

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
Ellicottville Central School**

**Regular Meeting
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**Sht. No. 1681
April 6, 2010**

OFFICIAL MINUTES

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

Members Absent: None

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

Staff Absent: None

Others Present: None

Call to order of meeting

President McAndrew called the regular meeting of April 6, 2010 of the Ellicottville Central School Board of Education to order at 7:38 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:

8a. March 2010 Cafeteria Report

10b. Acknowledgment of Claims Auditor Report dated April 6, 2010.

12a. Moved by _____, seconded by _____ upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of a leave of absence request from Tara Davies (Account Clerk Typist) effective April 26, 2010 to October 26, 2010.

12b. Moved by _____, seconded by _____ upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Glenn Hall as a volunteer for the 2009/2010 school year.

12c. Moved by _____, seconded by _____ upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Jennifer McAndrew as a volunteer for the 2009/2010 school year.

Statements and questions from the audience

None

Approve Agenda

Moved by Crowley, seconded by Spell to approve the agenda for the April 6, 2010 board meeting with additions.

Yes - 7

No - 0

Carried

Presentations & Reports

Superintendent Ward reported that Senator Cathy Young visited ECS last Friday in regards to letters written by Mrs. Tomblin's and Mr. Delity's 4th grade classes. The students wrote letters in response to proposed closings at Allegany State Park. Senator Young collected the letters and will deliver them to the Governor in Albany.

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Communications, Commendations

- a. Thank you card from Sandra Tomblin and OM teams thanking the Board and Administration for their continued support.
- b. Superintendent Ward wrote letters of support for the New York State Police SRO program. Superintendent Ward stated that in his letter he suggested smaller districts sharing the SRO's.
- c. Superintendent Ward wrote personalized letters to cast members of this year's musical (Music Man). Superintendent Ward stated that letters were also sent to the play directors as well as Jon Wilder and Salamanca Superintendent Doug Hay thanking them for their support and use of facilities.

Informational Items

- a. March 2010 Cafeteria Report

Superintendent's Report

1. Concrete was poured on Tuesday, April 6th for the new press box. Jerry & Lee Musall, Rick Howard and Clarence Bickell provided the labor.
2. Larry Mack has FOILED (Freedom of Information Law) the district several times this school year. His latest request included personal information on employees. The request was referred to the district's legal counsel for guidance. The cost to the district for Mr. Mack's latest FOIL request was \$2,451.65. Superintendent Ward stated that this amount did not include at least 30 hours of time spent by district employees who compiled information. The cost to the district for these employee's time was in excess of \$800. Board members stated that the district is cutting spending including student fieldtrips and the money spent on this FOIL request could have been better spent to help with such cuts. Superintendent Ward stated that taxpayers have the right to know how money is being spent.
3. Superintendent Ward reported that everything should be all set with the Account Clerk Typist position. BOCES will make the approvals on Wednesday, April 7th. He stated that the district's current Account Clerk Typist will become a BOCES employee with a 26 week probationary period. He stated that this employee will be shared with Salamanca (ECS 40%, Salamanca 60%). ECS will see a considerable savings through this shared service.
4. The maintenance and cleaning crews will be working on several projects over Spring Break. Projects include new flooring in room 223. The old carpet will be torn out. Stripping and waxing of the high school gym floor. President McAndrew stated that she received positive comments from Randolph parents on the ECS baseball field. Superintendent Ward stated that the maintenance crew worked on fixing drainage problems on the field.

Consent Items:

Moved by Ward, 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 23, 2010.
- b. Acknowledgment of Claims Auditor Reports dated March 25, 2010 and April 6, 2010.

Discussion: Linda McAndrew stated that she would like the discussion surrounding the BOCES borrowing resolution included in the board minutes (March 23, 2010). She stated that this would explain why the board voted against the resolution.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

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Old Business

The board reviewed 2010-2011 budget information which will be included in the May District Newsletter. Superintendent Ward stated that the budget will be up around 2.2% with the tax levy projected to be up around 3.8%.

Superintendent Ward stated that the district is applying to combine football in the fall with West Valley. He stated that it will be an Ellicottville team with West Valley players coming over. He stated that it will be the same concept that was followed this past year with Hinsdale.

Board members asked if there was going to be a follow-up community meeting for the Strategic Plan. Superintendent Ward stated that it will be planned for May. Information will be included in the May District Newsletter.

Personnel

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Crowley, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of a leave of absence request from Tara Davies (Account Clerk Typist) effective April 26, 2010 to October 26, 2010.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by S. Ward, seconded by Spell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Glenn Hall as a volunteer for the 2009/2010 school year.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Wiley, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Jennifer McAndrew as a volunteer for the 2009/2010 school year.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

Principal's Reports

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

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

1. Update on Cassetta Funds
2. Drama Club Production - Music Man was a definite success. Ticket sales exceeded last years by 298 which is a 62% increase (two shows this year instead of three last year). Definite hit having it in the Salamanca School Auditorium.
3. Progress on Master Schedule
4. Sara Goode has been selected to participate in the 2010 New York State Summer School of the Arts at Fredonia College.

Policies

None

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New Business

Moved by S. Ward, seconded by Spell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of non-public school transportation requests for the 2010-2011 school year (St. Aloysius Regional School - Springville, New York: Kailey, Annie Meghan & Connor Fitzpatrick; Marisela and Frank Neff. Five Mile Christian Academy - Allegany, New York: Amy Dineen, Zachary & Kristy Everett).

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

Committee Reports

None

Discussion Items

None

Executive Session

Moved by Crowley, seconded by Spell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following CSE/CPSE recommendations March 1-31, 2010: 900342774, 900384160, 900438629, 900500066, 900440340, 900303898, 900303896, 900342774, 900303896, 90440377, 900347688, 900114642, 900303898, 900500054, 900500054.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Spell, seconded by Crowley to enter into executive session at 9:05 pm.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

Adjournment of Meeting

Motion by Eddy, seconded by Spell to come out of executive session and return to the regular meeting at 9:54 pm.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

Motion by Crowley, seconded by Campbell to adjourn the regular meeting of April 6, 2010 at 9:55 pm.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

District Clerk

Deputy District Clerk