

Regular Board Meeting July 22, 2026

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The Lowellville Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, July 22, 2026 in the Lowellville Library; President Jennifer Johnson presiding. Mrs. Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

(26-7-8919)

TREASURER'S CONSENT ITEMS:

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

A. Minutes

- a. Minutes from the June 30, 2026 Regular Board Meeting

B. Financial Reports

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

Discussion/ Updates from Ms. Apisa:

- The forecast will be presented next month (August 2026).
- HB186 is in full effect now. The reductions in state revenue are occurring.
- All of the levy paperwork approved at the June 2026 board meeting was dropped off at the Board of Elections. We are waiting to receive the language that will go on the November 2026 ballot

Moved by Brian Wharry, seconded by Joe Sturm.

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

1. No report

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

2. No report

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

1. Golf Outing Update- As of this morning (July 22) there is still room for 10 more teams to register.

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2. Summer Facilities Update

As we continue preparing for the upcoming school year, I wanted to provide a brief update on the progress taking place throughout our buildings this summer.

Painting is well underway, and our cleaning company has been doing an outstanding job. Their work is progressing on schedule, and we remain on track to have all cleaning and preparation completed before our teachers return in August.

Last week, all classroom and office carpets were professionally cleaned, helping to freshen our learning spaces for students and staff. In addition, the gymnasium floors have been completely sanded, stained, and repainted. The finished floors look beautiful and will provide a refreshed and welcoming space for our students and community.

We are excited to welcome everyone back next month and look forward to staff and students seeing all of the improvements that have been made to our facilities. Thank you to our maintenance staff and contractors for their hard work and dedication in preparing our schools for another successful year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Replacement of baseball and softball dugouts- Mr. Sturm provided the Board with a quote to have all six of the baseball and softball dugouts ripped out and replaced. The quote is from RD Construction and was in the amount of \$70,920 (includes the upgraded fascia). There would still need to be a finalized quote received in order to install the fencing. Mr. Sturm has been in contact with Austintown Fence and they believe the fence should be about \$4,000 per dugout.

Ms. Apisa had previously received two quotes to temporarily replace one dugout (softball field) and it was for \$37,000 so the quote from RD Construction to replace all six dugouts is much cheaper. The other quote that Ms. Apisa received to temporarily repair the softball dugout for \$22,000.

Mr. Dubos requested that the quotes be revised to include the installation of benches in each dugout.

Mr. Wharry asked what the timeline for the work to be done would be if approved? Mr. Sturm said he would like to have the work start as soon as possible if it is approved (possibly September).

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Ms. Apisa asked Mr. Sturm to have RD Construction and Austintown Fence email her the final quotes and to include all insurance paperwork. If everything is received there can be a recommendation added to the August board agenda for all to vote on it.

2. Mrs. Johnson reminded everyone in attendance about the regulations put on school boards, administration and school employees regarding what they can and can not do when the district has a levy on the ballot. She reminded everyone that there was a committee run by community members the last time the district had a levy on the ballot. She would like to have further discussion about what the district can provide to the levy committee at the next board meeting.

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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(26-7-8920)

SUPERINTENDENT'S CONSENT ITEMS

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

A. Personnel

1. 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. Kristine Cruz- Volleyball 7th- 8%

2. Athletics -2026-2027 Ticket Sellers

- Terri Altiero
- Kristine Cruz
- Carrine Esenwein

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- Nicole Firmstone
- Christina Freed
- Stephanie Havrilla
- Debbi Heffinger
- Angela Higgins
- Tim Higgins
- Laura Macejko
- Angel McLaughlin
- Alyssa Streb
- Sharon Willrich

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

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

- a. Angela Higgins- Mentor Year 1 or 2- 2%

B. LEA Lateral Advancement For Salary Schedule

LEA salary advancement in accordance with the LEA CBA 8.024

- a. Melody Castner, BA Step 3 to MA Step 3 (\$52,707)

C. Student Activity Anticipated Budget and Sales Project Potential Forms

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the following Student Activity Anticipated Budget and Sales Project Potential Forms As Submitted (2026-2027 school year):
 1. Volleyball
 - a. Snap Raise- August 2026
 - b. Cocca's Pizza Rolls- September 2026
 - c. Tshirt Sale- August 2026

D. Building Use

- a. **Lowellville Little Rockets** (John Mentzer)- Scrimmage- August 5, 2026, 5:00- 8:00 p.m.- Football Field, Concessions, Restrooms
- b. **Lowellville Little Rockets** (John Mentzer)- Game- August 29, 2026, 12:30-6:00 p.m.- Football Field, Concessions, Restrooms
- c. **Lowellville Little Rockets** (John Mentzer)- Game- September 19, 2026, 12:30-6:00 p.m.- Football Field, Concessions, Restrooms
- d. **Lowellville Little Rockets** (John Mentzer)- Game- October 3, 2026, 4:00 - 10:00 p.m.- Football Field, Concessions, Restrooms

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Moved by Jennifer Johnson, seconded by Joe Sturm.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

(26-7-8921)

1. It is recommended to approve the following physical T-8's for bus drivers for the 2026-2027 school year and issue the driver certificate:

- Cheryl Kawecky- Bus
- Nathan Christy- Bus

Moved by Stephanie Yon, seconded by Joe Sturm.

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

(26-7-8922)

2. It is recommended that the Board approve the K-12 Student/Parent Handbook for the 2026-2027 school year as submitted.

Moved by Brian Wharry, seconded by Jennifer Johnson.

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

(26-7-8923)

3. It is recommended that the Board approve Mrs. Christine Sawicki as the approved evaluator for the 2026-2027 school year for principals and assistant principals (OPES) employed by Lowellville Local Schools. She has completed all of the necessary training required by the state and secured the necessary certificates.

Moved by Stephanie Yon, seconded by Jennifer Johnson.

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

(26-7-8924)

4. It is recommended that the Board approve Mrs. Tracie Parry and Mr. Jeff Hammond as approved evaluators for the 2026-2027 school year for teachers (OTES) employed by Lowellville Local Schools. They have completed all of the necessary training required by the state and secured the necessary certificates.

Moved by Brian Wharry, seconded by Joe Sturm.

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

(26-7-8925)

5. It is recommended that the Board approve Mrs. Tracie Parry and Mr. Jeff Hammond as approved evaluators for the 2026-2027 school year for school counselors (OSCES) employed by Lowellville Local Schools. They have completed all of the necessary training required by the state and secured the necessary certificates.

Moved by Stephanie Yon, seconded by Jennifer Johnson.

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

(26-7-8926)

6. It is recommended that the Board approve the 2026-2027 bus and van routes as submitted (routes are subject to change based on any new enrollments).

Moved by Joe Sturm, seconded by Brian Wharry.

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

(26-7-8927)

7. It is recommended that the Board approve the following breakfast and lunch prices for students and staff for the 2026-2027 school year:

K-6 Breakfast- \$1.50	K-6 Breakfast Reduced- \$0.30
K-6 Lunch- \$3.00	K-6 Lunch Reduced-\$0.40
7-12 Breakfast- \$1.50	7-12 Breakfast Reduced- \$0.30
7-12 Lunch- \$3.25	7-12 Lunch Reduced- \$0.40
Adult Breakfast- \$2.00	Adult Lunch- \$5.00

Discussion: Mr. Sturm asked if the district qualified for free lunches for all students. Ms. Apisa reported that they ran the numbers at the end of the school year and the district did not qualify.

Moved by Jennifer Johnson seconded by Brian Wharry.

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

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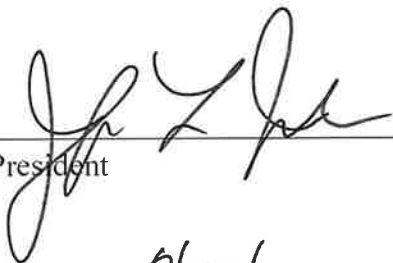
8. Adjournment:

Moved by Jennifer Johnson, seconded by Stephanie Yon to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 pm.

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

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President

8/19/26
Date



Treasurer

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