

Regular Board Meeting May 18, 2026

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The Lowellville Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, May 18, 2026 in the Lowellville Library; President Jennifer Johnson presiding. Mrs. Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

(26-5-8882)

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 April 22, 2026 Regular Board Meeting

B. Financial Reports

- a. Financial reports, list of bills and expenses paid, and payroll for the month ended April 2026

C. Donations

- a. \$300 donated by someone who would like to remain anonymous. The donation should be used to pay off some of the lunch debt.

Moved by Brian Wharry, seconded by Jennifer Johnson.

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

(26-5-8883)

TREASURER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the resolution of necessity (as submitted) to place a renewal 4.0 mill tax levy for the purposes of general permanent improvements on the November 3, 2026 ballot.

Moved by Jennifer Johnson, seconded by Joe Sturm.

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

1. Congratulations to the 2025 Lowellville Prom King and Queen, Michael Lucido and McKenna Lewis.

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2. The senior breakfast is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19th at Avion on the Water at 8:00 AM. Commencement practice will follow at 11:30 AM in the gymnasium.
3. The senior sunrise and clap out is scheduled for Wednesday, May 20th. Students will say farewell as they walk the track at 10AM.
4. Our underclassman award ceremony will be held on Monday, May 21st at 8:30 AM in the high school gym. Teachers will give awards to outstanding students in their discipline.
5. Our annual Elementary Talent Show is scheduled for Friday, May 22nd at 1:15. Parents of participating students are invited to attend.
6. On May 27th, we will celebrate students who demonstrated growth and progress on their state tests or end-of-year benchmark goals. High school students will participate in a variety of activities throughout the day, including sports, music, and games. Elementary students will enjoy a DJ and ice cream celebration.
7. Kindergarten graduation is scheduled for Thursday, May 28th at 8:30 AM.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

1. Rocket Spotlight Students 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 - Valentina Chiovitti, Charlotte Calderon, Grayson Salata and Wyatt Svandrik

1 - Kara Kleinhans & Audriana Lengauer

2 - Julianna Hartman

3 - Izzy Sudon

4 - Michael Mickler

5 - Lecter Bryan

6 - Karina Cruz

7 - Ayden Gillen

8 - Ravyn Fletcher

9 - Liam McQuiston & Laila Coira

10 - Katelynn Okular & Caleb Machel

11 - Michael Lucido

12 - Sophia Rach, Terrence Graves, Natalee Macejko & LJ Eskins

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

1. Nutrition Group Inc.

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Presentation from Holly Hanni and/or Mandy Coira from The Nutrition Group. Presentation will include information regarding the wellness assessment, nutritional assessment and related school policies, offerings and pricing for next school year.

Discussion:

- Holly Hanni and Mandy Coira reviewed the wellness policy and showed that the district is in compliance with the policy. They also shared that there are food standards which the district is in compliance with. Mandy has established a youth advisory council and they meet 2 times per year to discuss what foods the students like, dislike, etc.
- Community Eligibility Program (CEP)- Holly and Mandy continue to look at the numbers to determine if the district will be eligible for the CEP program next year. If so, the district would be able to offer free breakfast and lunch to all students.

2. Lowellville School Foundation Quarter Auction

The Lowellville School Foundation Board of Directors and Associate Members would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who helped make the 3rd Annual Quarter Auction such a tremendous success.

We are incredibly grateful to all of the individuals and businesses who donated auction items and monetary contributions, as well as our dedicated administration, teachers, coaches, student volunteers, families, friends, and community members who supported the event.

Because of the generosity of our supporters, the event raised an outstanding \$12,838. These funds will directly support senior scholarships and provide enhanced educational opportunities for Lowellville students.

The evening was filled with excitement, fellowship, and tremendous community spirit. We are appreciative of everyone who helped make the event such a memorable success and look forward to continuing this tradition in the years to come.

It was truly a great night to be a Rocket.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Extracurriculars and Clubs Board Committee Meeting- Held on May 18, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

Agenda:

- Overview of the current status of the Mahoning Valley Athletic Conference (MVAC)
- Review of potential league transitions in the near future
- Discussion of how possible changes may impact Lowellville Local Schools
- Consideration of options moving forward
- Identification of next steps and timeline for decision-making

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Discussion:

- Mr. Wharry shared that during the committee meeting the members present reviewed where the Scarlet tier of the MVAC league currently stands. There was also conversation and review of the teams that are in the NAC (northern schools) and EOAC (southern schools) leagues. With the NAC, there would be more travel and variability as not all schools have football teams. In the MVAC league, Mineral Ridge is the largest school and Springfield is the largest in Division 7. At this time, the district is in a competitive league. The question is, do we want to move to the EOAC? Is this league a better fit for the district? What's most important to the district? Mrs. Sawicki will reach out to the EOAC to gather additional details. No decisions regarding a change in leagues were made today.
- Mr. Sturm asked what the timeline is for making a decision to either leave the league or stay in the league. Mrs. Sawicki stated that there is not a hard deadline to make a decision but if we are going to make any changes we should decide sooner than later.
- Mrs. Johnson asked if anyone has polled the coaches to see which league they prefer to play in. Mrs. Sawicki stated that the coaches have not been surveyed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. MOU with Lowellville Baseball Association
 - a. Mrs. Sawicki shared that the MOU with the baseball association for use of the fields has been completed and that they submitted all of the required insurance paperwork.
2. Softball Dugout Repairs
 - a. Previously, Mr. Sturm brought it to the administration's attention that the softball dugout needs to be repaired. The district does not have anyone in the district that is able to correct the issues. Ms. Apisa received a quote from Hively in the amount of \$36,000 to repair the structure. She also reached out to Lencik and asked for a quote. Lencik explained to Ms. Apisa that the quotes are going to be high because you have to pay for drawings, permits, etc.
 - b. Mr. Sturm said he would write up an exact statement of the work that needs to be done and then we can call for quotes.
 - c. Ms. Apisa also asked the Board members to send her any recommendations on companies she can or should call to request quotes.
 - d. Mr. Dubos suggested that the district try to find someone who would sponsor the work to be completed or at least a portion of the work.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Custodial Staff / Services- Ms. Apisa and Mrs. Sawicki shared with the Board about the need to secure a more stable and consistent custodial staff. At this time, the district has inconsistent staffing and the work that needs to be done on a daily basis is not getting done. Ms. Apisa did receive a quote for custodial services from FMS nutrition Group and will continue to secure additional quotes to share with the board. The goal is to secure a company/crew that would be able to start soon so that the summer cleaning can be taken care of. Mr. Dubos asked Ms. Apisa if she could prepare an annual cost of expenses for the district's current custodial staff.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

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

No comments.

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(26-5-8884)

SUPERINTENDENT'S CONSENT ITEMS

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

A. Personnel

1. Certified Staff Retirements

- a. Laraine Matisi- 2nd Grade Teacher-Laraine's last day of work will be May 31, 2026.

2. Athletic Supplementals Appointments- 2026-2027 School Year

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

- a. Stephen Bada-Cross Country- Volunteer- 0%
- b. Giovanni Docherty- Cross Country 7 & 8- 4%
- c. Nicholas Matos- 7th & 8th Grade Assistant Football Coach- 8%
- d. Laila Rivera- Volleyball 7th- 8%

3. Clubs and Activity Supplemental Appointments - 2026 - 2027 School Year

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

- a. Tyler Cintron- Class Advisor- Grade 11- 6%
- b. Jared Van Kirk- Class Advisor- Grade 12- 4%

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B. Building Use

- a. **Lowellville Baseball Association- LBA** (Ryan McNicholas)- April 24, 2026 - July 2, 2026- 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.- Baseball and Softball Fields
- b. **Birthday Party** (Les Williams)- May 16, 2026- 1:00-4:00 p.m.- Pavilion & Restrooms
- c. **Senior Sunrise** (Alyssa Streb)- May 20, 2026- 6:30 - 9:50 a.m.- Summer Rec Pavilion & Restrooms
- d. **5th/6th Grade End of Year Lunch** (PTO)- May 21, 2026- 10:00a.m - 1:00 p.m.- Summer Rec Pavilion & Restrooms
- e. **Summer Rec** (Stephanie Yon & Laraine Matisi)- June 1-26, 2026 (Monday - Friday)- 8:00 a.m - 3:00 p.m.- Summer Rec pavilion, restrooms, concessions, playground
- f. **Lowellville Youth Football Organization** (John Mentzer)- July 6th - October 22, 2026 (Monday - Friday)- 5:00-8:00 p.m.- practice football field, baseball fields and parking lots (when available)
- g. **Birthday Party** (Toni Lanterman)- June 27, 2026- 1:00-4:00 p.m.- Pavilion & Restrooms
- h. **Lowellville Youth Football Organization LYFO** (John Mentzer)- July 10, 2026- 5:00 - 8:300 p.m.- small gym and basketball locker rooms
- i. **Cow Pickens** (Lowellville Sports Boosters)- August 16 2026- 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.- Football Field, restrooms, concessions

Moved by Joe Sturm, seconded by Brian Wharry.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

(26-5-8885)

1. It is recommended that the Board approve and adopt its 2026-2027 plan for online make-up hours (up to three days) in accordance with R.C. 3313.482 (as submitted):

Moved by Brian Wharry, seconded by Jennifer Johnson.

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

(26-5-8886)

2. It is recommended that the Board approve the criteria (as submitted) for high school students to earn a varsity letter for Academic Challenge beginning the 2026-2027 school year.

Moved by Joe Sturm, seconded by Stephanie Yon.

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

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3. It is recommended that the Board approve fifteen (15) additional work days for Mary Ann Davis (literacy coach/consultant) for the 2025-2026 school year.

Moved by Stephanie Yon, seconded by Jennifer Johnson.

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

(26-5-8888)

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:

- a. Lisa Modelski- Basketball Girls Varsity - 21%

Moved by Brian Wharry, seconded by Joe Sturm.

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

(26-5-8889)

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:

- a. Nicholas Ballone- Basketball Boys Varsity - 21%

Moved by Joe Sturm, seconded by Jennifer Johnson.

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

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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:

- a. Steve Procick- Basketball Girls Varsity Assistant - 10 %

Moved by Brian Wharry, seconded by Joe Sturm.

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

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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:

- a. Ronald Rotunno- Basketball Girls Volunteer- 0 %

Moved by Jerry Dubos, seconded by Stephanie Yon.

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

(26-5-8892)

8. It is recommended that the Board approve the following supplemental for the **2026-2027** 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. Joey Donatelli- Basketball - Boys Varsity Assistant- 10 %

Moved by Jerry Dubos, seconded by Jennifer Johnson.

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

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9. It is recommended that the Board approve the following supplemental for the **2026-2027** 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. Nicholas Matos- Basketball - Boys JV- 11 %

Moved by Jerry Dubos, seconded by Brian Wharry.

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

(26-5-8894)

10. It is recommended that the Board approve the following supplemental for the **2026-2027** 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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- a. Vinny Ballone- Basketball - Boys Freshman (min 6)- 8%

Moved by Jennifer Johnson, seconded by Joe Sturm.

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

(26-5-8895)

11. It is recommended that the Board approve the following supplemental for the **2026-2027** 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. Frank Bedenik- Basketball - Boys 8th Grade- 8%

Moved by Brian Wharry, seconded by Stephanie Yon.

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

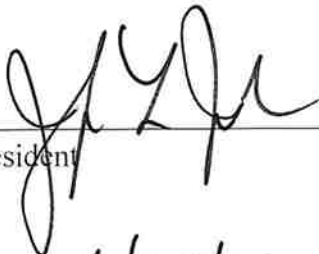
12. Adjournment:

Moved by Jerry Dubos, seconded by Brian Wharry to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 pm.

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

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President

Date

6/30/26



Treasurer

Date

6/30/2026

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