

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Ellicottville Central School**

**Regular Meeting  
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**Sht. No. 1730  
April 24, 2012**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

**Members Present:** James Wiley, Roger Spell, Connie Hellwig, Carl Calarco, Steve Crowley, Lynn Eddy

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Mark Ward, Connie Poulin, Melissa Sawicki, Sharon Morton

**Staff Absent:** Robert Miller

**Others Present:** Jennie Acklin (Eville Times), Tim Crino (Ellicottville Mountain & Valley News), Jesse Pollock, Thomas Schena

**Call to order of meeting**  
President James Wiley called the regular meeting of April 24, 2012 of the Ellicottville Central School Board of Education to order at 7:31 p.m. The pledge to the flag of the United States was recited.

**Roll Call**  
All Present

**Changes, Additions and Deletions to the Agenda**  
Additions:  
11d. Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, accept a donation from the Ellicottville Sports Boosters in the amount of \$2,170.99.  
  
11e. Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the return of \$2,170.99 to the Ellicottville Sports Boosters.

**Statements and questions from the audience**  
Thomas Schena and Jesse Pollock addressed the Board regarding the schools Envirothon Team camping out at Allegany State Park on Wednesday, April 25th (the night before the Envirothon competition). The students stated that there are 10 students on the team this year (students are in grades 9-12). Steve Crowley stated that historically Ellicottville has done well in the competitions and wished the team good luck. Superintendent Ward stated that he recommends the stay over, stating that Mr. Hall believes it gets the students into the mode for the competition.

**Approve Agenda**  
Moved by Spell, seconded by Hellwig, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to approve the agenda for the April 24, 2012 Board of Education meeting with additions.  
  

**Yes - 6  
No - 0  
Carried**

**Presentations & Reports**  
None

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**Communications, Commendations**

- a) Each year, more than 1.5 million students across the country take the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Tests (PSAT / NMSQT). This test provides a dual purpose; it is an opportunity for students to “practice” taking a test similar to the SAT, and it also serves as an avenue for students to be entered into the National Merit Scholarship program. Getting into the scholarship program is highly competitive, as only 3% of all the students taking the exam are invited to participate. This year, we are honored to announce that **Rachel McMahon-Eagan** and **Patrick Snyder** have both met the requirements to participate in the National Merit Scholarship program based on their high test scores.
- b) Each year the NYS Education Department, offers scholarships for Academic Excellence to students across the state. Selection at for Ellicottville Students was based on the cumulative average of several select Regents Exams. We are pleased to announce that **Kaitlyn Riethmiller** and **Erin Bohn** have each been selected to receive one of these scholarships.
- c) On April 12, 2012, 12 students were inducted into the Ellicottville Central School Chapter of the National Honor Society. Nicholas DeChane, Connor Hellwig, Rachel McMahon-Eagan, William Murphy, Cam Musall, Ciara Peters, Alex Steinbroner, Madison Szpaicher, Caitlin Toth, Rachel Welch, Shannon Wilson, Luke Zlockie.

**Informational Items**

- a) March 2012/11 Cafeteria Report

**Discussion:** Superintendent Ward stated there will be a feature article in the June newsletter about the cafeteria. He stated that cafeteria is in the black and this is because of Team Work.

- b) District Budget Notice 2012/2013

**Discussion:** Some adjustments have to be made to the notice. Board members will be sent an updated version as soon as it is complete.

- c) EMBALR Funds

**Discussion:** Superintendent Ward stated that he and Sharon Morton have been sending information to a State Auditor and finally someone is looking into the fact that the district should be able to access more of the money and put it into a reserve that can actually be accessed.

- d) ECS to sponsor... College/Career/Workforce Awareness Day's (May 30-31)

**Discussion:** Superintendent Ward stated that the Awareness Days will be held for students in grades 4-12. He stated that it is his belief that the school needs to educate students and parents about the work place that they will be in. He stated that they need to be aware of the kinds of jobs that will be out there and how they can be prepared for them. He added that more information will be available in the May district newsletter. Superintendent Ward stated that the school has an obligation to teacher the students 21st Century Skills.

- e) Update on DASA

**Discussion:** Superintendent Ward stated that Mr. Miller attended a recent training on the Dignity for All Students Act. He stated that the district will form a committee and if any board member would like to be on it they should contact Melissa. Superintendent Ward added that all school districts must have a policy in place by the upcoming school year.

- f) Advertising for School Nurse

**Discussion:** Advertised as an anticipated opening as Diana Golley is going to retire August 31st. The deadline to apply for the position is May 11th.

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**Superintendent's Report**

- 1) NYS Testing mistakes: Math tests start tomorrow and there is already a bulletin stating that 2 questions answers are wrong. Superintendent Ward stated that he is looking forward to this year's Business First ranking results as ECS did very well last year and he believes the Eagles will soar again this year. He stated that the publication is usually out in the beginning of May.
- 2) Budget Insert: Superintendent Ward stated that he has been working with Sharon Morton and Shawne Hunt to produce the budget insert. He highlighted several items in the 2012/2013 budget including:
  - a) Decreased enrollment in the elementary will decrease the need for sections.
  - b) The leasing of 2 (35) passenger busses.
  - c) The cafeteria being in the black is great news.
  - d) The district will introduce a US History & 11th grade English Honors class next year.
  - e) Music Theory 1 & 2 will be brought back into the schedule.
  - f) Elimination Summer School - get the job done while you are here.  
\$8,000-9,000 from summer school can be used for elementary field trips.
  - g) No extra curricular activities have been cut for 2012/2013.
  - h) Developing a hands-on project based math class.
  - i) Working with JCC and GCC towards on-line courses taught by ECS teachers.
- 3) Combined sports with West Valley meeting scheduled for Monday, May 14, 2012 @ 7 pm. Superintendent Ward stated that right now the districts are looking at combining modified and junior varsity sports beginning in the 2012/2013 school year. The districts agreed that there will be no cuts at the modified level. He stated that West Valley is holding a meeting this evening (4/24/12).

**Consent Items:**

Moved by Calarco, seconded by Eddy, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to adopt the following Consent Agenda items:

- That the board approve the minutes of the meeting of April 10, 2012
- Acknowledgment of Claims Auditor Report dated April 19, 2012

**Yes - 6  
No - 0  
Carried**

**New Business**

Moved by Crowley, seconded by Hellwig, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of non-public school transportation requests for the 2012-2013 school year: 2 students to St. Aloysius Regional School - Springville, New York and 2 students to Five Mile Christian Academy - Allegany, New York.

**Yes - 6  
No - 0  
Carried**

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Moved by Spell, seconded by Eddy, to adopt the 2012-2013 Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming BOCES Administrative Budget.

**Discussion:** Superintendent Ward stated that he feels the Board should go along and vote Yes for the budget this year but he will communicate to BOCES that the district is not happy that they keep putting money into the sick day pay out account and into the Fund Balance. He added that the districts are cutting and tightening everywhere and they (BOCES) have to be responsible. Superintendent Ward will communicate to BOCES that they would like to meet with them regarding the concerns.

<b>Roll Call:</b>	Crowley No	Hellwig No	Calarco Yes
	Spell No	Eddy No	Wiley Yes
			<b>Yes - 2</b>
			<b>No - 4</b>
			<b>Motion Failed</b>

Moved by Spell, seconded by Eddy, to cast one vote for each vacancy on the Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming BOCES Board:

<u>Area 2 - (3 year term)</u>	Mrs. Susan Potter	__X__
<u>Area 5 - (3 year term)</u>	Mr. Ira Katzenstein	__X__
	Mr. Louis Nicol	
<u>Area 6 - (3 year term)</u>	Dr. Heinke Lillenstein	__X__
		<b>Yes - 6</b>
		<b>No - 0</b>
		<b>Carried</b>

Moved by Hellwig, seconded by Spell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, accept a donation from the Ellicottville Sports Boosters in the amount of \$2,170.99.

**Yes - 6  
No - 0  
Carried**

Moved by Eddy, seconded by Calarco, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the return of \$2,170.99 to the Ellicottville Sports Boosters.

**Yes - 6  
No - 0  
Carried**

**Old Business**

2012/2013 School Year Calendar:

Moved by Crowley, seconded by Hellwig, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the 2012/2013 school year calendar.

**Discussion:** Superintendent Ward stated that the district will go to a split break for the upcoming school year with a week off in February (President's Day week) and a week off in April (with the previous Thursday and Friday being days off as well). He added that November 21st will now be a 1/2 day and June 21st and 24th will be used for State Testing Result review and goal setting. If no emergency days are taken in the 2012/2013 school year June 24th will not be a day for teachers to report.

**Yes - 6  
No - 0  
Carried**

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**Personnel**

None

**Principal's Reports**

**Connie Poulin (Elementary Principal/CSE/CPSE Chairperson):**

No written report

- 1) ELA Tests ran smoothly. All staff pitched in to help with accommodations for students.
- 2) Busy with Special Education Annual Reviews
- 3) Marking period ended. Reviewing report cards.
- 4) Teachers are jumping into Common Core Standards.

**Discussion:** Superintendent Ward stated that the District supplied treats for the students in grades 3-8 last week after the testing as a thank you/reward for a job well done. Treats will also be supplied this week after the math testing is complete.

**Robert Miller (Middle School/High School Principal):**

Absent

**Policies**

None

**Committee Reports**

None

**Discussion Items**

None

**CSE/CPSE Recommendations:**

Moved by Crowley, seconded by Spell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Ellicottville Central School District: That the Ellicottville Central School District has reviewed the recommendations of the District's Committee on Special Education (#900303162, 900342847, 900256841, 900500101, 900433750, 900440340, 900438629, 900355476, 900365547, 900342746) at its meeting on April 24, 2012 and approves all necessary arrangements as the most reasonable and appropriate special service(s) and/or program(s) for the implementation of those recommendations (March 1-31, 2012).

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**Executive Session**

Moved by Spell, seconded by Crowley, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to enter into executive session at 8:40 pm to discuss Negotiations and 3 personnel issues.

**Yes - 6  
No - 0  
Carried**

Moved by Eddy, seconded by Hellwig, to come out of executive session at 10:08 pm and return to the regular meeting.

**Yes - 6  
No - 0  
Carried**

**Adjournment of Meeting**

Moved by Crowley, seconded by Spell to adjourn the regular meeting of April 24, 2012 at 10:09 pm.

**Yes - 6  
No - 0  
Carried**

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District Clerk

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Deputy District Clerk