

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

ROLL CALL:

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

TREASURER’S CONSENT ITEMS

(24-10-8653)

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

A. Minutes

- a. Minutes from the September 18, 2024 regular Board meeting

B. Financial Reports

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

C. Donations

- a. Please approve a donation of \$1,000 from Bank of America/Merrill Lynch to repair the band sign on the outdoor bleachers.

Moved by Brian Wharry, seconded by Joe Sturm.

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

1. I’m excited to share an upcoming initiative we’re rolling out – the Lunch Buddy Program! This new program will pair high school students with elementary lunch tables, where they’ll mentor and engage with all students seated at that table once a month. The goal is to foster connections across grade levels and give younger students positive role models, while providing high schoolers with a chance to develop leadership and communication skills.

Here’s how it works:

- High school students will be invited to apply for the program. They will "adopt" an elementary lunch table and spend time chatting and building relationships with all the students at that table.
- We plan to start small, with monthly lunch visits, but hope to expand into other opportunities throughout the year(s), such as buddy reading sessions, buddy recess activities, and buddy special events.

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- High school students will be carefully vetted through applications and brief interviews. We'll also provide them with training to ensure they're ready to take on this mentorship role.
 - Staff will encourage students who would be a good fit for this program—those who are responsible, positive, and would enjoy mentoring younger students—to apply.
2. Graduation plans for grades 9-12 have been sent home and guidance counselors have conducted individual senior and junior interviews.
 3. The seniors participated in a scholarship workshop on Oct. 3rd. This workshop provided valuable guidance on finding scholarships, crafting strong applications, and understanding deadlines, giving students the tools they need to access financial support.
 4. We have a student participating in a new opportunity: the Information Technology pre-apprenticeship program, working under the guidance of our technology coordinator, Tyler Noble. This program, in partnership with Youngstown State University and supported by Rob Eggleston from the ESC, provides technical and job-readiness skills to prepare students for a designated occupation or career in a specific industry sector. Upon completion, the student will earn a pre-apprenticeship certificate, a 12-point IRC seal, work-based learning hours, and an OhioMeansJobs readiness seal.
 5. Linkages Presentations for students in grades 6-12 occurred the week of October 7th. This school-based program through Alta provides suicide prevention, depression education and suicide screenings to students in Mahoning County Middle and High Schools. They utilize an evidenced based curriculum geared towards increasing students' awareness of depression in themselves and in their peers. With parent permission, the staff also screens students for suicide risk, conducts clinical interviews with students who have positive screenings, and coordinates follow-up for professional services with school staff and parents when needed.
 6. Friday, October 18th at 1:30 PM we will have a pep rally to recognize our fall sports senior athletes.
 7. Friday, October 25th, is our first RISE Day. Elementary students will enjoy fall-themed activities, including decorating pumpkins, chalking the walk, eating cider and donuts, a bounce house, and crafts. High school students will take part in grade-level "minute to win it" challenges, such as Human Hungry Hippos, Basketball Shooting, Hula Hoop Rock Paper Scissors Relay, Spaghetti/Marshmallow Tower, Cup Challenge, and Lava on the Floor Race.
 8. The Student Council will host a Blood Drive on October 30th.
 9. Our annual Halloween Costume Contest and Elementary Halloween Parade will be held on October 31st. The costume contest begins at 8:30 AM, with prizes awarded for the best staff and senior costumes. The elementary parade starts at 1:15 PM, where students will proudly march around the track in their costumes. Parents are welcome to line the track or sit in the bleachers to enjoy the event.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S RECOGNITIONS:

1. Rocket Star of the Month Recognition

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Focus on recognizing students that demonstrate initiative, accountability, compassion, leadership qualities and outstanding attendance consistently at school. These are traits that make a real difference in our school community.

KG - Enzley Shuluga & Owen Meehan

1 - Anthony Sesser

2 - Raegan Zetts

3 - Krismary Lopez-Cotto

4 - Jimmy Sudon

5 - Aubree Daniels & Yatzael Andino

6 - Jacob Cavna

7 - Rylen Primous

8 - Ian Doll

9 - Kayleigh Cruz

10 - McKenna Lewis

2. Bus Buddy of the Month

We're excited to recognize students who consistently demonstrate safe and appropriate behavior on the bus every day! The Bus Buddy of the Month award goes to those who are helpful, respectful, and positive role models for their peers while riding the bus.

Bus 101 - Dom Blomberg (12th grade)

Bus 102 - Raven Keirse (9th grade)

Bus 103 - Ethan Wirtz (6th grade)

3. Stay in the Game

The Browns Foundation and Stay in the Game wanted to kick off the school year with a cool opportunity for a student and a chaperone/parent to recognize their hard work this school year. Each home game, a Browns player runs out of the tunnel during team introduction with the Browns flag. The flag captain (student age 8-15) has the honor of standing in the tunnel as the team gathers and handing off the flag to the selected player. It's a very cool behind the scenes moment for the student and their guardian.

On October 20, Jesse Santana (8th grade) will be representing Lowellville and will be the Flag Captain for the Cleveland Browns! Jesse has Perfect Attendance thus far this year, he has good grades and he demonstrates positive RISE behavior in school! Jesse is very deserving of this opportunity!

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

1. **Hazel Health** - We are proud to announce that due to a partnership with The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS), in collaboration with the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce and [Hazel Health](#), Lowellville has been afforded the opportunity to be a part of a pilot project that will provide our students with the ability to obtain [free behavioral health telehealth services](#). OhioMHAS is funding this initiative **at no cost to our district**. Hazel Health will integrate telehealth services into our district to enhance student wellness by providing timely, effective care that minimizes disruptions to learning. The telehealth services can be provided to any K-12 student between the hours of

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7:00 am - 7:00 p.m. regardless of insurance, medicaid, etc. Families will pay absolutely nothing and the services can be completed at school or home. We are currently in the infancy stages of the implementation phase. As soon as we have all of the details to share with our students, families, and staff, we will be doing so.

2. **October is National Principals Month-** On behalf of the entire district, I'd like to thank Mrs. Parry and Mr. Hammond for all they do to make our school a better place every day. Your leadership and dedication mean the world to our students, staff, and community!
3. **Veterans Day Assembly- Save the Date** for our annual Veterans Day Assembly. The assembly will be held in the morning on Monday, November 11, 2024. Additional details will be shared soon.
4. **Lowellville School Foundation-** The Lowellville School Foundation is excited to announce the **“Just in Time for Christmas”** raffle to help raise money for the foundation which provides scholarships to our students and grants to our teachers. Please consider purchasing a ticket to support our students. Only 500 tickets will be sold and the drawing will be held live once all tickets are sold or on December 1st.

1st Prize: \$1,000 Giant Eagle Gift Card

2nd Prize: \$600 Shell Gas Gift Card

3rd Prize: \$400 Amazon Gift Card

You can purchase a \$20 raffle ticket from:

*Mrs. Sawicki or Mrs. Killingsworth at the school

*Any Foundation member

*By calling 330-702-6084

*Or emailing lowellvilleschoolfoundation@gmail.com

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LOWELLVILLE SCHOOL FOUNDATION
JUST IN TIME FOR
CHRISTMAS
GIFT CARD RAFFLE

 **IMPORTANT DETAILS** 

\$20 PER TICKET · MAXIMUM OF 500 TICKETS SOLD · LIVE DRAWING 12/1/24 OR WHEN ALL TICKETS SOLD
WINNER DOES NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT

1ST PRIZE: \$1,000 GIANT EAGLE GIFT CARD
2ND PRIZE: \$600 SHELL GAS GIFT CARD
3RD PRIZE: \$400 AMAZON GIFT CARD

CONTACT A FOUNDATION MEMBER FOR TICKETS
TEXT: 330-702-6084
EMAIL: LOWELLVILLESCHOOLFOUNDATION@GMAIL.COM





1ST PRIZE 2ND PRIZE 3RD PRIZE

The Lowellville School Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization providing scholarships to graduating seniors of Lowellville High School and educational grants to Lowellville Local Schools educators
Donations can be made directly to the Lowellville School Foundation at:
32 Beckett Pl
Lowellville, OH 44036
330-536-8426

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Academic Board Committee
 - a. Meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.
 - b. Agenda
 - Current & Future Vacancies Due To Retirements
 - Curriculum, Resources, and Textbook Adoption Reviews
 - High Dosage Tutoring
 - College Credit Plus Updates
 - Testing Schedule

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- In attendance at the Academic Board Committee were: Stephanie Yon, JerryDubos, Christine Sawicki, Jeff Hammond, Tracie Parry, Andrea Apisa and Jeannine Reamer
- The meeting ended at 5:30 p.m.
- Current & Future Vacancies Due To Retirements
 - Discussion around the need to post the following vacancies due to the recent and upcoming retirements - High School Math (grades 7-12), High School Computer Science/Business Education (grades 7-12). The vacancies will be posted internally in the coming weeks and will then move to external postings. We would like to interview and hire someone as soon as possible so that they are secured before the end of the year. The start date for both of these positions will be for the 2025-2026 school year.
 - Discussion around how to staff the current elementary elective vacancy. What type of class do we want? Art? STEM? Technology? Etc. The team will make the recommendation to post for a STEAM teacher for grades K-6. It may be hard to find someone with a STEAM license but the admin team will review all licenses with the ODEW licensure catalog to ensure the individual is properly licensed. An internal posting will be sent out in the next few weeks and then it will be posted externally. If we are able to find a candidate to recommend for hire, he/she can begin this school year. If not, we hope to have someone hired for the 2025-2026 school year.
- Curriculum, Resources, and Textbook Adoption Reviews
 - The administration team will be working with the science and social studies teachers this year to review different textbooks and resources with hopes to adopt new materials next year.
- High Dosage Tutoring
 - Working with virtual tutors from Amplify to provide high dosage tutoring to some of the elementary students. The virtual tutors are in addition to the current staff in the district. Right now, all students in second-fourth grade who are on a RIMP are receiving the virtual tutoring, three days a week for thirty minutes. The RTI teacher and general education teachers are also providing support during the intervention block.
- College Credit Plus Updates
 - During the fall semester, there are eleven students taking advantage of online CCP classes and one student who is on YSU campus full time. All courses are being taken through YSU at this time.
- Testing Schedule
 - Mrs. Parry discussed the possibility of adjusting the high school end of course testing schedule in order to provide more of a focused environment on test days. She shared a draft schedule with the committee and welcomed feedback. She will work to prepare a schedule that allows the students to come in and test while others have opportunities to job shadow and participate in community service projects. A final schedule will be shared in the coming weeks.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Updates on the track resurfacing
 - a. Ms. Apisa reported that she has received two quotes for the track and has scheduled follow up meetings to discuss the specifics and inquire about the total costs. The quotes received are for stripping down the current track and resurfacing. The goal is to begin the work in the spring once everything is finalized. She will provide another update next month.

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NEW BUSINESS:

1. Field Painting- Today, the school had a company (Turf Tank) come out and demo how a robot can paint the football field and other fields. The demonstration was completed on the practice field where the robot lined a portion of the field and added a logo to the endzone. We will review the costs and different purchasing or rental options versus what we currently pay to see if this would be a good option for us to consider for next year. All who participated in the demonstration were pleased with the results of the painting and ease of using the robot.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

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

No Discussion/Comment.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS (BOARD POLICY: KD)

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SUPERINTENDENT’S CONSENT ITEMS

(24-10-8654)

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

A. Personnel

1. Certified Staff Retirements

- a. Debbie Ignazio- Business and Technology Teacher- Debbie’s last day of work will be May 30, 2025.
- b. Ivan Solak- Math Teacher- Ivan’s last day of work will be May 30, 2025.

2. Athletic Supplemental Appointments - 2024-2025 School Year

Provided she 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. Ariana Daniels- Basketball Girls 8th - 8%

B. Leave of Absence

- a. Angela Killingsworth- Unpaid Leave- November 20, 21, and 22, 2024 (3 days)

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C. Building Use

- a. **PTO Monthly Meetings** (Melissa Miner)- September 4, November 6, December 4 2024, January 8, February 5, March 5, April 2, May 7, 2025, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Library
- b. **Blood Drive** (Student Council)- October 30, 2024, 6:45 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Small Gym
- c. **PTO Cookie and Paint Party** (Melissa Miner)- November 15, 2024, 5:00 - 8:30 p.m., Cafeteria & Stage
- d. **1st and 2nd Grade Christmas Concert** (Mellissa Husosky)- December 16, 2024, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Stage, Cafeteria, Small Gym, Large Gym
- e. **PTO Book Fair** (Melissa Miner)- November 22, 2024 (set up- 7:00 am - 3:00 pm), November 25 & 26 2024, 7:30 am - 3:00 p.m, Library
- f. **PTO Santa's Workshop** (Melissa Miner)- December 17, 2024 (set up- 7:00 am - 3:00 pm), December 18 & 19, 2024, 7:15 am - 3:00 p.m, Library
- g. **PTO Book Fair** (Melissa Miner)- February 11, 2025 (set up- 7:00 am - 3:00 pm), February 12 & 13, 2025, 7:30 am - 3:00 p.m, Library
- h. **PTO Mobile Ed- Sky Dome** (Melissa Miner)- March 25, 2025, 7:00 am - 3:00 p.m, Large Gym
- i. **PTO End of Year Carnival** (Melissa Miner)- May 15, 2025 (set up) 5:00-7:00 p.m., May 16, 2025, 7:15 am - 2:45 p.m, Large Gym

Moved by Stephanie Yon, seconded by Jennifer Johnson.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

(24-10-8655)

- 1. It is recommended that the Board approve the following new Board Policies (as submitted):
 - a. **JEDC-** Religious Expression Days- NEW
 - b. **ACC-** Political Commitments- NEW
 - c. **EBCE-E-** Acknowledgment of Receipt of Auditor of State Fraud - Reporting System Information - NEW

Moved by Jerry Dubos, seconded by Brian Wharry.

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

(24-10-8656)

- 2. It is recommended that the Board approve the following revised Board Policies (as submitted):
 - a. **BDDG-** Minutes- REVISION
 - b. **DJC-** Bidding Requirements- REVISION
 - c. **IGD-** Cocurricular and Extracurricular Activities- REVISION
 - d. **IGDJ-** Interscholastic Athletics- REVISION
 - e. **JECBC-** Admission of Students From Non-Chartered or Home Education- REVISION
 - f. **JED-** Student Absences and Excuses- REVISION
 - g. **DM-** Deposit of Public Funds (Cash Collection Points)- REVISION
 - h. **EBBA-** First Aid- REVISION

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- i. **EBCE**- Protection for Reporting Safety and Fraud Violations (Whistleblowers)- REVISION
- j. **EBCE-R**- Protection for Reporting Safety and Fraud Violations (Whistleblowers)- REVISION
- k. **EDE**- Computer/Online Services (Acceptable Use and Internet Safety)- REVISION
- l. **GCD**- Professional Staff Hiring- REVISION
- m. **GDC/GDCA/GDD**- Support Staff Recruiting/Posting of Vacancies/Hiring- REVISION
- n. **IC/ICA**- School Year/School Calendar- REVISION
- o. **IGAE**- Health Education- REVISION
- p. **IGAH/IGAI**- Family Life Education/Sex Education- REVISION
- q. **JEDA**- Truancy- REVISION
- r. **JHG**- Reporting Child Abuse and Mandatory Training- REVISION

Moved by Joe Sturm, seconded by Jennifer Johnson.

ROLL CALL: Sturm - Wharry - Yon - Dubos - Johnson - All Aye

(24-10-8657)

- 3. It is recommended that the Board remove the following Board Policy (as submitted):
 - a. **EBCE-E-1**- Protection for Reporting Safety and Fraud Violations (Whistleblowers) - replace with EBCE-E

Moved by Stephanie Yon, seconded by Joe Sturm.

ROLL CALL: Sturm - Wharry - Yon - Dubos - Johnson - All Aye

(24-10-8658)

- 4. It is recommended that the Board approve and adopt retroactive to August 1, 2024 its plan for online make-up hours (up to three days) in accordance with R.C. 3313.482 (as submitted):

Moved by Jennifer Johnson, seconded by Stephanie Yon.

ROLL CALL: Sturm - Wharry - Yon - Dubos - Johnson - All Aye

(24-10-8659)

- 5. It is recommended that the Board move into Executive Session. Moved by **Jennifer Johnson**, seconded by **Brian Wharry**, resolved that the Board of Education of the Lowellville School District adjourn to Executive Session at **6:56 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. _____ 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 Jennifer Johnson, seconded by Brian Wharry.

ROLL CALL: Sturm - Wharry - Yon - Dubos - Johnson - All Aye

(24-10-8660)

6. It is recommended that the Board return from Executive Session and resume Board Meeting at 7:45 p.m.:

Moved by Brian Wharry, seconded by Jennifer Johnson.

ROLL CALL: Sturm - Wharry - Yon - Dubos - Johnson - All Aye

(24-10-8661)

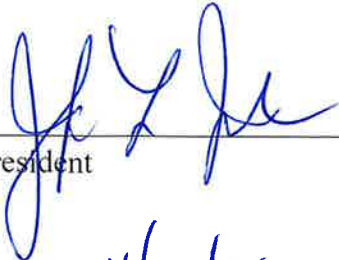
7. Adjournment:

Moved by Stephanie Yon, seconded by Brian Wharry to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 pm.

ROLL CALL: Sturm - Wharry - Yon - Dubos - Johnson - All Aye

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 President



 Treasurer

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