

The Lowellville Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, November 19, 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

(25-11-8801)

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 October 15, 2025 Regular Board Meeting
- b. Minutes from the October 15, 2025 Board of Education Work Session

B. Financial Reports

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

C. Donations

- a. \$1,000 donated by The Will McCaughtry Foundation to be used to support the costs of the art therapy program
- b. Twenty-four new boys basketball uniforms for the varsity and JV program. The total cost of the donation is \$3,936. The uniforms were donated by an individual who would like to remain anonymous.

Moved by Joe Sturm, seconded by Jennifer Johnson.

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

Jennifer Johnson declared the motion carried 5-0

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT: (provided by Mr. Hammond)

1. On November 7th, Lowellville Schools held our first on-site attendance hearings in collaboration with the Mahoning County Juvenile Court’s Early Warning System (EWS). The hearings were conducted by Magistrate Gina DeGenova and included participation from students, their parents, our School Resource Officer, two court personnel, the building principals, and the superintendent. The purpose of these hearings is to address ongoing attendance concerns and reinforce the importance of regular school attendance as a foundation for academic, social, and emotional success.

During the sessions, Magistrate DeGenova emphasized expectations for improved attendance and outlined possible consequences for continued unexcused absences, which can include community service, reassignment to Mahoning County High School, or other court-ordered actions. Parents were

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also advised of potential penalties, such as fines or community service requirements, should attendance not improve.

Our first round of hearings included four students and their families. The Court will continue to monitor each student's attendance and progress, with follow-up hearings scheduled as needed. We are optimistic that this partnership will strengthen our ongoing efforts to reduce chronic absenteeism and keep students engaged in school.

2. The Value-Added reports should be released soon. We have scheduled data review sessions with Jeff Eisenbraun from the ESC on December 4th during teachers' planning periods. In Ohio, the Value-Added measure shows student academic growth from one year to the next, based on their performance on state assessments. It sets projections for how much growth students are expected to make and compares actual results to those projections. Reports are available for English Language Arts and Math in grades 4–8, as well as End-of-Course assessments in high school. Teachers use this information to monitor growth, plan targeted instruction, and set goals to support continued student progress.
3. Our school community has several upcoming events to engage students and families. These include holiday concerts, spelling bees, the PTO Santa Workshop, and the Thanksgiving celebration. Key dates are:
 - **Thursday, November 20:** Thanksgiving Feast in the cafeteria with a carving station and special guest servers
 - **Monday, November 24:** 1st & 2nd Grade Holiday Concert at 6:00 PM
 - **Tuesday, December 3:** Junior High & High School Choir Concert at 7:00 PM
 - **Friday, December 5:** Elementary & Junior High Spelling Bees
 - **Tuesday, December 10:** Junior High & High School Band Concert at 7:30 PM
 - **Wednesday & Thursday, December 17–18:** PTO Santa Workshop

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

1. Rocket Stars 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.

KG - Eliana Gordon, Seth Kaliney

1 - Enzley Shuluga, Brooklyn Simpson

2 - Ra'Leah Heard, Gianni Perrett

3 - Michael Palumbo

4 - Kaden Rouns

5 - Ainsley Kalitich

6 - Yetzael Andino

7 - Abel Zimmerman

8 - Lilith Sarraino

12 - LJ Eskins

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2. Recognition for Athletic Accomplishments

Congratulations to Nathan Yon and Steven Yon for representing Lowellville at the OHSAA Division IV Cross Country State Championship at Fortress Obetz !We are extremely proud of both athletes for their incredible performances and dedication throughout the season!

- Nathan Yon finished 9th overall with a time of 16:02:41, setting a new school record!
- Steven Yon finished 68th overall, out of 215 runners, with a time of 16:56:88

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

1. **OMEA District 5 Honors Choir** - Congratulations to the following students for being selected to participate in the 2025 OMEA District 5 Middle School and High School Honors Choir. The students performed on Saturday, October 25th at Stambaugh Auditorium.

Middle School

1. Matthew Bryner
2. Keilani Dominguez
3. Alison Eskins
4. Mackenzie Layton
5. Donovan Mosco

High School

1. Reese Agee
2. Abbagail Grimes
3. Nataley Rolland
4. John Swanson
5. Krystalin Vinion
6. Lucas Williams

2. **OMEA District 5 Honors Band-** Congratulations to the following students for being selected to participate in the 2025 OMEA District 5 Middle School and High School Honors Band. The students will perform on Saturday, November 22nd at Stambaugh Auditorium.

Middle School

Jeremiah Fuentes-Echevarria
Michael McComb
Jack Miner
Rylen Primous
Louis Ruozzo V

High School

Cheyenne Bott
Reeve Donatelli
Nicholas Likens
Eliza Primous

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Kaden Primous
Laila Stevens
Lucas Williams
Steven Yon
Nathan Yon

3. Food Service Department Updates

- Nutrition Compliance Report- Presented by Mandy Coira
 - Mrs. Coira reported on the nutrition compliance report for the district and reminded all in attendance that the district files the report annually. In addition, the board has a policy regarding student wellness and the Nutrition Group abides by the policy and participates in such events as the Wellness Night. Furthermore, there are food sale standards and meal calculators that the Nutrition Group follows and uses to set the prices of all meals.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Building and Grounds Board Committee- The committee will meet on Monday, November 17, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. in the library. The committee will meet to gather additional information from Village of Lowellville administrators regarding the current status of the baseball complex. Discussion will include:
 - Details and implications should the school district terminate the existing easement and assume ownership of the complex
 - Identified needs of the facility, including:
 - Required repairs or work to be completed
 - Labor and staffing considerations
 - Ongoing maintenance responsibilities
 - Any additional financial or operational impacts
 - During the meeting, Ms. Joanne Esenwein shared that the Village currently takes care of all mowing, trash, winterizing and dewatering. Electric costs (average \$170 / month) were shared and there is still a need to secure the water costs per month.
 - Mr. Ryan McNicholas was in attendance and represented both the Village administration and the Lowellville Baseball Association (LBA). He stated that the LBA would like to collaborate with the school in order to continue using the baseball complex. He stated that the LBA will continue to take care of the fields and the complex while baseball is in season. He would like to establish an agreement in writing so that both parties understand what they are or will be expected to do or be responsible for. The LBA understands they will need to furnish insurance in order to continue using the fields.

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- The district will need to hire someone “as needed” in order to provide some general upkeep and repairs to the fields during the spring and summer months.
- Drainage needs to be addressed for the softball field and the dugouts will need to be repaired/replaced.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Schedule January 2026 Organizational Board Meeting date and January 2026 Regular Board Meeting date
 - The Board Organizational meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the library. The regular board meeting will begin immediately after the conclusion of the organizational meeting. Board members were asked to bring their calendars to the January meetings so that they can set the remaining board meeting dates for the 2026 calendar year.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

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

Amy Pinkle- Commented that there is too much bullying in the district and it continues to occur. She stated that kids who do defend themselves receive the same punishment as the bully. She said the bullying report online is not accurate. She commented that the kids who are bullying others are not getting enough punishment. She stated that her son received a one day suspension and so did the bully. She further stated that there needs to be a better standard for how students talk to one another.

Paulette Collet- Stated that she is tired of the bullying happening in the school. She is putting her foot down by coming to the Board. She’s already talked to Mr. Hammond and a counselor regarding the bullying and now her grandson is experiencing the bullying at home. She tries to teach her kids to not react but now she is going to teach them to react. She stated the bullying is getting out of hand and she is coming to the Board for help. She doesn’t want her kid suspended for saving himself if someone (bully) does something to her grandson.

Sarah Paige- She’s here with her daughter who has tried to commit suicide twice. She removed her daughter from the school for her own safety. She told her daughter to finish every fight a bully starts. She said the bullying is ridiculous and now the bullies are going to their house and doing ding dong ditch. Mrs. Paige stated that she brought up the concerns with Mr. Hammond and Mrs. Parry. She claims the bullies always deny what they are doing and nothing gets done. She commented that she can provide a list of bullies.

Emerald Paige- Commented that she has been a victim of bullying since kindergarten. She stated that the words other kids say are not ok and the punishments that the bullies receive are not helping them learn their lessons.

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Emerald stated that she has been bullied for seven years and finally had to leave the school. She stated that it is not okay for students to project their language on others

Kimberly McGinnis- Congratulated the board members who recently won the election for board member terms beginning in 2026. She made a suggestion to live stream the Board meetings on Facebook or have someone broadcast the meetings and then post the recordings on the district website. She volunteered to attend every board meeting and stream the meetings if necessary.

Paulette Collet- She stated that when students do go to an adult and speak up about bullying the student gets picked on worse.

Emerald Paige- She commented that she did use the bully safety hotline and the bullying got worse. She reiterated that the bullies are not learning their lessons. She had to block students from her phone due to messages received. She stated that kids are scared to speak up because when they do bullying gets worse.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS (BOARD POLICY: KD)

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(25-11-8802)

SUPERINTENDENT'S CONSENT ITEMS

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

A. Personnel

1. Rescind Athletic Supplemental 2025-2026 School Year

It is recommended that the Board rescind the 2025-2026 Basketball- Girls JV- 11% supplemental previously approved at the May 21, 2025 Board meeting for Ron Rotunno. The supplemental is being rescinded due to low numbers in the basketball program. There are not enough students for a JV team.

2. 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. Michelle Cavanaugh- Basketball-Girls 8th- 8%
- b. Ron Rotunno- Basketball Girls Program Volunteer- 0%

3. Certified Staff Retirements

- a. Julie DiLoreto- 5th & 6th Grade Science Teacher- Julie's last day of work will be May 29, 2026.
- b. Diane Nord-Response To Intervention Teacher- Diane's last day of work will be May 29, 2026.

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B. Building Use

- a. ***Birthday Party*** (Kamensky Family & Friends)- Birthday Party- October 26, 2025 - 3:00-6:00 p.m.- Outdoor pavilion
- b. ***Fall Sports Banquet*** (Lowellville Sports Booster Club)- Fall Sports Banquet- Tuesday, November 11, 2025 - 3:00-10:00 p.m.- Cafeteria
- c. ***Winter Meet the Team*** (Lowellville Sports Booster Club)- Meet the Team Sunday, November 23, 2025 - 2:00-9:00 p.m.- large gym and cafeteria
- d. ***Alumni Boys & Girls Basketball Game*** (Tony Matisi)- Alumni Game, Saturday, December 27, 2025 - 5:00-9:00 p.m.- large gym and cafeteria
- e. ***Lowellville Drama Club*** (Vince Siciliano)- Drama Rehearsals & Shows- Nov. 20 & 24 and Dec, 2 & 9- 3:00-5:00 p.m., Dec. 15 & 16- 3:00-4:00 p.m., Jan. 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 26, 27- 3:00-5:00 p.m., Feb. 2, 3, 9, 10, 17, 23, 24 -3:00-6:00 p.m., March 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31 - 3:00-6:00 p.m., April 9, 13, 14, 20, 21, 23, 27, 28 - 3:00-5:00 p.m., May 4 & 7 3:00-5:00 p.m., May 11, 12, 13, 14 - 3:00-6:00 p.m., May 15 & 16 (show) 4:30-10:00 p.m., May 17 (show) 12:30 - 5:00 p.m.- Cafeteria & stage

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

- a. Boys Basketball
 - Alumni Game- December 27, 2025
- b. Yearbook
 - Dine and donate- Texas Road House-December 15, 2025

Moved by Joe Sturm, seconded by Brian Wharry.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

(25-11-8803)

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the following revised Board Policies (as submitted):
 - a. **DJC-** Bidding Requirements- REVISED
 - b. **IGBB-** Programs for Students Who Are Gifted- REVISED
 - c. **IGD-** Cocurricular and Extracurricular Activities- REVISED
 - d. **IGDJ-** Interscholastic Athletics- REVISED
 - e. **IKA-** Grading System- REVISED
 - f. **IKEB (V1)-** Acceleration- REVISED
 - g. **IKF-** Graduation Requirements- REVISED

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- h. **IND/ INDA-** School Ceremonies and Observances/Patriotic Exercises- REVISED
- i. **JEDC-** Religious Expression Days- REVISED
- j. **JEFB-** Released Time for Religious Instruction- REVISED
- k. **BF-** Board Policy Development and Adoption- REVISED
- l. **DBD-** Budget Planning- REVISED
- m. **DE-** Revenues from Tax Sources- REVISED
- n. **DLC-** Expense Reimbursement- REVISED
- o. **EBC-** Emergency Management and Safety Plans- REVISED
- p. **EEA-** Student Transportation Services- REVISED
- q. **EEAC-** School Bus Safety Program- REVISED
- r. **EEACC-R (Also JFCC-R)-** Student Conduct on District Managed Transportation- REVISED
- s. **EEACD-**Drug Testing for Motor Van Drivers and District Personnel Required to Hold a Commercial Driver's License- REVISED
- t. **EEAD-** Non-Routine Use of School Buses and Motor Vans- REVISED
- u. **EHA-** District Records Commission, Records Retention and Disposal- REVISED
- v. **EHC-** Cybersecurity- REVISED
- w. **FD (also KBE)-** Tax Issues- REVISED
- x. **FEF-** Construction Contracts Bidding and Awards- REVISED
- y. **GBQ-** Criminal Records Check- REVISED
- z. **GCI-** Professional Staff Assignments and Transfers- REVISED
- aa. **IGAE-** Health Education- REVISED
- bb. **IGBEA-** Reading Skills Assessments and Intervention (Third Grade Reading Guarantee)- REVISED
- cc. **IGBEA-R-** Reading Skills Assessments and Intervention (Third Grade Reading Guarantee)- REVISED
- dd. **IKE-** Promotion and Retention of Students- REVISED
- ee. **JECBB (Statewide)-** Interdistrict Open Enrollment (Statewide)- REVISED
- ff. **JED-** Student Absences and Excuses- REVISED

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gg. **JEDA-** Truancy- REVISED

hh. **JFCK-** Use of Cell Phones and Electronic Communications Devices by Students- REVISED

ii. **JHG-** Reporting Child Abuse and Mandatory Training- REVISED

jj. **KBA-** Public's Right to Know- REVISED

Moved by Jennifer Johnson, seconded by Brian Wharry.

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

(25-11-8804)

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

a. **EEACD-R-2-** Drug Testing for Motor Van Drivers- NEW

Moved by Stephanie Yon, seconded by Joe Sturm.

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

(25-11-8805)

3. Mr. Dubos recommended that the Board move into Executive Session. Moved by Brian Wharry, seconded by Stephanie Yon, resolved that the Board of Education of the Lowellville School District adjourn to Executive Session at 6:31p.m. to discuss:

1. ____ The appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of an employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against an employee, official, licensee or student, unless the employee, official, licensee or student requests a public hearing;
2. ____ The purchase of property for public purposes or the sale of property at competitive bidding;
3. ____ Conferences with the board's attorney to discuss matters which are the subject of pending or imminent court action;
4. ____ Preparing for, conducting or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with employees;
5. X Matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or rules or state statutes;
6. ____ Specialized details of security arrangements.

Action **will not** be taken.

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Moved by Brian Wharry, seconded by Stephanie Yon.

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

Jennifer Johnson declared the motion carried 5-0

(25-11-8806)

4. It is recommended that the Board return from Executive Session and resume Board Meeting at 7:08 p.m.:

Moved by Jerry Dubos, seconded by Jennifer Johnson.

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

Jennifer Johnson declared the motion carried 5-0

(25-11-8807)

5. Adjournment:

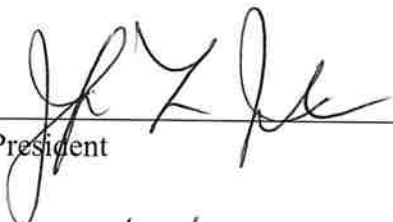
Moved by Jennifer Johnson, seconded by Brian Wharry to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 pm.

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

Jennifer Johnson declared the motion carried 5-0

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President

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Treasurer

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