

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
Ellicottville Central School**

**Regular Meeting
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**Sht. No. 1705
April 26, 2011**

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Members Present: Linda McAndrew, Mary Ellen Campbell, Roger Spell, James Wiley, Steve Crowley, Connie Hellwig

Members Absent: Lynn Eddy

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

Staff Absent: None

Others Present: Dona Fredrickson, Jennifer Karns

Call to order of meeting

President McAndrew called the regular meeting of April 26, 2011 of the Ellicottville Central School Board of Education to order at 7:30 p.m. The pledge to the flag of the United States was recited.

Roll Call

Lynn Eddy - absent

Changes, Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

Additions:

- 7a. Communications, Commendations - Thank you card from OM Teams
- 8c. District Budget Notice (2011-2012)
- 11f. Amend motion to include \$265 delivery charge.
- 11h. Moved by _____, seconded by _____ upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to amend the minutes of the March 29, 2011 Board Meeting to reflect the following: approve the proposed 2011/2012 Ellicottville Central School District budget of \$10,467,500 to be put before district voters on Tuesday, May 17, 2011. (Proposition #1).

Statements and questions from the audience

None

Approve Agenda

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Hellwig, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to approve the agenda for the April 26, 2011 as amended.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Presentations & Reports

2009-2010 School Report Cards (Connie Poulin): Mrs. Poulin reviewed the 2009/2010 New York State School Report Card results. She stated that the information is dated. Mrs. Poulin added that the District is as prepared as it can be for the State Assessments which will be starting next week for students in grades 3-8.

Superintendent Ward stated that as a District it is good to be looking at and reviewing the data and making adjustments as necessary.

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Communications, Commendations

Thank you card from Odyssey of the Mind teams

Informational Items

1. March 2011 Cafeteria Report (with comparison to March 2010)

Discussion: Steve Crowley asked why the March cafeteria report was showing a loss of \$37,301.88 and in the February 2011 Treasurer's Report there is a balance of \$16,316.67. Superintendent Ward stated that the district started the year with around \$24,000 extra, and that Mrs. Williams started her reports with a zero balance. Sharon Morton stated that Mrs. Williams also generates reports starting in September and the District reports start July 1. Mr. Crowley asked "then the cafeteria is about \$37,000 in the hole?" Superintendent Ward stated that the \$37,000 is pretty accurate. Sharon Morton stated that she will work with Mrs. Williams and bring information to the next board meeting. Superintendent Ward stated that the District funded the cafeteria with \$200,000 last year to cover losses from the past 5 years.

2. Update on YMCA Afterschool Program - Mrs. Poulin stated that a few district employees have applied for the afterschool aide position. The YMCA is still waiting for their license. Mrs. Poulin stated that ECS is probably looking at September for a start date, but it may still happen in June. The YMCA has received applications back for about 20 students. The program will be for students in grades K-5 from 3-6 pm. She added that the YMCA is also looking at helping with childcare on 1/2 days of school.

3. District Budget Notice (2011-2012) - the notice will be mailed to district residents on Wednesday, May 11, 2011.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Ward stated that it has been very difficult for Spring Sports with the weather this year. He added that Varsity Baseball was 7 games behind and was playing their first game in Ripley this evening. The May newsletter will be out by the 1st of the month with alot of good information in it. Superintendent Ward stated that the 2011-2012 budget is down \$210,000 from this years. He stated that over the last 10 years the budget has only increased 15% (tax levy) even with the steady decline in State Aid.

Consent Items:

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

- a. That the board approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 29, 2011.
- b. Acknowledgment of Claims Auditor Report dated April 21, 2011
- c. Approval of February 2011 Treasurer's Report.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

New Business

Moved by Spell, seconded by Hellwig, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of non-public school transportation requests for the 2011-2012 school year: 4 students to St. Aloysius Regional School - Springville, New York and 3 students to Five Mile Christian Academy - Allegany, New York.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
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Moved by Wiley, seconded by Campbell, to adopt the 2011-2012 Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming BOCES Administrative Budget.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

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

Area 1 - (3 year term) Charles Joyce

Area 4 - (3 year term) Brian Eaton

Area 9 - (3 year term) Brad Sande

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Spell, seconded by Wiley, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the donation of an obsolete voting machine to the Cattaraugus County Museum.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Hellwig, seconded by Campbell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the disposal of obsolete technology equipment: (12 HP Deskjet 5650 printers).

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Spell, seconded by Wiley, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, acceptance of a low bid from Albany Dodge for a 2011 Dodge Grand Caravan Main Street Edition at a cost of \$20,402, plus \$265 delivery charge.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Crowley, seconded by Wiley, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to amend the minutes of the March 29, 2011 meeting concerning the effective date of the price increases in the cafeteria from May 2 to May 9, 2011.

Discussion: Superintendent Ward stated that the date was changed to ensure that information in the District Newsletter reached families prior to the change.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

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No - 0
Carried**

Old Business

Draft #2 (2011-2012 school calendar): This item will be on the May 17, 2011 board meeting agenda for approval.

Personnel

Moved by Hellwig, seconded by Spell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, accept a letter of retirement from Sharon Friel (teacher aide) effective June 30, 2011.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Crowley, seconded by Campbell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, accept a letter (received February 16, 2011) of intent to retire effective June 30, 2013 from Mrs. Debra Simpson.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Principal's Reports

Connie Poulin (Elementary Principal/Director of Curriculum): No written report

1. Arbor Day Celebration - Dan LaCroix dressed up as a Tree. The Bentley family, once again, generously donated a tree (Pear) this year.
2. Special Education meetings are going well. Annual Review time.
3. Elementary Report Cards will go home tomorrow.
4. 1st graders will be presenting at Eagle time on Thursday. Character Trait of "Golden Rule" will be the theme.
5. NYS ELA and Math tests will begin next week. ECS will once again take part in Regional Scoring with BOCES.
6. Parent Meeting coming up for students who will be entering 5th, 6th and 8th grades in September 2011.

Robert Miller (Middle School/High School Principal): No written report

1. Gearing up for Graduation. Article in May newsletter regarding "Scholarships & Awards". Students will apply through the Guidance Department.
2. Spring sports taking a hit with rainy weather.
3. 140 students will be attending Buffalo Philharmonic performance "Sound of Science" tomorrow. Opportunity made possible through the Cassetta Endowment fund.
4. Finalizing 2011-2012 student course catalog.

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5. Starting Master Schedule for 2011-2012.
6. State Assessments start next week.
7. Regents orders sent to State.
8. Reviewed 2009-2010 NYS School Report Cards with Board.

Policies

None

Committee Reports

None

Discussion Items

EBLAR: ECS has applied to use some of the \$500,000 that is tied up in the fund. The state has agreed to let ECS use \$61,000. Superintendent Ward stated that he is going to make it his personal goal to go after the State on this issue. He stated that the District is required to hold money for every employee as if they were going to retire today. The district auditors suggested a balance of \$232,000 and the state recommends \$440,000.

APPR: issues with this are tied up with New York State. The State is trying to work things out with the Commissioner of Education's office.

Executive Session

Moved by Hellwig, 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 (#900500323, 900500324, 900500324, 900500054, 900440340, 900114642, 900303966, 900303896, 900303898, 900438629, 900199923, 900256868, 900440377, 900256841, 900342988, 900384160, 900433750, 900500101, 900304000, 900342847, 900399339, 900500130, 900303162, 900297536, 900500241) at its meeting on April 26, 2011 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, 2011).

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Motion by Campbell, seconded by Wiley, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent to enter into executive session at 8:39 pm to discuss a specific employee contractual matter.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Motion by Campbell, seconded by Crowley, to come out of executive session and return to the regular meeting at 9:00 pm.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

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Adjournment of Meeting

Moved by Hellwig, seconded by Wiley, to adjourn the regular meeting of April 26, 2011 at 9:01 pm.

Yes - 6

No - 0

Carried

District Clerk

Deputy District Clerk