

The Lowellville Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, January 14, 2026 in the Lowellville Library; President Jennifer Johnson presiding. Mrs. Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:21 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

(26-1-8823)

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 December 17, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

B. Financial Reports

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

C. Donations

- a. \$500 from the Committee to Elect Patrick Ginnetti to be used for the Math 24 Tournament.
- b. A donation of personal care items (to be added to the school pantry) from the Mt. Carmel Ladies Club
- c. \$500 donation from C2 Innovations, Inc. to be used for the Math 24 Tournament.

D. Audit Review

Discussion: Ms. Apisa provided an update on the audit review and some house bills that are now law. Please see the notes on the next page.

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Audit review:

Audit was clean with no recommendations or any comments which will lead to the Auditor of State award which is a testament to how the districts policies and procedures that have been enacted and followed over the past two years. People doesn't always like the answer that I give or stance that I take but there's never a decision made randomly its made with intention, knowledge and the fact that my name will not be on anything that is not for the good of the district.

Housebills that are now law:

HB 129

HB186

HB335

HB309

We have spoken about the effect these may have on the district and now they are here and will have an effect on the district.

Effects of HB186 and 129

As a reminder we are guaranteed to see a loss in revenue of \$165,703 in TY2026 and TY2027. There will be no effect this year to the district for TY2025 because the state is cancelling the state wide tax holiday this year to fund the schools that are effected. So although residents will see credits on their property tax statements the state is making us whole this year so we can make plans for the loss in revenue moving forward.

The effects of HB335 combined with HB129 are yet to be known for sure – what we do know is that the inside millage will be reduced (HB335) for us which will cause us to be below the 20mil floor for the first time since 1999 which inherently cause a reduction in revenue as well. Once below the 20mil floor now outside millage is subject to reduction factors and since growth is now reduced to GDP markers which is 9.15% we will see a reduction in revenue. The revenue growth prior to these laws were not capped and we were at the 20mil floor we were able to see revenue growth that coincided with house reappraisal growth which was 26.7%.

Since we are a school we obviously can't just make more revenue. We are not a manufacturing company that can just make more widgets to cover that gap so what there has to be other things looked at to cover revenue loss. Obviously the one way to do that is staffing or curriculum cuts but that is not a great choice or one that may even be possible. One that is done by some treasurers not all is looking at Excess Costs which are costs that we bill back to home districts for some of our open enrollment students. You can just submit the particular students to the state and accept the per capita amount or you can do calculations based on the data that you've pulled and submit per student. Obviously the per capita way takes about 3 minutes where the per-student method takes weeks. All that to say that this year I have been able to do per student because now that I have been here long enough and we've gotten through the layers that needed immediate attention (hence the clean audit) now more time can be spent in areas that are more time consuming and not necessarily directly related to the main operations of the district. Last year we recouped \$78,183.79 from other districts in excess costs. This year because I was able to dig deeper into things we are on track to recoup \$252,855.44 from other districts. It won't be the same every year since there may be different students with different classifications that I can work with but at least for now we are able to cover that revenue loss that we are facing coming next year.

Moved by Stephanie Yon, seconded by Joe Sturm.

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

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- There will not be any reports for this month.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- There will not be any reports for this month.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

1. School Board Appreciation Month - January 2026

As part of School Board Recognition Month, we recognize and thank our school board members for their continued commitment to our students and community. These dedicated leaders are *scaling new heights in public education* through their service, leadership, and vision. They play a critical role in supporting student success and guiding the district. Please join us in expressing our appreciation and saying "thank you" throughout the month of January.

Gerald Dubos
Jennifer Johnson
Joe Sturm
Brian Wharry
Stephanie Yon



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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. None

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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(26-1-8824)

SUPERINTENDENT'S CONSENT ITEMS

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following item A by consent action:

A. Personnel

1. Certified Staff Retirements

- a. Alayne Commings- 4th Grade English Language Arts Teacher- Alayne's last day of work will be May 29, 2026.

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. Richard Palumbo- Softball Assistant- 6%

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- b. Rob Giovanni- Softball Assistant- 6%
- c. Chris Modelski- Track Volunteer Boys- 0%

Moved by Brian Wharry, seconded by Jennifer Johnson.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

(26-1-8825)

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the following supplemental for the **2026-2027** school year and placed at the appropriate percentage on the Master Contract provided she 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:

Cheerleading- Varsity/JV- Angel Laudermilt- 5% (this is the split amount)

Moved by Jerry Dubos, seconded by Brian Wharry.

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

(26-1-8826)

2. It is recommended that the Board approve the following supplemental for the **2026-2027** school year and placed at the appropriate percentage on the Master Contract provided she 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:

Cheerleading- Varsity/JV- Livia Laudermilt- 5% (this is the split amount)

Moved by Stephanie Yon, seconded by Jerry Dubos.

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

(26-1-8827)

3. It is recommended that the Board approve the following supplemental for the **2026-2027** school year and placed at the appropriate percentage on the Master Contract provided she 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:

Cheerleading- 7 & 8-Michelle Mangine- 5%

Moved by Joe Sturm, seconded by Stephanie Yon.

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

(26-1-8828)

4. It is recommended that the Board approve the following supplemental for the **2026-2027** school year and placed at the appropriate percentage on the Master Contract provided she 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:

Cheerleading- Volunteer- Mia Mangine- 0%

Moved by Stephanie Yon, seconded by Brian Wharry.

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

(26-1-8829)

5. It is recommended that the Board approve the following supplemental for the **2026-2027** 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:

Cross Country - HS- Eric Grow- 8%

Moved by Jennifer Johnson, seconded by Joe Sturm.

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

(26-1-8830)

6. It is recommended that the Board approve the following supplemental for the **2026-2027** 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:

Football - Varsity -Drew McLaughlin- 21%

Moved by Brian Wharry, seconded by Jerry Dubos.

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

(26-1-8831)

7. It is recommended that the Board approve the following supplemental for the **2026-2027** 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:

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Golf - Girls- Spiro Schialdone- 4%

Moved by Jennifer Johnson, seconded by Joe Sturm.

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

(26-1-8832)

8. It is recommended that the Board approve the following supplemental for the **2026-2027** 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:

Golf - Boys- Vince DiMartino- 4%

Moved by Stephanie Yon, seconded by Brian Wharry.

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

(26-1-8833)

9. It is recommended that the Board approve the following supplemental for the **2026-2027** school year and placed at the appropriate percentage on the Master Contract provided she 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:

Volleyball - Head Varsity - Kristen Pallozzi- 12%

Moved by Jerry Dubos, seconded by Joe Sturm.

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

(26-1-8834)

10. It is recommended that the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Youngstown State University for the purposes of the College Credit Plus Dual Enrollment Program for the 2026-2027 school year as submitted.

Moved by Brian Wharry, seconded by Stephanie Yon.

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

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(26-1-8835)

11. It is recommended that the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Kent State University for the purposes of the College Credit Plus Dual Enrollment Program for the 2026-2027 school year as submitted.

Moved by Jennifer Johnson, seconded by Stephanie Yon.

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

(26-1-8836)

12. It is recommended that the Board approve the band field trip to perform in Orlando, Florida from March 29 - April 3, 2027.

Moved by Stephanie Yon, seconded by Jennifer Johnson.

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

(26-1-8837)

13. It is recommended that the Board approve the 2026-2027 school year calendar as submitted in Attachment A.

Moved by Joe Sturm, seconded by Jennifer Johnson.

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

(26-1-8838)

14. Adjournment:

Moved by Brian Wharry, seconded by Stephanie Yon to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 pm.

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

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ATTACHMENT A

Lowellville Local School District 2026-2027

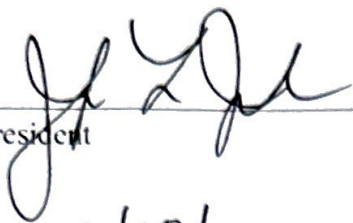
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August 2026							August		February 2027							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	12-18	Teacher Flex Day (Work 1 day in place of 10/9)	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
						1	19 & 20	Teacher Work Days		1	2	3	4	5	6	
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	20	Open House - Evening	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	24	First Student Day Grades 7-12	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
16	17	18	19	20*	21	22	28	First Student Day Grades K-6	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	September		28							
30	31						3-4	No School								
September 2026							7	Labor Day- No School	March 2027							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	October		S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
			1	2	3	4	8	K-12 Conference Night		1	2	3	4	5	6	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	9	NEOE Day- No School Students	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	12	Waiver Day- No School Students	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	November		21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
27	28	29	30				25	Conf. Compensatory Day No School	28	29	30	31				
October 2026							26-27	Thanksgiving Break - No School	April 2027							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	December		S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
				1	2	3	21-31	Christmas Break- No School					1	2	3	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	January		4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	1	New Year's Day- No School	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	4	Students Return to School	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	18	Martin Luther King Day- No School	25	26	27	28	29	30		
November 2026							February		May 2027							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	11	K-12 Conference Night	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	12	Conf. Compensatory Day- No School							1	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Presidents Day- No School	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	16	Waiver Day- No School Students	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	March		16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
29	30						26	Good Friday- No School	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
December 2026							29-31	Spring Break - No School	30							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	April		June 2027							
			1	2	3	4	1-2	Spring Break - No School	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	5	Students Return to School				1	2	3	4	5
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	May		6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	28	Seniors Last Day	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
27	28	29	30	31			30	Commencement	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
January 2027							31	Memorial Day- No School	27	28	29	30				
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	June		July 2027							
					1	2	4	Last Day of School for Students	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	7	Teacher Report Day					1	2	3	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16		Teacher Work Days (3)	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23		Waiver Day No School for Students	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30		First & Last Day Students	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
31								No School	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
Student Days 176 Teacher Days 184								Conf. Compensatory No School	1st Quarter 08/24 - 10/23 (40 days) 2nd Quarter 10/26 - 1/8 (42 days) 3rd Quarter 01/11 - 03/19 (46 days) 4th Quarter 03/22 - 06/2 (48 days) Total- 176 Days							
							*	Open House - Evening								

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President

2/18/26

Date



Treasurer

2/18/26

Date

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