

The Lowellville Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, September 17, 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- Present
Gerald Dubos- Present
Jennifer Johnson- Present

(25-9-8783)

TREASURER'S CONSENT ITEMS

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

A. Minutes

- a. Minutes from the August 20, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

B. Financial Reports

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

C. Three Year Forecast

- a. Upon the recommendation of the Treasurer, approve the submission and projections of expenditures, revenues, and fund balances for fiscal year 2026, and for the three succeeding fiscal years ending 2027, 2028, and 2029.
- b. Approve the FY26 Permanent appropriations and certificate of estimated resources.

Discussion points provided by Ms. Apisa:

- The forecast used to be a five year forecast. There is now a new requirement to produce a current year plus a three year submission.
- The district has until October 15th to submit the new forecast to the state.
- The new deadlines to submit future forecasts will be August and February of each year.
- If you review page 23 of the forecast that is the page that will be submitted to the state.
- There is not much variance from the May 2025 forecast.
- The property tax line should grow. There are some delinquent property taxes that should be coming in.
- In 2027, new growth for Public Utility will not be allocated at 100%. The district will only receive 30%.
- The district may see a slight decline in collections for Public Utility.
- The district is not projected to deficit spend until 2029.
- Supplemental financial documents were also shared with the Board in the event they want to refer to the documents to see the state funding impact for the district if legislation changes things.

Mrs. Johnson asked for clarification and reiterated that this forecast is not based on if legislation reductions occur. Ms. Apisa confirmed that this forecast is only based on current funding.

Ms. Apisa also asked the Board to approve the permanent appropriations.

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D. Donations

- a. \$500 donated by Bank of America to assist the band program
- b. Video camera donated by the Lowellville Sports Booster Club to be used by all sports and coaches
- c. \$20 Handel's gift card from Lillith Sarraino family to support the PBIS initiatives
- d. 19 total cross-country uniforms consisting of 16 boys' uniforms and 3 girls' uniforms. The brand is Asics, and the sizes will be as follows: 7 Mens Small, 7 Mens Medium, 2 Mens Large, 2 Womens Small, and 1 Womens Medium. A total cost of \$893. Donated by Kellie Klimis and Wes Smith.

Moved by Stephanie Yon, seconded by Joe Sturm.

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

1. Congratulations to your 2025 Homecoming Court:

Aubrey Kester
Mckenna Lewis
Gianna Palumbo
Eliza Primous
Sydney Procick

Jeffrey Dubos
Anthony Kacir
Michael Lucido
Kasen Smith
Richard Willrich

2. Our 4th through 8th graders will be participating in The Team Tressel Fitness Challenge from September 8 through December 7. The challenge strives to help our students develop lifelong healthy habits in fitness, nutrition, and sleep through personal goal setting. Each student received a workbook to record and monitor their own progress through the challenge.
3. Our district is proud to continue participating in the Stay in the Game Attendance Campaign in partnership with the Cleveland Browns. Chronic absenteeism remains a significant challenge for our district, and we are committed to emphasizing the importance of good attendance for student success. Students will complete an online attendance pledge the week of September 8 as part of this initiative.
4. We are excited to announce that our monthly podcast, Rocket to the Top, will continue this year! Even more exciting, we will be collaborating with Mrs. Policy's Media Class, giving students the opportunity to be part of the team and the show. Each episode will highlight the programs, people, and events that

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make Lowellville Schools such a special place. Stay tuned for new episodes and a fresh student perspective!

5. Students in grades 2 and 6 will take the Cognitive Abilities Test and Iowa Assessment during the week of September 22-26. The results of these tests serve several functions. Test scores are used to drive instructional practices in the classroom. The scores are also used as possible identification for gifted programming.
6. We're excited to share that David McCreary, a nationally recognized comedian and magician, will be joining us at Lowellville on September 25th to help kick off an amazing school year! David will inspire our students with powerful messages about positivity, making good choices, showing kindness, and demonstrating respect -all values that align perfectly with our PBIS theme: Rockets RISE.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

1. Shout out to Mrs. Stephanie Havrilla - She organized a voluntary summer reading challenge last spring with the incoming 5th and 6th graders. The students took home a chapter book (provided by the PTO) and a small project (from the teacher) to complete after reading. She had 17 students complete the challenge over the summer! Students were also recognized at lunch time.

Callie Agnone	Riley Bryner	Ryan Durkin	Camille Miner	Alivia Palumbo
Ellah Primous	Rylie Purtee	Mateo Sturm	Aubree Bryner	Karina Cruz
Aubree Daniels	Gabriel Fowler	Benny Karmazin	Grace Mihaly	Alison Nye
Emma Ogle	Lilly Sesser	Olivia Sudon	Vito Carchedi	

2. Rockets Boys' Golf Team Clinches Share of League Title!

Congratulations to our Rockets Golf Team for clinching a share of the MVAC regular season title. The team showed great focus, determination, and sportsmanship throughout the season, compiling a season record of 17-1 and a league record of 13-1.

We're proud of the way our athletes have represented our school all season—on and off the course. Let's keep the momentum going as we head into the final stretch!

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

1. The 2024-2025 Ohio School Report Cards were released to the public on Monday, September 15, 2025. Below, you can find the 2024 - 2025 report card guide to help you understand how districts and schools are rated and how each component of the report card is calculated. In addition, you can click on the second link in order to search the report cards on the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce's website as well as a summary of the district's report card, celebrations, areas of improvement and next steps.

- a. [2024-2025 Report Card Guide](#)

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- b. [Search for 2024-2025 District and School Report Cards](#)
- c. [Summary, Celebrations, Areas of Improvement & Action Steps](#)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Board Work Session Date- There will be a Board of Education work session held immediately after the regular October 15th Board meeting.
 - To review, discuss, and establish priorities for projects that need to be completed, while exploring available funding sources and financing options to ensure timely and effective implementation.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mrs. Sawicki presented to the Board members an opportunity to sign onto the social media adolescent addiction/personal injury products liability litigation and video game addiction matters. The Board will review the retainer from the law firm to gather more information. There may be a formal recommendation brought to the Board members to vote on in October.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

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

Kimberly McGinnis- commented on the chronic absenteeism of the district and asked if we are using the courts to hold parents accountable for their child's attendance.

Mrs. Sawicki reported that the resources provided by the courts are limited due to staffing and all the districts that they must serve. The courts are focused on unexcused absences which is not the main focus of the district's absences. The district will continue to partner with the courts with any new programming that they may offer to districts.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS (BOARD POLICY: KD)

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SUPERINTENDENT'S CONSENT ITEMS

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

A. Personnel

1. Classified Staff Retirements

- a. Brenda Shivley- PM Custodial Supervisor- Brenda has retired. Her last day of work was September 3, 2025.
- b. Richard Beard- Custodial Aide- Richard will be retiring next week. His last day of work will be September 26, 2025.

2. Classified Staff Appointments

- a. It is recommended that the Board retroactively approve **Andrew Swanson as a Custodial Aide “As Needed”** for the 2025-2026 school year. Andrew will be placed at step 0 on the Classified Agreement and the hourly compensation will be \$11.66. Andrew's first day of employment as a custodial aide was August 21, 2025.
- b. It is recommended that the Board retroactively approve **Toni Lanterman as a Custodial Aide “As Needed”** for the 2025-2026 school year. Toni will be placed at step 5 on the Classified Agreement and the hourly compensation will be \$13.54. Toni's first day of employment as a custodial aide was August 26, 2025.
- c. It is recommended that the Board retroactively approve **Nathan Christy as a substitute bus driver** for the 2025-2026 school year. Nathan will be placed at step 0 of the Classified Agreement and the hourly compensation will be \$18.43. Nathan's first day of employment was September 16, 2025.

3. Clubs and Activity Supplemental Appointments - 2025-2026 School Year

Provided she meets the requirements, prior to working with students, set forth by the Lowellville Board of Education, and the Ohio Department of Education:

- a. Stephanie Havrilla - Mentor Year 1 or 2- 2%

4. Athletic Supplementals Appointments- 2025-2026 School Year

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:

- a. Van Esenwein- Bowling -Volunteer- 0%

5. Athletics - Event Staff

- a. Shane Burkholder

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B. Building Use

- a. **Lowellville Sports Booster Club** (Diane Palumbo)- Monthly Meeting- September 8, 2025-7:00-8:00 p.m.-Cafeteria
- b. **Jr. High Team Dinners** (Bob Dutton)- Team Dinners- September 10, 17, 23 and October 1, 8, and 15, 2025- 4:30-7:30 pm (Summer Rec Pavilion)
- c. **Hartman Birthday Party** (Josh Hartman)- Birthday Party- September 27, 2025-11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.- Pavilion/Restrooms
- d. **Guidance Department** (Angela Killingsworth)- Financial Aid Night- October 9, 2025-6:00- 7:00 p.m.- Cafeteria
- e. **Jr High Fall Dinner** (Lowellville Sports Boosters)- Jr High Fall Dinner, October 15, 2026, - 4:00- 8:00 p.m.- Pavilion (cafeteria-back up)
- f. **Administration** (Jeff Hammond)- Career Day for Grades 7-12- January 15, 2026- 8:00 a.m.- 2:30 p.m.- Large Gym, Cafeteria, Classrooms, Band Parking Lot
- g. **Guidance Department** (Angela Killingsworth)- CCPNight- February 12, 2026- 6:00- 7:00 p.m.- Cafeteria
- h. **Challenge 24 Tournament** (Debbi Sanders)- Challenge 24 Tournament (revised date)- March 19, 2026, 12:00 - 10:00 p.m (set up/tear down)- Event begins at 5:00 or 6:00 p.m. -Large gym, Small gym, Cafeteria

C. Leave of Absence

- a. Cindi Clemens- Unpaid Leave (1 half day)-October 3, 2025 (pm only)

D. Field Trip

- a. Field trip to the Villa Maria Educational Center (PA) on December 16, 2025 (9:00-1:00) for the Middle School Choir students to carole for the residents

Moved by Brian Wharry, seconded by Jennifer Johnson.

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

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SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

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. Eric Grow- Track Head Girls HS- 12%

Moved by Joe Sturm, seconded by Jennifer Johnson.

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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 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. Robert Ballone Jr.- Track Head Boys HS- 12%

Moved by Brian Wharry, seconded by Jennifer Johnson.

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

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3. It is recommended that the Board approve the Resolution to adopt a cybersecurity program and incident reporting plan per the requirements of Ohio House Bill 96 (as submitted).

Moved by Stephanie Yon, seconded by Brian Wharry.

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

Discussion:

- Mr. Wharry asked if the district's incident response plan and training are completed and/or in place?
- Mrs. Sawicki reported that the incident response plan is almost complete and the district implemented annual trainings related to cybersecurity three years ago.

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4. It is recommended that the Board hereby adopts the Special Education Model Policies and Procedures (Model Policies) (as submitted) that were released by the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce (DEW) in December 2024, and directs all staff in the district to use and comply with the Model Policies. The Board further authorizes the Superintendent to notify the DEW of the Board's adoption of the Model Policies through the DEW's Monitoring System by uploading a copy of this Board resolution on or before November 30, 2025, and by November 30 for each subsequent school year.

Moved by Stephanie Yon, seconded by Jerry Dubos.

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5. Adjournment:

Moved by Jennifer Johnson, seconded by Joe Sturm to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 pm.

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

Jennifer Johnson declared the motion carried 5-0

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President

Date 10/15/25



Treasurer

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