

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
Ellicottville Central School**

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**Sht. No. 1659
April 28, 2009**

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Members Present: Linda McAndrew, Mary Ellen Campbell, Stephen Ward, Steve Crowley, Roger Spell, James Wiley

Members Absent: Lynn Eddy

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

Staff Absent: None

Others Present: Steve Foster, Greta Gregory, Debbie Fredrickson, Ed Fredrickson

Call to order of meeting

President McAndrew called the regular meeting of April 28, 2009 of the Ellicottville Central School Board of Education to order at 7:32 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

None

Statements and questions from the audience

Steve Foster addressed the board regarding his concerns with the way St. Bonaventure and JCC courses are weighted into a students final average. Mr. Foster asked if the board would look at changing the way it is done. He stated that with St. Bonaventure's courses not being counted towards a students final average, it has moved his daughter out of the valedictorian place for graduation. Mr. Foster handed out copies of correspondence between himself and Superintendent Ward. Superintendent Ward stated that the students receive a letter from guidance prior to taking classes explaining the way they will be weighted.

Debbie & Ed Fredrickson expressed concerns as well, having a daughter who is a junior this year. They stated that they do not want to find out next year after she has taken JCC courses that they will not transfer to certain colleges. Superintendent Ward stated that there are never guarantees and it is not the job of the district to give the students a college education. Mrs. Fredrickson asked how the classes are weighted. Mr. Miller explained the formula. Mrs. Fredrickson asked Mr. Miller for a copy of the policy on class weighting. President McAndrew and Mary Ellen Campbell both spoke of personal experiences with the JCC courses their children took.

Mr. Foster stated that he understood things couldn't be changed mid-stream but he asked that the board look at having St. Bonaventure and JCC classes be counted the same.

Superintendent Ward stated that he respected the opinions of the parents and thanked them for coming to the meeting. Superintendent Ward stated that the district is trying to upgrade what ECS has and give the students the best education. He added that the district has alot of curriculum for a small school and credit should be given to the Board of Education.

Approve Agenda

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Spell to approve the agenda for the April 28, 2009 board meeting.

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Carried**

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Presentations

Employee Manual - Greta Gregory (Administrative Intern with Superintendent Ward) gave a presentation on the employee manual and packets that she created for new hires and substitutes. Mrs. Gregory stated that most of the information was already in the district but now it is in one place and organized. She stated that it will be a valuable tool for the district, adding that hires must sign-off and acknowledge that they received the materials. Superintendent Ward stated that Mrs. Gregory did a great job and her work was quality. He added that the project will be very useful to the district.

PreK- Connie Poulin presented the board with information in regards to the 2009-2010 prek class. Information was in regards to flexibility for incoming students and historic figures of past classes.

Communications, Commendations

a. Superintendent Ward stated that the OM Team coached by Paul Timkey placed 5th in New York State at the competition in Binghamton the first weekend in April.

Motion by Crowley, second by Campbell to approve the following resolution: **Ellicottville Central School, Division I - Earth Trek Team**

Whereas, the Ellicottville Central School 2009 Division 1 Earth Trek OM Team won the Regional OM competition for Cattaraugus/Allegany county schools on Saturday, March 7th, 2009

Whereas, the first place Earth Trek OM Team went on to compete at the New York State Competition at SUNY Binghamton on April 4th, 2009

Whereas, the Ellicottville team placed fifth in all of New York State

Whereas, the team and coach should be commended for their hard work and dedication, that led to the outstanding success they demonstrated in OM competition

Whereas, the Ellicottville Central School community is extremely proud of the accomplishments of this years team

Resolved, that the Ellicottville Central School Board of Education hereby congratulates Coach Paul Timkey and team members Victor Rieman, Robert Spell, Will Timkey, Max Paddock, Eli DeChane, Courtney Charlesworth, and Shelby Toth

Resolved, the District Clerk of the School Board is hereby directed to forward copies of this resolution to Coach Paul Timkey, OM Coordinator Sandra Tomblin and members of the Earth Trek 1 OM Team

Yes - 6

No - 0

Carried

Informational Items

- a. March 2009 Cafeteria Report
- b. Thank you card from Odyssey of the Mind - Division II Superstition Team

Superintendent's Report

- 1. Review of budget info for May District Newsletter
- 2. School Report Cards just released
- 3. Strategic Planning - 134 Community Engagement Surveys filled out. Process going well.

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Consent Items:

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Spell, 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 24, 2009 and the special meeting of April 3, 2009.
- b. Acknowledgment of Claims Auditor Reports dated April 2, 2009 and April 23, 2009.
- c. Approval of February 2009 Treasurer's Report.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

New Business

Moved by Wiley, seconded by S. Ward, to adopt the 2009-2010 Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming BOCES Administrative Budget.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

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

- Area 2 (3 year term): Mrs. Susan Potter
- Area 5 (3 year term): Mr. Ira Katzenstein
- Area 6 (3 year term): Dr. Heinke Lillenstein

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by S. Ward, seconded by Campbell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the 2009-2010 transportation request to non-public schools: 5 students to St. Aloysius Regional School in Springville, New York.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Crowley, seconded by Wiley, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the 2009-2010 Property Tax Report Card, which will be mailed to district residents on May 13, 2009.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Old Business

None

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Personnel:

Moved by Spell, seconded by Campbell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, one social studies teaching position is abolished in the tenure area of social studies effective July 1, 2009; that the person having the least seniority in the tenure area of social studies is David McCann; and that David McCann shall be placed upon the preferred eligible list of the district in accordance with Education Law Section 2510(3).

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Crowley, seconded by S. Ward, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, one special education teaching position is abolished in the tenure area of special education effective July 1, 2009; that the person having the least seniority in the tenure area of social studies is John Klein; and that John Klein shall be placed upon the preferred eligible list of the district in accordance with Education Law Section 2510(3).

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Spell, seconded by Wiley, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to accept a letter of resignation from John Georger (Music Teacher) effective June 30, 2009.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Wiley, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to approve Vinnie Smith as a volunteer for the 2008/2009 school year.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Principal's Reports

Connie Poulin (Elementary Principal/Director of Curriculum):

Mrs. Poulin showed a DVD produced by Marion Polasik and Teri Gemza highlighting ECS elementary students and the books they donated to a school in Grenada. Mrs. Poulin stated that the students were excited about being involved in such a worthy project. She commended the teachers, students and Mrs. Polasik and Miss Gemza on a job well done.

Robert Miller (Middle School/High School Principal):

1. Master Schedule
2. NYS Assessments
3. Distance Learning
4. National Honor Society
5. Academic Awards Banquet
6. Recognition's

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Policies:

Moved by Crowley, seconded by S. Ward, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to have the second reading and approve the following policies:

- 1) Student Records: Access and Challenge
- 2) Student Directory Information
- 3) Idling School Buses on School Grounds

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Committee Reports:

Superintendent Ward stated that he would like to have a Buildings, Grounds & Transportation committee meeting in the next few weeks. He stated that there are a few projects that need to be tackled over the summer and the board needs to discuss them. Superintendent Ward will put some dates together and e-mail board members. Superintendent Ward stated that the Town of Great Valley will be having Flag Football at ECS starting this Sunday on the football field. He stated that around 74 kids have signed-up. Roger Spell stated that they are up to 90 kids.

Discussion Items:

None

Executive Session:

Motion by Campbell, second by Spell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to approve the following CSE/CPSE recommendations dated March 1-31, 2009: 900500149, 900423395, 900500054, 900299927, 900303090, 900384261, 900500046, 900342774, 900500134, 900019639, 900500081, 900145708, 900303966, 900114642, 900500151, 900303898, 900303896.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Spell, second by Wiley, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to enter into executive session at 9:35 pm to discuss support staff negotiations.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

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Moved by Wiley, second by Spell, to come out of executive session and return to the regular meeting at 10:25 pm.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Adjournment of Meeting:

Moved by Crowley, second by Campbell to adjourn the regular meeting of April 28, 2009 at 10:26 pm.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

District Clerk

Deputy District Clerk