



LOWELLVILLE LOCAL SCHOOLS

***52 ROCKET PLACE
LOWELLVILLE, OHIO 44436***

Board of Education

Jennifer Johnson, President
Brian Wharry, Vice President
Gerald Dubos
Joseph Sturm
Stephanie Yon

Administration

Christine Sawicki, Superintendent
Andrea Apisa, Treasurer
Tracie Parry, Principal
Jeff Hammond, Assistant Principal

REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

AGENDA

DATE: Wednesday, October 21, 2026

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Lowellville Library

1. Call to Order:
2. Roll Call: Wharry - Yon - Dubos - Johnson - Sturm
3. Pledge of Allegiance:

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 September 16, 2026 Regular Board Meeting

B. Financial Reports

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

C. Donations

- a. CPR in Schools Training Kit donated by the American Heart Association and the Mahoning Valley Medical Society Alliance

Moved by _____, seconded by _____.

Vote: Wharry - Yon - Dubos - Johnson - Sturm

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The motion - carried – failed

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

1. The Grade 3 Ohio State Test in English Language Arts will take place October 20–21. This fall assessment is the first opportunity for our third-grade students to demonstrate their reading skills on the state test. The assessment focuses on reading comprehension and writing and provides us with important information about how students are progressing toward the state's expectations for third-grade reading.
2. RISE Days are October 22–23 and will be our first RISE Days of the school year. These days are designed to build connections, encourage positive behavior, and give students opportunities to participate in activities outside of their regular classroom routine. High school students will participate in a volleyball tournament, compete in video games in a gaming room, and decorate pumpkins. Our elementary students will enjoy a fall festival with a variety of activities, along with cider and donuts.
3. Student Council hosted its annual blood drive on Thursday, October 15.
4. Friday, October 30 will be our Halloween celebration. The annual costume contest will begin at 8:30 a.m., with prizes awarded for the best staff and senior costumes. The elementary Halloween parade will begin at 1:15 p.m., with students marching around the track in their costumes.
5. Our Lunch Buddy program is up and running for the 2026–27 school year. We have 32 middle and high school students participating, with each student assigned to a K–6 lunch table. Lunch Buddies visit their assigned table once each month and spend time talking with students, making connections, and helping create positive relationships between our older and younger students. It has been a nice way for our students to get to know one another and build a stronger sense of community throughout the school.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

1. Staff Spotlight: Lisa Doll, High School Special Education Teacher

This is Lisa's 26th year at Lowellville and her 26th year of teaching. Lisa is a strong advocate for our high school special education students and a trusted adult for many students throughout the building. She is a dedicated professional and team player that is committed to helping students achieve growth, serves as a mentor to others, and brings dedication and purpose to work every day.

2. Rocket Stars of the Month (September):

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 - Delaney Greenwalt
2nd - Cason Calderon & Owen Meehan
3rd - Antonio Donatelli
5th - Brianna Soto & Kaylee Rouns
6th - Callie Agnone
7th - Allison Nye & Lilliana Sesser
11th - Lucas Williams & Lilith Phillips

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12th - Cooper Jones
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

1. Recognition and Dedication of the Frank Nock Hallway

The Lowellville Board of Education and Administration will proudly recognize Mr. Frank Nock for his more than 57 years of dedicated service to the Lowellville Local School District. Mr. Nock began his employment with the district on June 1, 1969, and remarkably, continues to serve our schools today. His extraordinary commitment, unwavering loyalty, and countless contributions over nearly six decades have left a lasting impact on generations of Lowellville students, staff, and families. In recognition and appreciation of his exceptional service, the district will officially dedicate a hallway in his honor, to be known as **“The Frank Nock Hallway.”** This dedication serves as a lasting tribute to his remarkable legacy and continued devotion to the Lowellville school community.

2. October is National Principals Month

The Lowellville Local School District is proud to recognize Mrs. Parry and Mr. Hammond for their leadership and continued commitment to our students, staff, and school community. Each day, they support our teachers, navigate challenges and work to ensure that every student has the opportunity to succeed. Their dedication, hard work, and willingness to go above and beyond do not go unnoticed. We sincerely appreciate the time and energy they invest in making Lowellville a place where students and staff feel supported, valued, and encouraged to reach their full potential. Thank you both for all that you do to make a difference in our district!

3. Permanent Improvement Levy Dollars at Work

Thank you to the Lowellville community for your continued support of our school district! Since the passage of the permanent improvement levy in 2022, the Lowellville Local School District has invested a total of \$967,025.24 in permanent improvements through October 13, 2026. These funds have allowed us to make significant upgrades to our facilities, enhance safety and security, improve technology, and invest in our athletic facilities.

Please click the link below to view a comprehensive list of completed projects, as well as identified needs and potential improvements for the future. We remain committed to being transparent and responsible stewards of taxpayer dollars as we continue to plan for the long-term needs of our district.

Thank you for your continued investment in Lowellville Schools and the future of our students!

[Permanent Improvements Completed as of October 13, 2026](#)

4. Veterans Day Assembly

Save the date for our annual Veterans Day Assembly. The assembly will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 11, 2026. Additional details will be shared soon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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1. None

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS (BOARD POLICY: KD)

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SUPERINTENDENT’S CONSENT ITEMS

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

A. Personnel

1. Staff Appointments

- a. It is recommended that the Board retroactively approve Michael Patrick “As Needed” to provide Transportation Preventative Maintenance for the 2026-2027 school year. Michael will be compensated \$22.22 per hour per. Michael’s first day of employment was October 7, 2026.

2. Classified Staff Appointments

- a. It is recommended that the Board approve Karen Bradley as a Secretary “As Needed” for the remainder of the 2026-2027 school year. Karen will be placed at step 4 on the Classified Agreement and the hourly compensation will be \$17.08 per hour per the classified agreement. Karen’s first day of employment will begin in October 2026 as soon as all of the required clearances are met.

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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. Thomas Caputo- Academic Challenge Advisor- 3%

4. Athletics -2026-2027 Ticket Sellers

- a. Jamie DeMain

5. 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, OHSAA, and the Ohio Department of Education:

- a. Spiro Schialdone- Baseball Assistant- 6%
- b. Santino Barone- Baseball Assistant- 6%
- c. Ashley Policy- Softball Assistant- 6%
- d. Robert Giovanni- Softball Assistant- 6%
- e. Rick Palumbo- Softball Volunteer- 0%

6. Certified Staff Resignation

- a. It is recommended that the Board approve the resignation of Alyson Bain, Intervention Specialist Teacher. Alyson's last day of employment will be December 31, 2026.

B. Building Use

- a. **FAFSA Night** (Sam Faber)- October 8, 2026- 6:00-7:00 p.m.- Library
- b. **Band Parent Meeting** (Bob Antonucci)- October 12, 2026- 6:45 - 7:30 p.m.- Cafeteria
- c. **Math Club/Challenge 24** (Debbi Sanders)- October 20, 2026 - March 18, 2027 (various dates per week)- 2:45 - 3:45 p.m.- Room 2
- d. **Tabletop Gaming Club** (Jared Hale)- October 2026 - May 2027 (Mondays and Wednesdays)- 3:20 - 6:00 p.m.- Room 231
- e. **Fall Sports Banquet** (Diane Palumbo)- November 9, 2026- 4:00-9:00 p.m.- Cafeteria
- f. **Lowellville PTO- Popcorn, PJs and Paint** (Amber Hejduk)- November 13, 2026- 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.- Cafeteria & Stage

C. Field Trip

- a. It is recommended that the Board approve the field trip to the Villa Maria on December 11, 2026 (11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.) for the middle school choir to put on a performance for the residents.

D. Student Activity Anticipated Budget and Sales Project Potential Forms

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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):
 - a. National Honor Society
 - i. Dress Down Days- September 2026, January 2027, March 2027, May 2027
 - ii. SuperSoak the Staff - April/May 2027
 - iii. March Madness Challenges- March 2027
 - b. S.A.D.D.
 - i. Dress Down Days - October 2026, December 2026 and April 2027
 - ii. Boo Sucker Sale- October 2026
 - iii. Spring Candy Grams - March - April 2027

Moved by _____, seconded by _____.

Vote: Wharry - Yon - Dubos - Johnson - Sturm
The motion - carried – failed

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the estimate (as submitted) from Flaherty Landscape to provide snow and ice removal services for the 2026-2027 school year.

Moved by _____, seconded by _____.

Vote: Wharry - Yon - Dubos - Johnson - Sturm
The motion - carried – failed

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 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:

Robert Ballone- Track Head Boys HS- 12%

Moved by _____, seconded by _____.

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The motion - carried – failed

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Eric Grow- Track Head Girls HS- 12%

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Moved by _____, seconded by _____.

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The motion - carried – failed

4. It is recommended that the Board move into Executive Session. Moved by _____, seconded by _____, resolved that the Board of Education of the Lowellville School District adjourn to Executive Session at _____ p.m. to discuss:

A. To consider one or more, as applicable, of the check marked items with respect to a public employee or official:

1. _____ Appointment;
2. ☒ Employment;
3. _____ Dismissal;
4. _____ Discipline;
5. _____ Promotion;
6. _____ Demotion;
7. _____ Compensation of a public employee or official; or
8. _____ Investigation of charges/complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual (unless public hearing requested).

B. _____ To consider the purchase of property for public purposes, or for the sale of property at competitive bidding, if premature disclosure of information would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal, private interest is adverse to the public interest.

C. _____ Conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.

D. _____ Preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment.

E. _____ Matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations or state statutes.

F. _____ Details relative to security arrangements and emergency response protocols for a public body or a public office, if disclosure of the matters discussed could reasonably be expected to jeopardize the security of the public body or public office.

Action **will not** be taken.

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Moved by _____, seconded by _____.

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The motion - carried – failed

5. It is recommended that the Board return from Executive Session and resume Board Meeting at _____ p.m.:

Moved by _____, seconded by _____.

Vote: Wharry - Yon - Dubos - Johnson - Sturm
The motion - carried – failed

6. Other

Moved by _____, seconded by _____.

Vote: Wharry - Yon - Dubos - Johnson - Sturm
The motion - carried – failed

7. Adjournment:

Moved by _____, seconded by _____ to adjourn
the meeting at _____ pm.

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The motion - carried – failed

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