

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
Ellicottville Central School**

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**Sht. No. 1715
September 13, 2011**

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Members Present: Mary Ellen Campbell, James Wiley, Connie Hellwig, Roger Spell, Steve Crowley, Lynn Eddy, Carl Calarco

Members Absent: None

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

Staff Absent: Sharon Morton

Others Present: Dona Fredrickson, Emily West (Ellicottville Mountain & Valley News), Kris Fuller

Call to order of meeting

President Campbell called the regular meeting of September 13, 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

All present

Changes, Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

None

Statements and questions from the audience

Dona Fredrickson stated that she was at the meeting to thank Mrs. Poulin for a wonderful start to the school year.

Approve Agenda

Moved by Hellwig, seconded by Spell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to approve the agenda for the September 13, 2011 board meeting.

Yes - 7

No - 0

Carried

Presentations & Reports

None

Communications, Commendations

1. Thank you note from Sam Doro

Informational Items

1. Approved policies on pink paper for maroon book: Comprehensive Student Attendance Policy, Academic Eligibility.
2. Administrative Regulations: Academic Eligibility, Attendance Due Process Outline and Plan
3. ECS Tuition Savings 2005-2011 (College.connections)

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Superintendent's Report

1. Smooth start to opening of school year. Projected enrollment around 599.
2. Creating P/T teacher aide position as a result of a CSE meeting. Aide will work with 2 students in third grade.
3. Monday, September 19th @ 10:30 am - Construction Meeting with Construction Manager and Architect. Meeting will be to go over building condition survey as well as to begin work on a list to address building concerns.
4. Tax bills - have had more people question bills than in the past because of the Great Valley evals. Margie has relayed discussions to Jeff Forester.
5. Tax Cap - went to Buffalo Workshop and watched webinar. Board members were provided with a sheet which outlined determining the tax levy limit. Cattaraugus County has the 6th most growth of all counties in NYS.

Consent Items:

Moved by Calarco, seconded by 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 August 30, 2011.
- b. Acknowledgment of Claims Auditor Report dated August 25, 2011.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

New Business

Moved by Calarco, seconded by Wiley, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools approval of home schooling requests for the 2011-2012 school year.

Jacquelyn Halladay	12th grade	Timothy Potter	10th grade
Jordan Meyer	3rd grade	Abigail Royalty	5th grade
Caleb Royalty	2nd grade	Isaac Royalty	5th grade
Nathan Royalty	1st grade	Bryan Stock	5th grade
Emily Stock	3rd grade	Kyle Stock	1st grade
Krista Tricarico	8th grade		

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

Personnel

Moved by Eddy, seconded by Hellwig, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools approval of Joel Royalty to the substitute bus driver list.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Calarco, seconded by Spell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools approval of the permanent appointments (effective September 14, 2011) of Kimberly Emerson (cleaner), Charles Marek (bus driver) and Edward Crowley (bus driver) after successfully completing 6 months of probation.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
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Moved by Hellwig, seconded by Eddy, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the creation of a Part-Time Teacher Aide Position effective September 14, 2011.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Crowley, seconded by Spell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Nolan Christopher to the substitute teacher list (non-certified, \$75 per day). This position is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Hellwig, seconded by Calarco, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Chanelle Taylor to the substitute teacher list (certified, \$85 per day). This position is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Spell, seconded by Crowley, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Yvonne Benson to the substitute teacher list (certified, \$85 per day). This position is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Eddy, seconded by Wiley, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Caitlin Riggs to the substitute teacher list (certified, \$85 per day). This position is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Hellwig, seconded by Spell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Megan Marzec to the substitute teacher list (certified, \$85 per day). This position is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Hellwig, seconded by Crowley, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Pam Illig and Ann Chamberlain as Academic Eligibility Study Hall Teachers for the 2011-2012 school year.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

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Moved by Crowley, seconded by Spell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Glenn Hall as a substitute Academic Eligibility Study Hall Teacher for the 2011-2012 school year.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

Principal's Reports

Connie Poulin (Elementary Principal/CSE/CPSE Chairperson):

1. Elementary School Collaboration with Ellicottville BOCES
2. Reading Celebrations and Eagle Time
3. Common Core Curriculum - charts handed out
4. AIMSWeb Assessment - recommendations by grade level
5. Classroom counts - grades prek thru 6th
6. YMCA Daycare (2 children currently in program, will have a informational table at open house)

Robert Miller (Middle School/High School Principal):

1. Opening of school
2. AIS grades 7-12
3. Advisement
4. Summer school summary
5. Activities in the weeks ahead

Discussion: President Campbell stated that she really appreciated the info that Mr. Miller provided on the testing. Roger Spell stated that he has been contacted by a few people about homecoming and it being held over Fall Fest Weekend. He stated that many of the businesses in town employ high school students to work that weekend. Mr. Miller stated that there are only 3 home football games scheduled for the 2011-12 school year and they are September 2nd, September 16th and October 7th. Mr. Miller stated that the dates were looked at very carefully and the September 16th date would not work as it was anticipated that everything could not be in place at such an early date. He added that the committee knew it wasn't a perfect weekend but they worked with what games they had. Mr. Miller stated that the football schedule is made by the league. Roger Spell asked if the dance needed to be held on Saturday or if it could be another weekend. Mr. Miller stated that a few years ago they moved the winter weekend dance to another weekend and found that attendance was poor on the alternate weekend. Carl Calarco stated that when he was in school homecoming was always Fall Fest Weekend. Mr. Calarco added that perhaps the homecoming weekend date changed in the 90's. He stated that he felt it was a good time to have it since it is the first opportunity many college students have to come back home. Superintendent Ward stated that the dance could be moved from 8-11 pm to 9-12 pm. Mr. Spell expressed concerns about the students being on the road with so many other drivers that weekend. Superintendent Ward stated that there are more police on the roads Fall Fest Weekend than any other weekend. Superintendent Ward stated that homecoming weekend will not be moved adding that Karl Schwartz, Athletic Director made arrangements for the other sports to all have home games that weekend as well. Mr. Miller stated that the hope is there will be large crowds for the games. Connie Hellwig stated that maybe it is a good thing that the kids will have a dance to go to instead of hanging around town on Saturday night. Mr. Miller stated that the weekend will be monitored very closely.

Policies:

Animals in School: the 1st reading of the Animals in School policy was read by the Board. Connie Hellwig stated that there was a problem at last weekends football game with a dog. Superintendent Ward stated that the first year will be the toughest in regards to enforcing the policy. The district will have signage made to post on school grounds, have announcements made at games and have articles placed in the district newsletter as soon as the board approves the policy. The second reading and approval of the policy will be on the September 27, 2011 board meeting agenda.

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Committee Reports

Technology Committee Meeting: Monday, September 19, 2011 (3:05 pm - High School Library)
Health & Safety Committee Meeting: Thursday, September 22, 2011 (3:05 - High School Library)

Old Business

Superintendent Ward stated that he sent an e-mail out to area school district superintendents in regards to changing the 2012 spring break because of the NYS testing dates. He stated that a conference call was held today regarding the topic with Dr. Olczak, District Superintendent of Cattaraugus/Allegany BOCES. Superintendent Ward stated that most schools in Cattaraugus and Allegany Counties are going to move their break from the second week in April to the first. Superintendent Ward stated that the biggest concern he has is for the CTE students. He stated that the district will provide busing as they have in the past for these students during the ECS 2 week break. He added that if BOCES does not change their calendar the students will potentially have 3 weeks off. Superintendent Ward stated that the district may be able to provide busing from the students homes if it would help them get to BOCES. Superintendent Ward stated that the teachers conveyed to him the biggest advantage to moving the break to the last week in March and the 1st week in April is not the state test itself, but that the students will be back in a routine for an entire week before the state testing, instead of one day. Superintendent Ward stated that he is prepared to recommend to the Board this evening that they approve the revised calendar. The revised version will be handed out at Open House on Thursday, September 15th.

Motion by Crowley, seconded by Eddy, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Spring Break 2012 change in weeks to the 2011-2012 school calendar as follows: Spring Break will be the last week in March and the 1st week in April. The weeks of the break will be March 26th and April 2nd, 2012.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

Discussion Items

NYSSBA Convention: Mary Ellen Campbell stated that she will not be able to attend as planned. Jim Wiley stated that he will most likely attend in Mary Ellen's place.

School Property - President Campbell stated that perhaps the district may want to start looking at the possibility of selling some of the land behind the school baseball field. President Campbell stated that it may be worth looking at how marketable the property is. Superintendent Ward stated that it would be wise to look at the possibilities. Steve Crowley stated that the district should get the land appraised. James Wiley stated that the board should probably talk with Dennis Eshbaugh about the accessibility of the property. Superintendent Ward stated that the district needs to know whether or not they can use the Win Sum road to access the districts property. Superintendent Ward stated that there is about 100 acres that can possibly be sold. Superintendent Ward also suggested the board walk the property to get an idea of the layout. The board and administration will walk the property on Monday, October 10th at 9 am.

Public Hearing in Great Valley: James Wiley and Carl Calarco attended a meeting in Great Valley on Monday, September 12th regarding the land next to ECS. The meeting was pertaining to developers requesting zoning for a high density district and development of the land. The high density belt would be beyond the ECS bus garage with 56 units being built. Superintendent Ward stated that the district will keep on top of the project.

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Adjournment of Meeting

Moved by Hellwig, seconded by Wiley, to adjourn the regular meeting of September 13, 2011 at 9:15 pm.

Yes - 7

No - 0

Carried

District Clerk

Deputy District Clerk