

The Lowellville Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, December 18, 2024 in the Lowellville Library; President Jennifer Johnson presiding. Mrs. Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

TREASURER'S CONSENT ITEMS

(24-12-8672)

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

A. Minutes

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

B. Financial Reports

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

C. Donations

- a. Please approve the following donations to support the Donuts with Santa event:

- i. Anonymous- \$101.00
- ii. Chick - Fil- A- 3 large fruit trays
- iii. Dunkin- Bagels, donuts, coffee, cream, cups, and straws
- iv. Edible Arrangements- 2 large fruit trays
- v. GFS- \$25.00 gift card
- vi. Giannios Candy Co, Inc.- 150 chocolate Santas
- vii. Giant Eagle Supermarket Boardman- \$25.00 gift card
- viii. Giant Eagle Supermarket Poland- \$25.00 gift card
- ix. IGA- \$25.00 gift card
- x. Jeannine Reamer- cookies
- xi. Mahoning County Engineer-Pat Ginnetti- \$500
- xii. Malorie Harkerode- Grinch costume
- xiii. Melissa Miner- Reindeer costume
- xiv. Nothing Bundt Cake- Raffle Basket
- xv. Perkins- Crayons
- xvi. Ray Carlson RC Compounding- \$75.00
- xvii. Rick and Paulette Jamrozik- Santa and Frosty costumes
- xviii. Sam's Club- \$30.00 gift card
- xix. Supply Room- construction paper, colored pencils, markers, crayons
- xx. Walmart- \$75.00 gift card
- xxi. Zabels- 1 pack of wrapped silverware and 6 oz cups

- b. Please approve a \$300 donation for the athletic department from Jennifer Gibbons.

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Moved by Brian Wharry, seconded by Joe Sturm.

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

Dubos- absent

Jennifer Johnson declared the motion carried 4-0

PRINCIPAL AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS' REPORT:

1. Congratulations to the winners and runner ups in the grades 3-5 and 6-8 grade spelling bees that took place on December 6, 2024:
Grades 3-5 Champion: Emma Ogle
Grades 3-5 Runner Up: Lorenzo Chiovitti

Grades 6-8 Champion: Steven Yon
Grades 6-8 Runner Up: Hailey Wolfgang
2. Our Lunch Buddy Program had its first meeting this month, and it was a success! Thirty-three high school students connected with their assigned elementary lunch tables, fostering positive relationships and mentorship across grade levels. We're excited to see these connections grow throughout the year as they continue to meet each month.
3. Our seniors will attend the ESC of Eastern Ohio Business Advisory Council's 4th Annual Mock Interview Boot Camp on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM at the ESC in Canfield. This one-day workshop is designed to prepare students for college and job interviews through six breakout sessions: answering interview questions, preparing for interviews, company research, social media and background checks, dressing for success, and mock interviews.
4. On January 13, our 4th-grade students will participate in a program led by William Clark, Community Outreach Advocate for the Mahoning County Board of Developmental Disabilities. The program is designed to raise awareness and understanding of disabilities.
5. On January 21, 2025, the ODE Nutrition Mascot, Munch the Fox, will visit the elementary lunch periods to interact with students and promote the importance of fruits and vegetables. Accompanied by a handler, Munch will engage with students while the cafeteria staff offers free fruit or vegetable samples for students to try.
6. As part of the "Stay in the Game" initiative, we have implemented several attendance challenges and incentives to encourage students to be present and engaged.
 - Stay in the Game High School Challenge: The GRADE LEVEL with the BEST ATTENDANCE % DECEMBER 2 - JANUARY 31 will earn the opportunity to go bowling at the Holiday Bowl February 13th from 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM ! *Please note, to attend, students must have "Satisfactory Attendance", 11 hours or less of excused/unexcused absences from school.

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- Stay in the Game High School Challenge: On December 20 at 2:00 pm in Cafeteria, the winner of the autographed Nick Chubb football from the victory over the Baltimore Ravens this year will be announced! To qualify in the drawing, students must have less than 6.5 hours absent from November 1 to December 20.
- Stay in the Game Elementary Challenge: Our goal is for our students to have a 96% or better attendance rating at school. When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their academic scores and chances for graduating. Starting October 1 through November 26, we monitored each grade level's "Daily Absence List" and if the grade level had >96% of students present that day, they received a football on our pictograph in the hallway! *This equates to only 1 student or less being absent. The grade level with the most footballs were the KINDERGARTEN class! They had an ice cream social party on December 6.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

1. **OMEA District 5 Honors Band-** Congratulations to the following students for being selected to participate in the 2024 OMEA District 5 Middle School and High School Honors Band. The students performed on Saturday, November 23rd at Stambaugh Auditorium.

High School

Tyler Betlyn
Cheyenne Bott
Reeve Donatelli
Elizabeth Rossi
Nicholas Scott
Lucas Williams
Nathan Yon

Middle School

Mason Dutton
Nathan Grimes
Jakob Primous
Rylen Primous
Steven Yon

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2. Dear Families, Community Members, Students, Staff, and Board Members,

As we approach the holiday season, I want to take a moment to wish each of you a wonderful, safe, and relaxing time filled with joy and warmth. This is a season to celebrate all that we have, cherish the memories we've made, and savor the special moments with those who matter most.

Thank you for an incredible start to the school year. Your dedication, support, and hard work have been instrumental in making our school community strong and vibrant. I am confident that the remainder of the year will be even better as we continue to work together for the success of our students.

A reminder: **Winter Break for students begins on Saturday, December 21, 2024, and classes will resume on Monday, January 6, 2025.**

Wishing you all a very happy holiday season and a wonderful start to the New Year!

Happy Holidays,
Mrs. Sawicki

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. None Met

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Building & Grounds Committee Meeting
 - a. A date for the meeting and an agenda will be determined after we receive all proposals.
 - i. Ms. Apisa updated the Board and stated that she is still waiting for proposals to come back. She has reached out to the individuals to remind them of the need to receive the proposals in a timely manner. The goal is to schedule a meeting soon after the New Year.
 - b. Ms. Apisa stated that she has not been happy with some of the numbers she has received thus far for the different projects. She wants to ensure we receive the best price and if we have to go in another direction and requests bids we will. Being good stewards of our funds for each individual project will allow us to use remaining funds to complete other projects as needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

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

No comments.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS (BOARD POLICY: KD)

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SUPERINTENDENT'S CONSENT ITEMS**(24-12-8673)**

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

A. Personnel**1. Certified Staff Resignations**

- a. It is recommended that the Board approve the resignation of Lucille Bartlett as the Intervention Specialist Tutor "As Needed". Lucille's resignation date was effective November 22, 2024.

2. Classified Staff Retirements

- a. It is recommended that the Board approve the retirement of Kathy Wharry as the Cafeteria Aide "As Needed". Kathy's retirement date (last day worked) will be December 20, 2024.

3. Certified Staff Appointments

- a. It is recommended that the Board approve **Barb Jamis as an Intervention Specialist Tutor "As Needed"** for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year. The hourly compensation will be \$25/hour per the certified master contract. Barb's first day of employment will be on January 6, 2025.

4. 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 and Workforce:

- a. Carla Raseta- Softball Varsity - 12%
- b. Brooke Pallozzi- Softball Assistant- 6%
- c. Michael Alfano- Softball Assistant - 6%

5. Athletic Supplemental Appointments - 2025-2026 School Year

Provided they meet the requirements, prior to working with students, set forth by the Lowellville

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Board of Education, the Ohio High School Athletic Association and the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce:

- a. Eric Grow - Cross Country- HS - 8%
- b. Giovanni Docherty- Cross Country 7 & 8 - 4%
- c. Angel Laudermilt - Cheerleading Varsity/JV- 5% (this has been split)
- d. Livia Laudermilt - Cheerleading Varsity/JV- 5% (this has been split)
- e. Michelle Mangine - Cheerleading 7 & 8- 5%
- f. Mia Mangine- Cheerleading Volunteer- 0%
- g. Spiro Schialdone- Golf Girls - 4%

B. Building Use

- a. *Financial Aid Night with YSU* - (Angie Killingsworth)- Thursday, January 16, 2025- 6:00-7:00 p.m., CCP Lab
- b. *Kindergarten Valentine's Concert- Revised Date* - (Mellissa Husosky)- Thursday, February 20, 2025- 1:45 - 2:15 p.m., Cafeteria
- c. *Drama Spring Production-* (Vince Sicliano)- May 2, 3, and 4, 2025, set up- 3:00-9:30 p.m., performance on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m., Sunday performance at 1:30 p.m., Cafeteria and Stage
- d. *Drama Club Play Rehearsal-* (Vince Sicliano)- January - May 2025, times, dates and locations are listed on the submitted calendar

C. Student Activity Anticipated Budget and Sales Project Potential Forms (as submitted) for the 2024-2025 school year

- a. Principal Account
 - o Spirit Wear Sale- January 2025- May 2025

Moved by Jennifer Johnson, seconded by Joe Sturm.

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

Dubos- absent

Jennifer Johnson declared the motion carried 4-0

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Other: NONE

2. Adjournment:

(24-12-8674)

Moved by Jennifer Johnson, seconded by Brian Wharry to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 pm.

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

Dubos- absent

Jennifer Johnson declared the motion carried 4-0

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President

Date 1/8/25



Treasurer

Date 1/8/25

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