

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

(25-12-8808)

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 November 19, 2025 Board of Education Work Session
- b. Minutes from the November 19, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

B. Financial Reports

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

C. Donations

- a. Donation of \$200 from an individual who would like to remain anonymous. The donation is to be used to pay off some of the students’ lunch debt.
- b. \$100 from Jaclyn & James Disibio to be used for the Math 24 Tournament.
- c. \$500 from A1 Industrial Painting to be used for the Math 24 Tournament.
- d. \$250 from Sudon Brothers Inc. to be used for the Math 24 Tournament.
- e. \$500 from Lowellville Youth Football Organization to be used for the Math 24 Tournament.
- f. \$1,000 from Conti Corporation to be used for the Math 24 Tournament.

Moved by Stephanie Yon, seconded by Joe Sturm.

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

(25-12-8809)

TREASURER’S RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. It is recommended that the Board approve the contract (as submitted) between the Lowellville Local School District Board of Education (the “District”) and the Village of Lowellville, Ohio (the “Village”) to release and terminate the easement agreement currently in effect.

Moved by Brian Wharry, seconded by Jennifer Johnson.

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

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

1. Congratulations to the winners and runner ups in the grades 3-5 and 6-8 spelling bee that took place on December 5, 2025:
 - Grade 3-5 Champion: Ethan Nye
 - Grade 3-5 Runner Up: Callie Agnone
 - Grade 6-8 Champion: Nathan Pick
 - Grade 6-8 Runner Up: David Lahutsin
2. On January 8, our elementary students will participate in a special RISE Day experience with a visit from the Cleveland Cavaliers. Cavs Academy coaches will lead students through fun basketball skills and drills while reinforcing the organization's core values of Commitment, Attitude, Voices, and Sportsmanship.
3. On January 9, during the school day, our high school students will travel to Youngstown State University for a RISE Day celebration at a YSU men's basketball game. Students will have the chance to enjoy a Division I game, meet Pete and Penny Penguin, and cheer on the Penguins during this exciting event.
4. Lowellville will host a Career Day for all students in grades 7–12 on January 15, 2026. The day will begin with a keynote presentation by Ruth Bowdish, Managing Director at OnDemand, who will speak to students about planning for their futures, making responsible choices, and understanding how decisions—such as social media use—can impact employment opportunities.

Following the keynote, students will participate in a series of morning career sessions, rotating through three different presentations based on their interests. These sessions will introduce students to a variety of fields and help them explore potential career paths.

In the afternoon, students will take part in interactive, hands-on sessions tailored by grade level. Activities will include mock interview sessions and opportunities to learn about finance, soft skills, safety demonstrations, skilled trades, and other real-world career experiences. Middle school students will also rotate through age-appropriate interactive sessions such as the Oculus career exploration module and programs offered through OSU Extension.

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.

K- Eloise Swartz and Benjamin Zimmerman
1 - Linden Docherty and Jonathan Boone

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- 2 - Anthony Sesser
- 3 - Fabiana Lopez-Gomez
- 4 - Haley Durkin
- 5 - Lucian Wilson
- 6 - Grace Mihaly
- 7 - Reilly Mentzer
- 8 - Lillian McCormick
- 9 - Steven Yon
- 10 - Jayden Coon
- 11 - Cooper Jones

2. Bus Buddy of the Month

We're excited to recognize students who consistently demonstrate safe and appropriate behavior on the bus every day! The Bus Buddy of the Month award goes to those who are helpful, respectful, and positive role models for their peers while riding the bus.

Bus 103 - Ryan Mistovich (1st grade)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

1. Dear Families, Community Members, Students, Staff, and Board Members,

As we head into the holiday season, I want to extend my warmest wishes to each of you. I hope the days ahead bring you peace, joy, and the chance to rest and enjoy time with the people who mean the most to you.

This time of year reminds us to appreciate what we've accomplished together and to look forward with gratitude and hope. Thank you for helping make the first part of our school year so successful. Your commitment, energy, and support continue to strengthen our school community.

I'm excited for all that we will achieve in the months ahead as we remain focused on doing what's best for our students. Enjoy a safe and meaningful holiday season!

A reminder: **Winter Break for students begins on Saturday, December 20, 2025, and classes will resume on Monday, January 5, 2026.**

Wishing you all a very happy holiday season and a wonderful start to the New Year!

Happy Holidays,
Mrs. Sawicki

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Commencement day- 2027 and beyond

Discussion: Three of the Board members would like to see Commencement remain on a Sunday. One Board member would like to see the event on a Sunday but moved off of Memorial Day weekend and another Board member would like to see the event moved to another day of the week. Mrs. Sawicki will work on draft calendars for next year and keep Commencement on a Sunday. Commencement may or may not fall on Memorial Day weekend moving forward- it will depend on the school calendar and where the different breaks and holidays fall each year.

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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(25-12-8810)

SUPERINTENDENT'S CONSENT ITEMS

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

A. Personnel

1. Classified Staff Appointments

- a. It is recommended that the Board retroactively approve **Robert Baron as a Custodial Aide "As Needed"** for the 2025-2026 school year. Robert will be placed at step 0 on the Classified Agreement and the hourly compensation will be \$11.66. Robert's first day of employment as a custodial aide was December 1, 2025.

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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. Lisa Modelski- Track Asst Girls HS- 8%
- b. Joe Ballone- Track Asst Boys HS- 8%
- c. Nick Matos- Track 7 & 8 Girls- 8%
- d. Vinny Ballone- Track 7 & 8 Boys- 8%
- e. Braden Butler- Baseball Assistant- 6%
- f. Christian Myers- Baseball Assistant- 6%

B. Building Use

- a. *MVAC Youth Basketball Tournament Games* (Dana Donatelli)- Tournament Games- Sunday, December 28, 2025- 8:00 a.m.- 9:00 p.m.- Small gym, large gym, cafeteria

C. Leave of Absence

- a. Alyson Bain- Unpaid Leave- (3 Days)- February 12, 13 and 17, 2026

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

- a. Baseball
 - Candy Sale- January 2026
 - Dress Down Day- February 2026
 - Youth Camp- March 2026
- b. Girls Basketball
 - Girls and Boys Alumni Basketball Game- December 2025

Moved by Jennifer Johnson, seconded by Joe Sturm.

ROLL CALL: Sturm - Wharry - Dubos - Johnson - all aye

Yon- nay

Jennifer Johnson declared the motion carried 4-1

(25-12-8811)

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. It is recommended that the Board approve a 3-year contract extension (as submitted) with ACCESS where ACCESS agrees to furnish and Lowellville Local School District agrees to purchase digital transmission (transport) and Internet access services, as outlined in Exhibit A of the submitted contract. The contract extension will commence July 1, 2026 and end on June 30, 2029.

Moved by Stephanie Yon, seconded by Brian Wharry.

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

(25-12-8812)

2. It is recommended that the Board approve the MVRCOG service contract addendum (as submitted) between the Governing Board of the Mahoning Valley Regional Council of Governments and the Lowellville Local School District. The purpose of the addendum is to modify the compensation terms in the existing FY26 Lowellville Local School District MVRCOG Contract executed between the parties for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

Moved by Jennifer Johnson, seconded by Joe Sturm.

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

(25-12-8813)

3. It is recommended that the Board approve the FY26 and FY27 Student Wellness and Success and Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid Plan (as submitted).

Moved by Brian Wharry, seconded by Jerry Dubos.

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

(25-12-8814)

4. It is recommended that the Board approve the contract (as submitted) with Sport Floors to sand and repaint both of the gym floors during the summer of 2026.

Moved by Brian Wharry, seconded by Joe Sturm.

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

(25-12-8815)

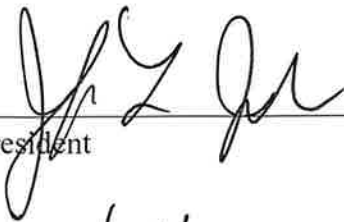
5. Adjournment:

Moved by Jennifer Johnson, seconded by Stephanie Yon to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 pm.

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

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President

1/14/26
Date



Treasurer

1/14/2026
Date

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