pre-Game Party for Students in grades 5 and 6 (September 13)

September 13

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

"You've been showing up, giving it your all, and making every day count—now it's time to

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celebrate! Join us for the ultimate pre-game party, where we're honoring our amazing attendance and unbeatable school spirit! It's going to be full of fun, food, and activities, all in the name of celebrating YOU and the incredible energy you bring to school every day!"

C. Stay in the Game Yard Signs and Banners displayed around the school.

D. (4) Students (grades 7-12) will be recognized for Outstanding Attendance each week!

Students that have 95% or better attendance rating each week will be eligible to receive a Stay in the Game/Cleveland Browns prize and a certificate.

E. Postcards will be mailed home to parents recognizing students with "Improved Attendance".

Focusing on students with attendance issues that show improvement with attendance.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

1. Golf Outing- The 2024 Board of Education golf outing was a huge success due to the support and commitment of our generous families, coaches, staff, and sponsors. This year, the outing raised a little over \$8,000 which was about \$2,000 more than last year. We look forward to another successful outing next year. The outing will be held on Sunday, August 3, 2025.
2. The 2023-2024 Ohio School Report Cards were released to the public on Friday, September 13, 2024. Below, you can find the 2024 report card guide to help you understand how districts and schools are rated and how each component of the report card is calculated. In addition, you can click on the second link in order to search the report cards on the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce's website as well as a summary of the district's report card, celebrations, areas of improvement and next steps.
 - a. [2024 Report Card Guide](#)
 - b. [Search for 2023-2024 District and School Report Cards](#)
 - c. [Summary, Celebrations, Areas of Improvement & Action Steps](#)

*Comment from Mr. Dubos: Mr. Dubos reported that he had a parent contact him regarding the recent report card which was released on September 13th. The parent stated that he was extremely impressed with the Superintendent, administration, teachers, students, and other staff in how quickly they have worked together to make positive improvements in the various areas of the report card. He stated the improvement in the early literacy component was tremendous.

3. Thank you to the Will McCaughtry Foundation for partnering with our school and donating the funds to cover the cost of after-school music therapy sessions in October. These sessions will take place for three consecutive weeks—on October 7, 14, and 21—and will last 45 minutes each. Students in grades 4-6 and 7-12 will have the opportunity to work with therapists from the [Groovy Garfoose](#), using music as a tool for healing.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Updates on the track resurfacing
 - a. Ms. Apisa reported that she has been in contact with OSC regarding the track resurfacing and potential vendors and bids.
 - b. She is collaborating with the vendors and Mr. Ballone to schedule on site visits to review and assess the track.
 - c. Hellas came out and assessed the track and should have a proposal by the end of the week (Sept. 20, 2024).
 - d. Field Turf will have a proposal submitted by the following week.
 - e. The third vendor did not respond yet to the request to come out and assess the track.
 - f. The first two companies believe the track only needs to be resurfaced at this time but they will look at the asphalt underneath.
 - g. Ms. Apisa will provide another update at the October Board meeting.
2. There was a question from a Board member asking when the new water reel would be delivered. Mrs. Sawicki reported that the water reel is scheduled to be delivered on Tuesday, September 24, 2024.

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NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mrs. Sawicki would like to schedule an Academic Board Committee meeting to discuss some staffing vacancies for next year and any other agenda items the Board Committee Members would like to add. Mrs. Sawicki will schedule the meeting with the appropriate Board members and advertise the date as the district regularly does.
2. Ms. Apisa reported to the Board members regarding the recent change to legislation and the need for all employees, including Board members to complete the new Auditor of State fraud training (every four years). Mrs. Sawicki will send everyone the link to the video and collect and file all certificates and verification/signature pages.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

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

No Comments

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS (BOARD POLICY: KD)

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SUPERINTENDENT'S CONSENT ITEMS

(24-9-8647)

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

A. Personnel

1. Classified Staff Appointments

- a. Vicki Conley- Substitute Bus Driver, effective September 18, 2024- Step 8 of the classified agreement- \$26.30 per hour for regular routes, all other compensation will be at the rates outlined in the classified agreement

2. Athletic - Event Staff

- a. Terri Alterio
- b. Nicole Firmstone
- c. Alyssa Streb
- d. Carrine Esenwein
- e. Christina Freed
- f. Sharon Wilrich

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3. Athletic 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. Tom Beeson- Baseball- Assistant - 6%
- b. Adam Kawecki- Baseball- Assistant - 6%

B. Building Use

- a. **Hartman Birthday Party** (Josh Hartman)- September 21, 2024, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Pavilion and Playground
- b. **Veterans Day Assembly Set Up and Event** (Student Council-Kerpsack)- November 10 2024- set up during day, November 11th- 8:30 - 9:30 a.m., Large Gymnasium
- c. **Veterans Day Refreshments** (Student Council-Kerpsack)- November 11, 2024- 7:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.- Library
- d. **Sadie Hawkins Dance** (Student Council-Kerpsack)- November 23, 2024- 5:30 p.m.. - 8:30 p.m.- cafeteria
- e. **MS and HS Choir Concert** (Mellissa Husosky)- December 4, 2024- 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.- cafeteria, stage, large gym and small gym
- f. **Spelling Bee Competition** (Jeff Hammond)- December 6, 2024- 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.- large gymnasium
- g. **JH and HS Concert Band Christmas Concert** (Bob Antonucci)- December 11, 2024- 7:00 a.m. -10:00 a.m. on December 12, 2024 - large gymnasium, cafeteria, music room, band room
- h. **1st and 2nd Grade Christmas Concert** (Mellissa Husosky)- December 18, 2024, 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., cafeteria, stage, large gym, small gym
- i. **Boys and Girls Alumni Basketball Game** (Boys Basketball- Tony Matisi)- December 28, 2024, 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., cafeteria, large gym
- j. **Financial Aid / FAFSA Night** (Guidance Department)- January 23, 2025, 6:00 p.m.. - 7:00 p.m.- CCP Lab
- k. **CCP Information Night** (Guidance Department)-February 10, 2025, 6:00 p.m.. - 7:30 p.m.- Cafeteria
- l. **Kindergarten Valentine's Concert** (Mellissa Husosky)- February 12, 2025- 8:00 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.- Cafeteria and stage
- m. **Music Department Spaghetti Dinner** (Bob Antonucci/ Crescendo Club)- February 22 and 23, 2025- 9:00 a.m. on 2/22/24-6:00 p.m. on 2/23/24 - large gymnasium, cafeteria, band room, stage, music room, cafeteria
- n. **JH and HS Concert Band Music in Our Schools Concert** (Bob Antonucci)- March 12, 2025- 7:00 a.m. -10:00 a.m. on March 13, 2025 - large gymnasium, cafeteria, music room, band room
- o. **Family Wellness Night** (Robbin Carlos)- March 20, 2025- 2:45 - 8:30 p.m. - large gymnasium, small gymnasium, cafeteria, classrooms, mezzanine
- p. **Junior High Dance** (Student Council-Kerpsack)- March 21, 2025- 5:00 p.m.. - 8:00 p.m.- cafeteria
- q. **5th & 6th Grade Spring Music Concert** (Bob Antonucci)- April 16, 2025- 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.- large gymnasium, cafeteria, music room, band room
- r. **Lowellville Mt. Carmel Band Rehearsals** (Bob Antonucci)- May 5th and May 12th, 2025- 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.- Band Room
- s. **3rd Grade Event** (Amanda Signor)- May 8, 2025, 1:00- 2:45 p.m., Cafeteria, Stage
- t. **Field Day** (Robbin Carlos)- May 15, 2025- 8:00 a.m. - 2:45 p.m..- large gymnasium, small gymnasium, football field, track, practice fields, baseball fields

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- u. ***JH and HS Concert Band Spring Concert*** (Bob Antonucci)- May 19, 2025- 7:00 a.m. -10:00 a.m. on May 20, 2025 - large gymnasium, cafeteria, music room, band room
- v. ***MS and HS Choir Concert*** (Mellissa Husosky)- May 20, 2025, 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.- cafeteria, stage, large gym and small gym
- w. ***Vocabulary Parade*** (Alina Wittenauer)- May 21, 2025- 8:30 - 9:30 a.m..- Large gymnasium
- x. ***Talent Show*** (Amanda Signor)- May 22, 2025- 1:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m..- Cafeteria and stage
- y. ***Lowellville Little Rockets*** (John Mentzer)- October 6, 2024- 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m..- Football Field, Track, Concession Area

Moved by Joe Sturm, seconded by Stephanie Yon.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

(24-9-8648)

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the amended R.C. 3313.845 Agreement between the Educational Service Center of Eastern Ohio and Lowellville Local Schools for FY25 as submitted.

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

(24-9-8649)

2. It is recommended that the Board approve payment in lieu of transportation for the 2024-2025 school year for student Connor Crilley. He will attend Ursuline High School. Reason for impracticality: The following factors were considered in arriving at this determination in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 3327.01 and 3327.02:
 - The number of pupils to be transported
 - The cost of providing transportation in terms of equipment, maintenance, personnel, and administration;
 - Whether and to what extent the additional service unavoidably disrupts current transportation schedules;

Amount to be paid: \$583.86

Date of acceptance by parent: September 10, 2024

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

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(24-9-8650)

3. It is recommended to approve the following physical T-8 for a bus driver for the 2024-2025 school year and issue the driver certificate:

- Vicki Conley- Bus

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

(24-9-8651)

4. It is recommended that the Board approve the following Student Activity Anticipated Budgets and Sales Project Potential Forms As Submitted (2024-2025 school year):

- Yearbook
 - Advertisements - September 2024 - April 2025
- Boys Basketball
 - Girls and Boys Alumni Game- December 28, 2024

Moved by Stephanie Yon, 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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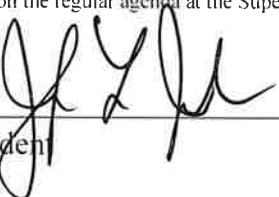
5. Adjournment:

Moved by Jennifer Johnson, seconded by Brian Wharry to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 pm.

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

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President



Treasurer

10/16/24

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