

The Lowellville Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, May 21, 2025 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- *Absent*
Gerald Dubos- Present
Jennifer Johnson- Present

TREASURER'S CONSENT ITEMS

(25-5-8733)

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

A. Minutes

- a. Minutes from the April 16, 2025 Regular Board meeting
- b. Minutes from the May 20, 2025 Special Board Meeting

B. Financial Reports

- a. Financial reports, list of bills and expenses paid, and payroll for the month ended April 2025
- b. Approve the 5 year forecast financial report
- c. Approve the Fiscal Year 2025 Permanent Appropriations and Estimated Resources

Discussion: Ms. Apisa presented the 5 year forecast as of today. Districts will not see the final budget until approved by the Governor at the end of June. Ms. Apsa has prepared a 5 year forecast without the 30% cap that is being discussed by legislators. If the 30% cap does pass, Ms. Apisa will need to revise the 5 year forecast and resubmit it in July.

- The cash balance is trending well. The district will not deficit spend until 2029.
- Overall, as a district, everyone stays within the budgets they have been allotted.
- Last page of the forecast shows three different scenarios: Governor's proposed budget, proposed House budget with no cash balance, and the proposed House budget with the 30% cash balance cap.
- Districts are hoping that the line item regarding the 30% cap gets vetoed.
- If the 30% cap passes, the property taxes will go down and the school district revenue will also decrease.
- If the cap passes, Ms. Apisa may be asking the Board to approve a capital outlay plan next month. If this occurs, the funds allotted to the plan can only be used for capital projects- which could be problematic because there are other curriculum needs, staffing needs, etc.
- If the 30% cap passes all districts will take a hit. This is not unique to Lowellville.
- If the House budget passes as is, 100 districts will move to fiscal emergency and some schools will actually close.
- Ms. Apisa noted that student programming is the priority and we should be able to sustain all programming. She stated that the district is very diligent with working within the budget but the new budget proposals could affect some things.

MISSION

- Moving forward, treasurers may need to go in front of the commission boards to defend the district budgets. If the commission does not agree, the commission can take the money from the districts.

C. Donations

- a. \$1,000 donated by PTO for the Math 24 Challenge Tournament - to be held March 2026
- b. \$600 donated by Bank of America for the Math 24 Challenge Tournament - to be held March 2026
- c. \$600 donated by William Miner for the Math 24 Challenge Tournament - to be held March 2026

Moved by Jennifer Johnson, seconded by Joe Sturm.

ROLL CALL: Sturm - Wharry - Dubos - Johnson
Yon- Absent

Jennifer Johnson declared the motion carried 4-0

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

1. Congratulations to the 2025 Lowellville Prom King and Queen, Natalee Macejko and Kenneth Day!
2. May is recognized as Mental Health Awareness Month. We observed this important initiative during our annual Mental Health Awareness Week, held May 12th–16th.
3. The PTO Carnival for grades K–6 and Kona Ice for grades K–12 took place on Friday, May 16th. This is a day our students look forward to every year, and it did not disappoint!
4. Our Underclassmen Awards Ceremony will be held on Monday, May 19th at 8:30 AM in the high school gym. Teachers will honor students who demonstrated excellence in their classes throughout the year.
5. On Wednesday, May 21st at 1:15 PM, we will hold our Senior Clap Out. Families and students will gather around the track to cheer on the Class of 2025 as they take their final lap together.
6. The annual Elementary Talent Show is scheduled for Thursday, May 22nd at 1:15 PM. Parents of participating students are welcome to attend and enjoy the show.
7. First and second graders will showcase their creativity during the Vocabulary Parade on Friday, May 23rd at 1:15. Students will wear costumes representing vocabulary words and parade around the parking lot or gymnasium. Location to be determined.
8. Kindergarten Graduation will take place on Thursday, May 29th at 8:30 AM.

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9. Commencement for the Class of 2025 is scheduled for Sunday, May 25th at 2:00 PM.
10. Thank you to our PTO for all they do throughout the year. They help give our students great experiences and consistently support our staff. We truly value their involvement and the positive impact they make on our school.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

1. Rocket Star of the Month Recognition

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.

K - Audriana Lengauer, Beau Peterson and Nova Signor

1 - Antonio Donatelli

2 - Madison Mead

3 - Angelo Shuey

4 - Mateo Sturm and Riley Bryner

5 - Isaac Nock

6 - Camille Moore

7 - Vanessa Osman

8 - Steven Yon

10 - Sydney Procick

11 - Jordan Nock

12 - Nick Donatelli

2. Stay in the Game Updates

Elementary Just Wrapped Up the "Poppin' With Great Attendance" Challenge! A shoutout to all our students in elementary for their 91.03% attendance rating, but extra cheers go to our **1st graders**, who *popped* to the top with the **Best Attendance Rating** from February through April with a 93.70% rating!

High School completed a March Madness Attendance Challenge. Students created their own teams and competed in a bracket-style challenge based on weekly attendance ratings. The winning team, (Alison Eskins, Ravyn Fletcher, Addison Slaven, Zoe Ortiz, Mackenzie Layton, Sophia Adams, Addison Woodburn, Alyvia Russo), had an overall attendance rating of 95% from March 17 through April 17 and they won a free Chick fil-A lunch delivered to them during their lunch period!

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

1. Lowellville is Thankful to Welcome Back the Vision Van in 2025!

We are excited to announce that **Vision To Learn** will be returning to Lowellville next school year to continue providing vital **vision services for all students—at no cost to families**. We are incredibly thankful for this continued partnership and the opportunity to support our students' health and academic success.

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Vision screenings will begin on Friday, September 5, 2025. More detailed information, including opt-out forms, will be shared with families this fall.

Through this program, **every student will receive a routine vision screening** by licensed professionals. If a student does not pass the screening, they will be referred to the Vision To Learn mobile clinic for a full eye exam by a licensed optometrist. If glasses are needed:

- Students will choose a pair of frames and be fitted on-site.
- Glasses will be delivered to the school within 2–3 weeks by a trained optician.

Important Notes:

- No eye drops or dilation are used during the exam.
- Services may be billed to Medicaid if applicable, but families will not receive a bill.
- You may receive an Explanation of Benefits (EOB), but services remain free.
- Students will be screened unless a parent/guardian completes the opt-out form.
- If follow-up care is recommended, families may be contacted by Sight For All United, but you are free to use any provider of your choice.

About Vision To Learn:

Vision To Learn is a non-profit organization providing free vision services to students in communities across the U.S., supporting improved academic outcomes through better vision.

We are grateful for the opportunity to bring these services to our students once again and look forward to another successful year of supporting student wellness.

2. Nutrition Group Inc.

Presentation from Holly Hanni and/or Mandy Coira from The Nutrition Group. Presentation will include information regarding the wellness assessment, nutritional assessment and related school policies, offerings and pricing for next school year.

Discussion: Holly Hanni reported on the nutritional standards and policies, national school breakfast and lunch program and explained Wellness Wednesdays.

- She works with the district to complete the consolidated report.
- The food for sale is all in regulation with ODE requirements.
- All recipes have been vetted by a dietitian and nurse.
- The sodium and sugar contents will change next year. This will eliminate certain cereals.
- Advised to operate under the current standards for now.
- Proposed pricing for 2025-2026: (will be voted on next month)
 - Breakfast: \$1.25
 - Elementary Lunch: \$2.75
 - High School lunch: \$3.00
- Increased participation in buying breakfast and lunches by 4%.

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3. **Track Replacement Project-** Work is expected to begin on Friday, May 23, 2025 in order to replace the track. Due to the work being completed, the track will be closed from May 23rd until further notice. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. None

*Ms. Apisa noted that they may want to schedule a finance committee meeting once the budget is released.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Update on Boosters -
 - Ms. Apisa met with the Crescendo Club and they tweaked a few items.
 - The Athletic Boosters will have one more meeting as the current Board and then they will step down. A new Athletic Booster Board will be voted on at that meeting.
 - The PTO has everything submitted and is in order at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

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

No Discussion.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS (BOARD POLICY: KD)

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SUPERINTENDENT'S CONSENT ITEMS

(25-5-8734)

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

A. Personnel

1. Classified Staff Resignations

- a. It is recommended that the Board approve the resignation of **James Watson as a Custodial Aide "As Needed"**. James' last day of work was May 15, 2025.

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2. Certified Staff Resignations

- a. It is recommended that the Board approve the resignation of **Jessica Dent as a high school social studies teacher** at the conclusion of the 2024-2025 school year.

3. Classified Staff Appointments

- a. It is recommended that the Board approve **Laura Macejko as an Educational Aide “As needed”** for the **2025-2026** school year and be placed at the appropriate step (step 3) of the Classified Master Contract salary schedule.

4. Exempt Staff Appointments

- a. It is recommended that the Board approve a two year contract for **Jennifer Lane as the Central Office Secretary** for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years, effective August 1, 2025, with a salary of \$42,202 for the 2025-26 year and \$43,468 for the 2026-27 year. This is an exempt position at 240 days per year.
- b. It is recommended that the Board approve a three year contract for **Tyler Noble as the Technology Coordinator** for the 2025-2026, 2026-2027, and 2027-2028 school years, effective August 1, 2025, with a salary of \$51,200 for the 2025-26 year, \$52,045 for the 2026-27 year, and \$52,904 for the 2027-28 year. This is an exempt position at 240 days per year.

5. Administrative Appointments

- a. It is recommended that the Board approve a three year contract for **Jeff Hammond as the K-12 Assistant Principal** for the 2025-2026, 2026-2027, and 2027-2028 school years, effective August 1, 2025, with a salary of \$80,222 for the 2025-26 year, \$81,545 for the 2026-27 year, and \$82,786 for the 2027-28 year. This is an administrative position at 240 days per year.

6. Non Bargaining Unit Personnel (Grant Funded) Appointments

- a. Teresa (Tracy) Vivo- 1 year contract for the 2025 -2026 School Year- Behavioral Health and Wellness Coordinator- 240 Days- Step 5 of the Behavioral Health & Wellness Coordinator Salary Schedule-\$63,631.

7. Athletic Supplemental Resignations- 2025-2026 School Year

- a. It is recommended that the Board accept the resignation of John Protopapa as the Football Assistant Coach (10%) for the 2025-2026 school year. John was Board approved for this position on April 16, 2025.

8. Athletic Supplementals Appointments- 2025-2026 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. Christina Freed- Bowling - JV- 4%
- b. Robert Ballone- Athletic Director - 21%
- c. William Stanton- Assistant Athletic Director- 12%
- d. Bob Pallozzi- Volleyball Volunteer- 0%
- e. John Hritz- Football Assistant- 10%

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B. Building Use

- a. **Birthday Party** - (Les Williams)- Saturday, May 3 2025, 2:00-5:00 p.m., Outdoor Pavillion & Restroom
- b. **Summer Recreation Program**- (Stephanie Yon & Eric Grow)- June 2 - June 27, 2025 - Mondays - Fridays- 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Outdoor Pavillion & Restroom, Concession Stand
- c. **Junior High Cheer Practice**- (Michelle Mangine)- May 29, June, 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30, July 2, 7, 9, 14, 21, 23, 28, 30, August 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27, 2025- 6:00-8:00 p.m., small gym, large gym, or cafeteria
- d. **Birthday Party** - (Lynn Cataldo)- June 8, 2025, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Outdoor Pavillion & Restroom, playground and basketball court
- e. **Football Lift - A -Thon** - (Drew McLaughlin)- June 26, 2025, 3:00. - 5:00 p.m., Weight Room

C. Leave of Absence

- a. Alyssa Granitto- FMLA Leave- Effective August 18, 2025 - September 12, 2025

D. Student Activity Anticipated Budgets and Sales Project Potential Forms As Submitted (2025-2026 school year)

- a. Boys Basketball
 - Snap Raise- June -July 2025

Moved by Brian Wharry, seconded by Joe Sturm.

ROLL CALL: Sturm - Wharry - Dubos - Johnson
Yon- Absent

Jennifer Johnson declared the motion carried 4-0

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

(25-5-8735)

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the following supplemental for the **2025-2026** school year and placed at the appropriate percentage on the Master Contract provided he 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 and Workforce:

- a. Tony Matisi- Basketball- Boys Varsity Head Coach - 21%

Moved by Jerry Dubos, seconded by Jennifer Johnson.

ROLL CALL: Sturm - Wharry - Dubos - Johnson
Yon- Absent

Jennifer Johnson declared the motion carried 4-0

(25-5-8736)

2. It is recommended that the Board approve the following supplemental for the **2025-2026** school year and placed at the appropriate percentage on the Master Contract 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 and Workforce:

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- a. Lisa Modelski- Basketball- Girls Varsity Head Coach - 21%

Moved by Brian Wharry, seconded by Jennifer Johnson.

ROLL CALL: Sturm - Wharry - Dubos - Johnson

Yon- Absent

Jennifer Johnson declared the motion carried 4-0

(25-5-8737)

3. It is recommended that the Board approve the following individuals for athletic supplemental appointments for the **2025-2026** 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. Nick Ballone- Basketball- Boys Varsity Assistant- 10%
- b. Joe Donatelli- Basketball- Boys JV- 11%
- c. Vince DiMartino- Basketball- Boys Freshman- 8%
- d. Steve Procick- Basketball- Girls Varsity Assistant- 10%
- e. Ron Rotunno- Basketball- Girls JV- 11%
- f. Spiro Schialdone- Strength Conditioning for All Sports- Year Round - 6%

Moved by Jennifer Johnson, seconded by Joe Sturm.

ROLL CALL: Sturm - Wharry - Dubos - Johnson

Yon- Absent

Jennifer Johnson declared the motion carried 4-0

(25-5-8738)

4. It is recommended that the Board approve the Agreement (as submitted) entered into with ACCESS for Application Services for Fiscal Year 2026.

Moved by Jerry Dubos, seconded by Brian Wharry.

ROLL CALL: Sturm - Wharry - Dubos - Johnson

Yon- Absent

Jennifer Johnson declared the motion carried 4-0

(25-5-8739)

5. It is recommended that the Board approve a three year Agreement (as submitted) for FY26, FY27, and FY28 with Julian & Grube, Inc. for the purposes of assisting the Lowellville Local School District in preparing the basic financial statements according to all regulations in accordance with the GAAP standards.

Moved by Jennifer Johnson, seconded by Joe Sturm.

ROLL CALL: Sturm - Wharry - Dubos - Johnson

Yon- Absent

Jennifer Johnson declared the motion carried 4-0

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(25-5-8740)

6. It is recommended that the Board approve the following new Board Policy (as submitted):

a. **DAB- General Revenue Fund Cash Balance- NEW**

Moved by Jerry Dubos, seconded by Brian Wharry.

ROLL CALL: Sturm - Wharry - Dubos - Johnson

Yon- Absent

Jennifer Johnson declared the motion carried 4-0

(25-5-8741)

7. It is recommended that the Board approve and adopt its 2025-2026 plan for online make-up hours (up to three days) in accordance with R.C. 3313.482 (as submitted):

Moved by Brian Wharry, seconded by Joe Sturm.

ROLL CALL: Sturm - Wharry - Dubos - Johnson

Yon- Absent

Jennifer Johnson declared the motion carried 4-0

(25-5-8742)

8. Adjournment:

Moved by Jennifer Johnson, seconded by Joe Sturm to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 pm.

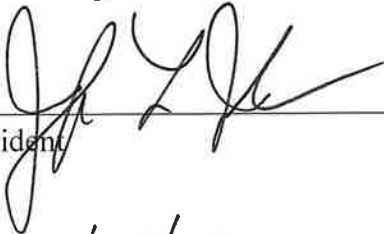
ROLL CALL: Sturm - Wharry - Dubos - Johnson

Yon- Absent

Jennifer Johnson declared the motion carried 4-0

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President

6/18/25

Date



Treasurer

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