

The Lowellville Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, August 20, 2025 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

(25-8-8777)

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 July 23, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

B. Financial Reports

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

C. Commercial Papers

- a. Fiscal year 2025 purchases and sales of commercial paper and bankers acceptances.

Moved by Brian Wharry, seconded by Joe Sturm.

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

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:

1. Below is a link to access the welcome back letter mailed home to all students the first week of August.
[Welcome Back Letter](#)
2. Our K-12 Open House will be held on Tuesday, August 19th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Students and families will have the chance to meet teachers, tour classrooms, and, for grades 7-12, pick up updated schedules and locker information.
3. Several orientation events, including Kindergarten Orientation, New Student/7th Grade Orientation, and an Algebra I Parent Meeting for the 13 eighth-grade students who qualified for the course this year will also be held on August 19th.

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4. The first day of school for students in grades 7-12 will be on Wednesday, August 20th. Students in grades K-6 will begin on Tuesday, August 26th.

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ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

1. No Report

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

1. Golf Outing- Thank you!

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated in and supported the 35th annual Board of Education Golf Outing. Together, we raised an incredible \$8,778 in profit! Your generosity directly enhances our athletic programs, providing valuable opportunities for students in grades 7-12. We truly appreciate your dedication to our students and community!

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Updates on the Debt Issuance Process

Discussion:

- Ms. Apisa stated that any debt issuance has been put in hold at least until November. She stated that a referendum to eliminate taxes will most likely not be put on a ballot until at least November 2026. She would like to schedule a work session to determine what projects we can complete now with the funds we currently have.
- Ms. Apisa stated that the district will need to pay the attorney for the work that they were preparing for the possible debt issuance. That money will be reimbursable when the district decides to move forward with any debt issuance.
- Mr. Dubos asked if we will be reviewing all items that need to be completed (not just athletics).
 - Ms. Apisa stated that we will be looking at all items that need to be completed around the school, how much they cost, how much money we have and then prioritize the needs.
 - Mrs. Johnson stated that we have a list of projects that need to be completed and the priorities are pretty much the same.
 - Mrs. Yon stated that we need to complete any safety concern issues first and then move forward completing any other items.
- A tentative work session date was scheduled for September 17th at 5:00 p.m. Board members were asked to check their calendars to confirm the meeting date and time. If there is a need to change the date and time please inform Mrs. Sawicki by the end of the week.

NEW BUSINESS:

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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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(25-8-8778)

SUPERINTENDENT'S CONSENT ITEMS

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

A. Personnel

1. Athletics - Event Staff

- a. James Basista
- b. Kevin Johnson
- c. Nick Ballone
- d. Ralph Sandy
- e. Eric Grow
- f. Spiro Schialdone
- g. Alyssa Streb
- h. Nicole Firmstone
- i. Carrine Esenwein
- j. Christina Freed
- k. Terri Alterio
- l. Sharon Willrich

B. Building Use

- a. *Lowellville Little Rockets* (Joe Donatelli)- Team Dinner for Little Rockets- August 14, 2025-6:00-8:00 p.m.- Pavilion
- b. *Student Council* (Angela Higgins)- Blood Drive- October 29, 2025-7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.- Small Gym
- c. *Student Council* (Angela Higgins)- Blood Drive- January 29, 2026-7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.- Small Gym

C. LEA Lateral Advancement For Salary Schedule

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LEA salary advancement in accordance with the LEA CBA 8.024

a. Alyson Bain, BA+20 to MA

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D. Leave of Absence

- a. Cindi Clemens- Unpaid Leave (2 half days)- August 27 and 28, 2025 (pm only)
- b. Rena Firmstone- FMLA - Self- Effective August 18, 2025 - October 24, 2025

Moved by Brian Wharry, seconded by Stephanie Yon.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

(25-8-8779)

1. It is recommended that the Board approve payment in lieu of transportation for the 2025-2026 school year for student Brody Daniels. He will attend Ursuline High School located in Youngstown, Ohio. 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: \$607.15

Date of acceptance by parent: August 8, 2025

Moved by Jennifer Johnson, seconded by Jerry Dubos.

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

(25-8-8780)

2. It is recommended that the Board approve payment in lieu of transportation for the 2025-2026 school year for student Benedict Donofrio. He will attend Holy Family Elementary School located in Poland, Ohio. Reason for impracticality: The following factors were considered in arriving at this determination in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 3327.01 and 3327.02:
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 - The cost of providing transportation in terms of equipment, maintenance, personnel, and administration;

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Amount to be paid: \$607.15

Date of acceptance by parent: August 11, 2025

Moved by Jerry Dubos, seconded by Stephanie Yon.

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Jennifer Johnson declared the motion carried 5-0

(25-8-8781)

3. It is recommended that the Board approve the contract (as submitted) between the Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board, and Lowellville Schools to engage in a collaborative, Project Aware Ohio, and the Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board agrees to pay Lowellville Schools \$55,000 for FY26.

Moved by Stephanie Yon, seconded by Jennifer Johnson.

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

(25-8-8782)

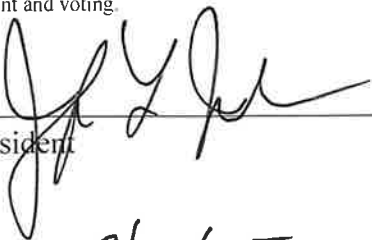
4. Adjournment:

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

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Jennifer Johnson declared the motion carried 5-0

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President



Treasurer

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