

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
Ellicottville Central School**

**Regular Meeting
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**Sht. No. 1923
February 25, 2020**

OFFICIAL MINUTES

- Members Present:** Robert Van Wicklin, William Murphy, Carl Calarco, Shana Chudy, Debra Golley, Connie Hellwig, Leonard Zlockie
- Members Absent:** None
- Staff Present:** Robert Miller, Melissa Sawicki, Aimee Kilby, Maren Bush, Erich Ploetz
- Staff Absent:** None
- Others Present:** Ginna Hensel (Ellicottville Times), Shavon Byroads

Call to order of meeting
President Van Wicklin called the regular meeting of February 25, 2020 of the Ellicottville Central School Board of Education to order at 6:00 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:

- 16. New Business**
c. Moved by _____, seconded by _____, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of contracts with SEI and Campus Construction in regards to the Capital Improvements Project (vote) December 2019.

Public Comment
Mrs. Shavon Byroads addressed the Board in regards to Modified Football. She stated that she is receiving mixed information and would like some clarification. Mrs. Byroads stated that the Little League has restructured and that 7th & 8th grade students will not be able to participate at the Little League level, which would leave them without a program until 9th grade when they can play junior varsity. She added that Franklinville has already approved the program and that eventually there will be more Franklinville players and ECS players will be sitting the bench. She stated that she felt community members would be willing to contribute to help the cost of the first year. She stated that she hoped the program was being discussed as a school board and that outside of cost she was not sure what other concerns there could be. President Van Wicklin thanked Mrs. Byroads for her comments.

Approve Agenda
Moved by Hellwig, seconded by Zlockie, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the agenda of the February 25, 2020 Board of Education Meeting with additions.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Presentations & Reports:
None

Communications, Commendations:
None

Informational Items:
None

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Superintendent’s Report (Robert Miller):

1. Skiing: Logan Fredrickson took 1st Place in the Giant Slalom and Hayly Fredrickson took 2nd place in States on Tuesday, February 25, 2020.
2. Mrs. Nason received the \$10,000 grant for the Personal Finance class (which will become a graduation requirement at ECS). Mrs. Nason will travel to San Francisco, March 13-15, 2020 for a conference.
3. Budget – work continues. Will be an extremely tight year. Went to a conference with Aimee yesterday, met with Legislators. ECS getting \$8,000 more in foundation aid.
4. Will be at NYSCOSS Conference, Saturday – Tuesday.

Principals Reports:

MS/HS Principal (Erich Ploetz)

1. Curriculum Spotlight – Mrs. Rocco’s class: coffee cart, visit to the Community Food Pantry
2. Upcoming Events

Elementary Principal/Director of Curriculum (Maren Bush)

1. Reading Celebration winners
2. Mr. LaCroix’s Cook Off – Family & Consumer Science Class – 1996 ECS staff cookbook was used to re-create recipes. Mrs. Sawicki, Mrs. Halloran, Mrs. Hasper and Mrs. Hunt participated.
3. Gundlah Dental Clinic
4. Toby Time
5. 100th Day of School & Valentine’s Day Celebration
6. Happy 50th Birthday – Mr. Miller!

School Business Executive Report (Aimee Kilby) –

1. W2’s, 1099s and ACA 1095 reports are all complete
2. ESSA Transparency Reporting Day 3/1/2020
3. Property Tax Cap Report due on 3/1/2020
4. Continue to work on 2020/2021 Budget
5. Attending and assisting with Capital Project meetings and B,G & T meetings.

Consent Items:

Moved by Golley, seconded by Zlockie, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval to adopt the following Consent Agenda items:

- a. That the board approve the minutes of the meeting of February 11, 2020
- b. Acknowledgement of the February 18, 2020 Claims Auditor Report
- c. Approval of the January 2020 Treasurer’s Report

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Committee Reports:

None

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Discussion Items:

Shana Chudy stated that she did some of her own research and that the community should know that ECS has received a 6.6% decrease in aid. She stated that she did not think people understood how little aid ECS receives. She stated that ECS kids are doing so well academically and that the funding is out of the control of the board and administration and that the district's wealth ratio is so high so the district receives little aid. Mrs. Chudy stated that the District should ask businesses, alumni and community members to help out with things. She does not want the ECS students to not have French, not have football or have programs cut. She stated that the District needs to go to the businesses in the community. She added that Olean has a Modified Matters Club. She stated that it is a long shot, but it can't hurt to ask the community. Deb Golley stated that she agrees the community needs to know about the funding and that the Tax Cap kills ECS. She stated that the District cannot keep going year after year without going over the cap. Superintendent Miller stated that there are so many pieces to the puzzle. He stated that over 60% of NYS Aid goes to Westchester County, NY City and Long Island. He stated that the 8 WNY counties are going to start meeting periodically and let Albany know that it is not okay that the other parts of the State share the other 40%. He added that he would like to point out that the Community is very generous with Scholarships and other various donations. Superintendent Miller stated that Holiday Valley gives away around \$5,000 in scholarships each year and the Alumni around \$,1000.

Old Business:
None

New Business:

Moved by Golley, seconded by Calarco, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the 2020/2021 school year ECS Calendar.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Golley, seconded by Murphy, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Bryce Sherrard (Pitt Bradford, Student Teacher with Chris Mendell) as a volunteer with the baseball program for the 2019-2020 school year.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Hellwig, seconded by Murphy, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of contracts with SEI and Campus Construction in regards to the Capital Improvements Project (vote) December 2019.

Roll Call:

Murphy	Yes
Golley	Yes
Hellwig	Yes
Zlockie	Yes
Chudy	Yes
Calarco	Abstain

**Yes – 5
No – 0
Abstain - Calarco
Carried**

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Personnel:

Moved by Zlockie, seconded by Murphy, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Rebecca Ortiz to the substitute teacher list (non-certified) at a rate of \$85 per day. This appointment is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Calarco, seconded by Golley, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of a MOA with the ETA (Ellicottville Teacher’s Association) regarding a teacher’s (Ann Chamberlain) employment and benefits for the 2020/2021 school year.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Golley, seconded by Zlockie, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval to accept a letter of resignation from Christina Grant (F/T Teacher Aide) effective February 28, 2020. Mrs. Grant’s last day of work in the district will be February 28, 2020.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

**Policy & Regulation
None**

CSE/CPSE Recommendations:

Moved by Golley, seconded by Zlockie, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, 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 (#900501253, 900501177, 900500032, 900501037, 900500504, 900501038, 900500578, 900500579, 900500886, 900500859, 900501257, 900447029, 900501378, 900500430, 900501320, 900501098, 900500102) at its meeting on February 25, 2020 and approves all necessary arrangements as the most reasonable and appropriate special service(s) and/or program(s) for the implementation of those recommendations (January 31 - February 24, 2020).

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

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Executive Session

Moved by Zlockie, seconded by Golley, to enter into executive session at 6:36 pm to discuss one contractual item (ETA) and personnel (staffing).

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Golley, seconded by Calarco, to come out of executive session and return to the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Adjournment of Meeting

Moved by Hellwig, seconded by Murphy, to adjourn the regular meeting of February 25, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

District Clerk

Deputy District Clerk