

The Lowellville Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, June 18, 2025 in the Lowellville Library; President Jennifer Johnson presiding. Mrs. Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

(25-6-8743)

TREASURER'S CONSENT ITEMS

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

A. Minutes

- a. Minutes from the May 21, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

B. Financial Reports

- a. Financial reports, list of bills and expenses paid, and payroll for the month ended May 2025

Discussion: Ms Apisa reported the following:

- The biennial budget is still in progress- nothing has been finalized yet.
 - Districts are hearing that the 30% cap will probably be voted in. Lowellville is currently at 44%.
 - Proposal to revert back to the fair school funding model.
 - Looks like a 3 year forecast (rather than a 5 year) will be approved. If approved this could lead to not being able to certify negotiated agreements, hence breaking up collective bargaining agreements.
 - With the 30% cap districts may have to go in front of a commission to present on the excess funds they have kept. The Commission could take the excess funds from districts.
 - Our district could move money out to the 070 account but we would need to continue to establish our improvement plan. If the money is moved to an 070 account, it can no longer be used to pay for salaries, curriculum, etc.
 - As a district, our Board may be asked to vote on an improvement plan at the July meeting.
 - With the current proposals, they may make it illegal for districts to pick up the retirement of Superintendents, Treasurers, and potentially other employees. There will be language to make the employees whole if this passes.
 - HB335- Property tax reform- will remove 4.4 mils of inside millage that the district has. Lowellville will lose \$291,000. The district will not be able to recoup the money lost.
 - With HB335 there has also been discussion that they may increase the percentage needed to pass a levy. It may move from 51% to 60 or 70%.
 - The permanent improvement levy is safe. However, if the bill is passed it could limit the districts ability to put emergency or other levies on the ballot.

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- Based on how the biennial budget passes, Ms. Apisa may need to present a new forecast in July. It could be a 3 year or 5 year forecast.
- Capital improvement and securing debt issuance update:
 - Ms. Apisa met with the legal team
 - Working on the first draft of the POC
 - Ms. Apisa will be presenting in front of Moody's board to get the district a credit rating (expected to receive a AA rating)
 - Should receive funds at the end of August if everything goes as planned.

C. Donations

- a. \$350 donated by someone who would like to remain anonymous. The donation should be used to pay off some of the lunch debt.

Moved by Stephanie Yon, seconded by Jennifer Johnson.

ROLL CALL: Yon - Dubos - Johnson

Wharry & Sturm- Absent

Jennifer Johnson declared the motion carried 3-0

(25-6-8744)

TREASURER'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the renewal of the commercial property, liability, umbrella, pollution and fleet insurance through the Ohio School Plan, Love Insurance Agency, and cyber insurance through Hylant Cyber Liability Program at an annual premium of \$49,254 for the 2025-2026 year .

Moved by Jennifer Johnson, seconded by Jerry Dubos.

ROLL CALL: Yon - Dubos - Johnson

Wharry & Sturm- Absent

Jennifer Johnson declared the motion carried 3-0

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

1. No Report

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

1. We would like to recognize and congratulate Josh Pazel for proudly representing Lowellville at the 2025 OHSA Track and Field State Tournament at the Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium at Ohio State University on June 6-7. Josh competed in the 400-meter dash and finished in 8th place with an impressive time of 50.35. This is an outstanding accomplishment, and we are incredibly proud of Josh for competing against the top athletes in the state. His dedication, hard work, and sportsmanship are a

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reflection of the excellence we strive for in our school and community. Congratulations, Josh, on this well-earned achievement!

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

1. The Board of Education Golf outing will be held on Sunday, August 3, 2025.

Date: Sunday, August 3, 2025

Time: 7:00 a.m. – Registration

8:00 a.m. – Shotgun Start

Location: Bedford Trails Golf Course

Fee: \$90 per golfer-\$360 per team

Includes: 18 holes of golf, riding cart, coffee and doughnuts, hotdog and drink at the turn, full course dinner at the golf course, beverages, proximities and prizes!

(Deadline for entry is Wednesday, July 23, 2025)

Captain's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Other Team Members: _____

Ways To Register/Donate:

Option 1: Mail in your team entry form and/or donation form by July 23, 2025 to the following address:
Lowellville Local School District, 52 Rocket Place Lowellville, OH 44436 Attn: BOE Golf Outing

- Make checks payable to: Lowellville Local School District

Option 2: Drop off your entry form and/or donation form to the school office.

- Forms can also be turned in directly to Athletic Director Bob Ballone or Assistant Athletic Director Bill Stanton.

Contact Bob Ballone @ 330-550-2170 or Bill Stanton @ 330-727- 1472 if you have any questions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. None

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OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discuss process for school to take ownership of baseball complex on Conti Way.
 - Ms. Apisa has worked with the legal team and has a termination agreement ready to execute. The Board will need to discuss all of the logistics of taking over the property before voting to move forward. There will need to be conversation about the costs associated with upkeep of the property (lawncare, restrooms, trash, personnel, etc.)
 - Mrs. Johnson asked about the Lowellville Baseball Association and if the district would need to create an agreement with them for future use of the property. Ms. Apisa stated that there would need to be an agreement created and many logistics still need to be worked out.
 - Consensus from the Board at this time is that there still needs to be conversations and possibly a tentative timeline of early fall before any agreements are executed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Akron Children's Athletic Training Program- Terminated for 25-26
 - a. Akron Children's can no longer provide an athletic trainer to Lowellville
 - b. What options are available to support Lowellville athletes?
 - i. Mrs. Sawicki reported that Akron Children's will no longer be able to provide athletic training support to the athletes. Akron Children's would like to terminate the agreement on July 18, 2025.
 - ii. The Doctor from Akron Children's recommended that the district call Mercy Health Musculoskeletal and Sports Medicine and/or Quickmed to see if they have the resources available to support the district with athletic training needs.
 - iii. The Board asked what qualifications one needs to provide athletes with athletic training support. Mrs. Sawicki will email Dr. Liebig from Akron Children's to get an answer.
 - iv. Perhaps there is a qualified individual in the community who may be able to provide support to the athletes? Can the district pay them a stipend per game?
 1. Once we receive an answer of the qualifications the Board and Superintendent will work together to find someone qualified to support the athletes.
 2. Mr. Dubos stated that there may be a chance we could secure a large corporation to donate to cover the cost of a trainer.
 - v. Further discussion will take place once we have more information.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

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

No comments were made.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS (BOARD POLICY: KD)

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(25-6-8745)

SUPERINTENDENT'S CONSENT ITEMS

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 **Dan Dougherty as a high school social studies teacher** at the expiration of the 2024-2025 teaching contract.
- b. It is recommended that the Board approve the resignation of **Jackie Boila as a high school science teacher** at the expiration of the 2024-2025 teaching contract.

2. Certified Staff Appointments

- a. It is recommended that the Board approve a limited contract for **Alyson Bain as an Intervention Specialist Teacher** for the 2025-2026 school year and placed at the appropriate step of the certified master contract (Bachelor's Plus 20 Step 5 - \$52,337).
- b. It is recommended that the Board approve a limited contract for **Ashley Hamilton as a Social Studies Teacher** for the 2025-2026 school year and placed at the appropriate step of the certified master contract (Bachelor's Plus 20 Step 5 - \$52,337).
- c. It is recommended that the Board approve a limited contract for **Tyler Cintron as a Social Studies Teacher** for the 2025-2026 school year and placed at the appropriate step of the certified master contract (Bachelor's Step 4- \$49,169.00).

3. Supplemental Resignations- 2025-2026 School Year

- a. It is recommended that the Board approve the resignation of Dan Dougherty from the AM duty (3.5%) supplemental for the 2025-2026 school year.

B. Building Use

- a. **Birthday Party - (Dylan Bond)- Saturday, June 21 2025, 1:00-9:00 p.m., Outdoor Pavillion, Restroom & Playground**
- b. **Lowellville Youth Basketball- 1st and 2nd grade- (Diane Palumbo)- Sundays beginning July 13, 2025 -March 29, 2026 (as available)- 11:00 am-12:30 p.m- Small Gym & Large Gym**
- c. **Lowellville Little Rockets Cheer Practice (Krissy Cruz)- Various dates in July, August, and September, 2025- as needed and as available- 5:00-7:00 p.m.- Small Gym & Large Gym**

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

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- a. Junior High Cheerleaders
 - Popcorn Fundraiser- July 2025
 - SnapRaise- April 2026
 - Handel's Pint Cards- May 2026
 - Popcorn- May 2026
 - Pepperoni Rolls- June 2026
- b. Football
 - Lift- a- Thon- June 26, 2025
 - SnapRaise- June & July 2025
 - Quaker Dine and Donate- July 9, 2025
 - Youth Camp- July 14, 2025
- c. Principals' Fund
 - Spirit wear Sale- August - September 2025
 - Tape Principal to a Wall- November 2025
 - 5th Quarter Social- October 2025
- d. Student Council
 - Sadie Hawkins Ticket Sales- November 2025
 - Spring Fling Ticket Sales- March 2026
 - Wear Your Favorite Hat Day- October 2025
 - Pajama Day Fundraiser- January 2026
 - Coaches Restaurant Dine In Event- October 2025
- e. Senior Class (Class of 2026)
 - Fill My Graduating Year- August - October 2025
 - Bocce Tournament- August - May 2025
 - Sweethearts Ticket Sales- January - February 2026
- f. Freshman Class (Class of 2029)
 - Jeans and Sports Jersey Dress Down Day- September 2025
 - Handel's Pint Card Sales- October 2025
 - Pepperoni Roll Sales- January 2026
- g. Academic Challenge
 - Cocca Pizza Pepperoni Roll Card Sale- October - November 2025
- h. Bowling
 - Jeans Day- January 2026
 - Kona Ice Fundraiser- August 2025
- i. Sophomore Class (Class of 2028)
 - Dress Down Day - November 2025

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- j. Spanish Club
 - o No Fundraisers
- k. Art Club
 - o No Fundraisers
- l. Indoor Track
 - o No Fundraisers
- m. Cross Country
 - o SnapRaise- September 2025
 - o Handel's Pint Card Sales- July - August 2025
- n. National Honor Society
 - o Dress Down Days- September 2025, January 2026, March 2026, May 2026
 - o Poinsettia Flower Sale- October - November 2025
 - o Spring Flower Sale- February - March 2026
 - o Cookie & Popcorn Sale- May 2026
- o. Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD)
 - o Dress Down Day- October 2025
 - o Cookie & Popcorn Sale- October 2025
- p. Character Avengers
 - o T-Shirt Sale - November 2025
- q. Wellness Club
 - o Wristband Sale- March 2026
- r. LHS Band
 - o Supply Sales- August 2025 - May 2026
 - o Donations- August 2025 - May 2026
- s. Yearbook
 - o Advertisements for Yearbook- August 2025 - May 2026
 - o Texas Roadhouse Gift Card Sales- October - November 2025
 - o Raising Cane's Fundraisers- October 2025 & March 2026
 - o Molnar's Cinnamon Roll Sale- March - April 2026
- t. Math 24
 - o Math 24 Tournament- August 2025 - March 2026
 - o L & M Greenhouse Gift Card- February - April 2026
 - o "24" Calendar- November 2025 - April 2026
 - o Math 24 T- Shirt Sale- January 2026

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- u. Junior Class (Class of 2027)
 - Homecoming Tickets- September 2025
 - Candy Grams- August 2025 - May 2026
 - Prom Tickets- April 2026
 - Buckeye Gourmet- Fudge, Taffy, Popcorn, Cotton Candy- August 2025 - December 2025
 - Dress Down Days- November 2025 & January 2026
- v. High School Cheerleaders
 - SnapRaise- April - May 2026
 - Handel's Pint Cards- May 2026
 - Pepperoni Roll Sales- June 2026
 - ½ Court Shots- November 2025 - March 2026
 - Parents Night Out- October 2025
 - Little Rocket Clinic- October, December 2025 or January 2026

Moved by Stephanie Yon, seconded by Jennifer Johnson.

ROLL CALL: Yon - Dubos - Johnson

Wharry & Sturm- Absent

Jennifer Johnson declared the motion carried 3-0

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

(25-6-8746)

1. It is recommended to approve the following physical T-8's for bus and van drivers for the 2025-2026 school year and issue the driver certificate:
 - Chad Likens- Bus
 - Cynthia Clemens- Bus
 - Julie Shaw- Bus
 - Vicki Conley- Bus
 - Tina Conti-Meyers- Bus
 - Cheryl Kaweck- Bus
 - Toni Lanterman- Van
 - Jeffrey Hammond- Van

Moved by Jerry Dubos, seconded by Stephanie Yon.

ROLL CALL: Yon - Dubos - Johnson

Wharry & Sturm- Absent

Jennifer Johnson declared the motion carried 3-0

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(25-6-8747)

2. It is recommended that the Board approve the submitted one year contract for The Nutrition Group to provide food service management services to the district from July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026.

Moved by Jennifer Johnson, seconded by Jerry Dubos.

ROLL CALL: Yon - Dubos - Johnson

Wharry & Sturm- Absent

Jennifer Johnson declared the motion carried 3-0

(25-6-8748)

3. It is recommended that the Board approve the following breakfast and lunch prices for students for the 2025-2026 school year:

K-6 Breakfast- \$1.25	K-6 Breakfast Reduced- \$0.30
K-6 Lunch- \$2.75	K-6 Lunch Reduced-\$0.40
7-12 Breakfast- \$1.25	7-12 Breakfast Reduced- \$0.30
7-12 Lunch- \$3.00	7-12 Lunch Reduced- \$0.40

Moved by Jennifer Johnson, seconded by Jerry Dubos.

ROLL CALL: Yon - Dubos - Johnson

Wharry & Sturm- Absent

Jennifer Johnson declared the motion carried 3-0

(25-6-8749)

4. It is recommended that the Board approve the A La Cart prices as noted below for the 2025-2026 school year:

Milk- \$1.00	4 oz juice- \$0.75	Sausage Patties (2)- \$1.50	Garlic Toast- \$0.50	Extra Fruit- \$1.00
Extra Breakfast Entree- \$1.25	Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich- \$1.75	Extra Lunch Entree- \$2.75	Fruit by the Foot- \$1.25	Fries- \$1.25
16 oz Water- \$1.25	Iced Donut- \$1.50	Jungle Crackers/Bears- \$0.75	Rice Krispy Treat- \$1.50	Assorted Chips- \$1.50
Assorted Kettle Chips - \$1.75	Extra Vegetables- \$1.00	Large Fruit Snacks- \$2.25	Breadstick- \$0.75	Sparkling Ice- \$3.00

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Grandma Cookie- \$2.00	Mozzarella String Cheese- \$1.00	Assorted Pizza Slice- \$2.50	Assorted Swiss Tea-\$2.50	Ice Cream Scooter Bar- \$1.50
Mini Ice Cream Sandwich- \$1.25	Ice Cream Sundae Cup- \$1.50	Side of Cheese/Sauce - \$0.75	Ham Sandwich- \$2.50	Propel- \$3.50
Switch Juice- \$2.50	Cookies and Cream Cone- \$2.25	Cotton Candy Yogurt Cone- \$2.25	Juice Rush- \$1.25	Silly Tube- \$2.25
Crazy Cone- \$2.25	Turkey Sandwich- \$2.75	Large Chicken Salad- \$5.25	Large Chef Salad- \$6.00	Large Garden Salad w/ Egg- \$3.50
Breaded Chicken Wrap- \$3.25	Breaded Chicken Wrap w/ Bacon- \$4.00	Flavored Water- \$1.50		

Moved by Jerry Dubos, seconded by Stephanie Yon.

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

Jennifer Johnson declared the motion carried 3-0

(25-6-8750)

5. It is recommended that the Board approve the 2025-2026 Technology Responsibility Plan as submitted:

Moved by Jerry Dubos, seconded by Stephanie Yon.

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

Jennifer Johnson declared the motion carried 3-0

(25-6-8751)

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

a. JED-R- Student Absences and Excuses- RESCIND

Moved by Jennifer Johnson, seconded by Stephanie Yon.

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

Jennifer Johnson declared the motion carried 3-0

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7. It is recommended that the Board revise the following Board Policies (as submitted):

- a. **JED- Student Absences and Excuses- REVISE**
- b. **JFCJ- Weapons in the School- REVISE**
- c. **JECE- Student Withdrawal From School- REVISE**
- d. **JEDA- Truancy- REVISE**
- e. **IGBLA- Promoting Parental Involvement- REVISE**

Moved by Jerry Dubos, seconded by Stephanie Yon.

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

Jennifer Johnson declared the motion carried 3-0

(25-6-8753)

8. It is recommended that the Board approve the memorandum of understanding (MOU) (as submitted) effective July 1, 2025, by and between the Alta Care Group, Inc., and the Lowellville Local School District. The Parties desire to enter into an agreement to formally collaborate related to Ohio Mobile Response and Stabilization Services (MRSS) in Mahoning and Trumbull Counties; whereas, MRSS is a service that provides immediate help for children and young adults 20 and under who are experiencing urgent mental, emotional, or behavioral distress using a team of trained professionals with the goal of responding within 60 minutes directly to the person's home, school, or other location to de-escalate the crisis and provide ongoing support.

Moved by Jennifer Johnson, seconded by Stephanie Yon.

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

Jennifer Johnson declared the motion carried 3-0

(25-6-8754)

10. Adjournment:

Moved by Jennifer Johnson, seconded by Stephanie Yon to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 pm.

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

Jennifer Johnson declared the motion carried 3-0

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President

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Date



Treasurer

6/30/2025

Date

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