

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
Ellicottville Central School**

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**Sht. No. 1689
July 27, 2010**

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Members Present: Linda McAndrew, Mary Ellen Campbell, Steve Crowley,
Lynn Eddy, Connie Hellwig

Members Absent: Roger Spell, James Wiley

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

Staff Absent: None

Others Present: None

Call to order of meeting

President McAndrew called the regular meeting of July 27, 2010 of the Ellicottville Central School Board of Education to order at 7:40 p.m. The pledge to the flag of the United States was recited.

Roll Call

Roger Spell and James Wiley - absent

Changes, Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

Additions:

- 8c.** BOCES Reserve Funds
- 8d.** Guidance on Collection and Reporting of Race/Ethnicity Data for Individual Students
- 11d.** Names for ACASB and NYSSBA Delegates (switch)
- 11g.** Accept a quote for the purchase of a new football/soccer scoreboard from Toth's Sports (North Boston, NY)
- 11h.** Approval of the creation of a .5 FTE AIS (Elementary Certified) teaching position for the 2010/2011 school year.

Statements and questions from the audience

None

Approve Agenda

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Hellwig to approve the agenda for the July 27, 2010 board meeting with additions.

**Yes - 5
No - 0
Carried**

Presentations & Reports

None

Communications, Commendations

- 1. Letter from Bill Parment (regarding 5th year athletic eligibility for handicapped students)
- 2. Letter from the Town of Humphrey Supervisor (Carrie Childs)
- 3. Snowpine Assessment Challenges

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Informational Items

- a. Thank you card from Ed Lamberson
- b. NY State Department of Transportation (ECS Vehicle Report)
- c. BOCES Reserve Funds
- d. Guidance on the Collection and Reporting of race/ethnicity Data for Individual Students

Discussion: Steve Crowley asked where the money for the BOCES Reserve Funds are coming from. Superintendent Ward stated that he will send a note to Dr. Olczak, BOCES District Superintendent asking where the \$\$ comes from. Superintendent Ward explained the new Collection and Reporting of Race/Ethnicity System (Federal Guidelines). He stated that 10 ECS students are affected. Connie Hellwig suggested printing the NY State Transportation Report in the District Newsletter. Board members suggested acknowledging Dave Pelton on a job well done.

Superintendent's Report

1. Football/Soccer Scoreboard (received 4 quotes). Board reviewed quotes will recommend approving quote from Toth's Sports (North Boston, NY). Superintendent Ward stated that the new sign out in front of the school as well as the portable scoreboards came from Toth's and they have been very good to work with. Superintendent Ward stated that they have come to the school to supervise installation and software set-up and are very reliable.
2. Bus Garage summer help. Michael Crowley will be recommended for approval later in the meeting. He will be paid minimum wage.
3. F/T Bus Driver recommendation
4. Recap on Tax Levy
5. Part-Time Teacher Aide position (primarily in the elementary, one period in the MS/HS).
6. PreK - expanded class sizes (right now 20/20). Will not need to hire additional staff. Mrs. Poulin will utilize current teacher aides.
7. Americor (Diana Olson will again be a full-time Americor Worker). Agreement with Cattaraugus County on board agenda for approval.
8. Executive Session needed to discuss legal and personnel issues.
9. Superintendent's Observation - Chris McNell will be asked to present to the Board at a future meeting regarding Alt. Ed. Program. August Board Meeting (Non-Resident Report).
10. Week of August 2nd, State Athletic Association in Town. Superintendent Ward will be sworn in as President. Superintendent Ward thanked the Board for letting him assume the position of President.

Consent Items:

Moved by Crowley, seconded by C. Hellwig, 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 June 29, 2010 and the reorganizational meeting of July 6, 2010.
- b. Acknowledgment of Claims Auditor Reports dated June 30, 2010 and July 19, 2010.
- c. Acknowledge and commend David Pelton (Transportation Supervisor) on an outstanding report from the New York State Transportation Department (ECS Vehicle Report).

**Yes - 5
No - 0
Carried**

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New Business

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Eddy, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Connie Hellwig attending Fiscal Oversight Training in Olean, NY on September 25, 2010.

**Yes - 5
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Crowley, seconded by Campbell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the following Board of Education Committees for the 2010/2011 school year:

Audit: Steve Crowley and Connie Hellwig

Buildings, Grounds and Transportation (BG&T): Steve Crowley and Roger Spell

Negotiations: James Wiley and Mary Ellen Campbell

**Yes - 5
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Hellwig, seconded by Eddy, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Board Members to the following District Committees for the 2010/2011 school year:

Athletic Committee: Lynn Eddy and Roger Spell

Health & Safety Committee: Mary Ellen Campbell and Connie Hellwig

Technology: Lynn Eddy and Roger Spell

**Yes - 5
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Crowley, seconded by Hellwig, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of board members to be delegates and alternates to the following organizations for the 2010/2011 school year (as amended):

NYSSBA (New York State School Boards Association):

Delegate: Mary Ellen Campbell

Alternate: Linda McAndrew

ACASB (Allegany/Cattaraugus Association of School Boards):

Delegate: Lynn Eddy

Alternate: Roger Spell

Discussion: Steve Crowley asked if anyone was attending the NYSSBA Conference in NYC. Linda McAndrew stated that the board was going to discuss it. Superintendent Ward stated that the district has made a few good contacts from the Convention. He stated that Toth's Sports and PLC Associates (Strategic Planning) were both contacts made at the convention. Mary Ellen Campbell stated that she would like to go and attend the seminars on negotiations. She stated that she has never done negotiations before and this would be very helpful to her.

**Yes - 5
No - 0
Carried**

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Moved by Hellwig, seconded by Campbell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Ellicottville Central School providing transportation to Holy Name of Mary Church, Ellicottville (with a volunteer bus driver) to Darien Lake Theme Park on Thursday, July 22, 2010. Holy Name of Mary Church will reimburse the district \$277.50 for use of the bus (mileage @ \$2.50 per mile).

**Yes - 5
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Crowley, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of accepting a quote from Toth's Sports (North Boston, NY) \$11,475 for a new football/soccer scoreboard.

Discussion: Superintendent Ward stated that the district received four quotes. He added that around \$9,500 will be used to purchase the sign from donations.

**Yes - 5
No - 0
Carried**

Motion by Campbell, second by Crowley, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the creation of a .5 FTE AIS Teacher (Elementary Certified) for the 2010/2011 school year.

**Yes - 5
No - 0
Carried**

Old Business

Moved by Crowley, seconded by Eddy, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of a revised 2010-2011 school year calendar (changes reflect: end of marking periods and P/T conference date in November).

**Yes - 5
No - 0
Carried**

Personnel

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Hellwig, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Deborah Hintz to the substitute teacher list (certified).

**Yes - 5
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Eddy, seconded by Crowley, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Lynne Nuthall to the substitute teacher list (certified).

**Yes - 5
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Hellwig, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Dana Story to the substitute bus driver list.

**Yes - 5
No - 0
Carried**

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Moved by Eddy, seconded by Campbell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools approval of Michael Crowley as a temporary summer cleaner in the bus garage effective July 19, 2010 through August 31, 2010. Salary for this position will be \$7.25 per hour.

**Yes - 5
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Hellwig, seconded by Campbell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools approval of Steven Rowland to the substitute bus driver list.

**Yes - 5
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Hellwig, seconded by Campbell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools approval of Charles Marek as a full-time bus driver effective September 1, 2010. This position carries a 12 month probationary period. Salary shall be \$15.00 per hour, plus benefits as outlined in the current ECSRPA negotiated contract.

**Yes - 5
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Crowley, seconded by Eddy, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools approval of Ellicottville Central School becoming a partnering agency with the Cattaraugus County Youth Bureau, to have Diana Olson as an Americor member for the 2010/2011 program year. The District cost for the position will be \$3,500.

**Yes - 5
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Crowley, seconded by Hellwig, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools approval of Diana Olson to the position of a .5 FTE AIS Teacher (Elementary Certified). Miss Olson holds an Initial New York State Certificate in Childhood Education (Grades 1-6). The position is for September 1, 2010- June 30, 2011. Salary shall reflect a .5 FTE position at STEP I of the current ETA negotiated contract.

**Yes - 5
No - 0
Carried**

Principal's Reports

Connie Poulin (Elementary Principal/Director of Curriculum):

No report

Robert Miller (Middle School/High School Principal): (verbal report)

1. Regents Results (gathering information)
2. NYS Tests Grades 3-8 (embargo will be lifted tomorrow)
3. New test guidelines - districts will be obligated (in 2011/2012 school year) to offer new levels of remediation.
4. August 18th - Accelerated 7th grade student/parent meeting
5. August 19th - Annual lunch with Seniors and Principal

Policies

None

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Committee Reports

Steve Crowley reported that the Buildings, Grounds and Transportation Committee met prior to tonight's meeting. He stated that a tour was given with Mark Duerr pointing out the summer work that has been done (studio and computer area for technology classes - Chris Edwards). He stated that Mr. Duerr reported that the staff is working well together (no student summer cleaners). In addition to work on the technology room, the maintenance staff has changed the vending machine area in the HS Cafe as well as punching out a door way in between two elementary classrooms.

Discussion Items

Connie Hellwig stated that she had concerns about the book *The House on Mago Street*. She added that an on-line review stated that the material is "iffy" for 14-16 year olds. Superintendent Ward stated that both he and Mrs. Poulin read the book and felt that although there were some sections that allude to mature material, the actual concrete text isn't out of bounds for reading material and some students may deal with situations that are described in the book. Mrs. Poulin stated that some students may not readily relate to the content, while others may have more background knowledge. Superintendent Ward stated that some teachers have different teaching styles and perhaps some students feel comfortable with one teacher discussing the book and not with another. The board will revisit approval of using the book in ELA classes at the August 10th board meeting.

Executive Session

Moved by Campbell, second by Eddy to enter into executive session at 9:24 pm to discuss personnel and legal matters.

**Yes - 5
No - 0
Carried**

Motion by Hellwig, second by Crowley to come out of executive session and return to the regular meeting at 9:59 p.m.

**Yes - 5
No - 0
Carried**

Adjournment of Meeting

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Eddy, to adjourn the regular meeting of July 27, 2010 at 10:00 p.m.

**Yes - 5
No - 0
Carried**

District Clerk

Deputy District Clerk