

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
Ellicottville Central School**

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**Sht. No. 1799
December 9, 2014**

OFFICIAL MINUTES

- Members Present:** Carl Calarco, Connie Hellwig, Michelle Cortez, Nicole Klein, William Murphy, Leonard Zlockie
- Members Absent:** Roger Spell
- Staff Present:** Mark Ward, Melissa Sawicki, Robert Miller, Connie Poulin, Aimee Kilby
- Staff Absent:** None
- Others Present:** Jann Wiswall (Eville Times), Nick Percio (The Villager)

Call to order of meeting
President Calarco called the regular meeting of December 9, 2014 of the Ellicottville Central School Board of Education to order at 7:35 p.m. The pledge to the flag of the United States was recited.

Roll Call
Roger Spell - Absent

Changes, Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

- Additions:**
- 14j.** Moved by _____, seconded by _____ upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the expansion of afterschool programming to include grades Kindergarten, 1st grade, 2nd grade, 7th grade and 8th grade and the addition of one extra day a week to the late bus run.
- 14k.** Moved by _____, seconded by _____ upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the movie “21” to be shown in Mrs. Chamberlain’s statistics class.

Statements and questions from the audience
None

Approve Agenda
Moved by Zlockie, seconded by Cortez, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to approve the agenda for the December 9, 2014 Board of Education meeting with additions.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Presentations & Reports
None

Communications, Commendations
None

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Informational Items

Capital Projects: Carl Calarco stated that he attended the monthly construction meeting (Tuesday, December 9, 2014). He stated that there is a back log with the steel and that Campus is working diligently to move things along. No major concerns were reported. He stated that SEI sent out plans for the roofing project to State Ed. Superintendent Ward stated that both projects are moving along. He invited board members to stop by when they have a chance to take a tour of the current project.

Superintendent's Report

- a. The new pick-up truck is in production. The NY State bid price is \$21,700 for a Ford F-250. A blade was ordered for the truck through state bid as well at a cost of \$3,800. Dave Pelton is looking for a used cap for the truck. Drivers use the covered truck to haul skis, music equipment and football equipment.
- b. Great Valley School Bell – Dave Poulin has put the district in touch with a company in Jamestown who will restore the bell (polish and recast) for a very reasonable, reduced rate of \$500. The bell will be incorporated into the new entrance (along with the 1887 Building Bell).
- c. December Newsletter – article regarding the expansion of afterschool programs. Teachers have been very receptive. They suggested expanding to the 9th grade. Superintendent Ward stated that 9th grade would be looked at for the 2015-2016 school year.
- d. January 21st Capital Project Vote – cost to voters \$3.00 per year in taxes on a house assessed at \$100,000.
- e. Sports – continuing dialog with West Valley and Franklinville. Waiting to hear back from West Valley. They are currently in discussions with Franklinville and another district but are open to the possibility of sending their sports students to ECS. The West Valley School Board talked about taking their athletics to another school for the 2015-2016 school year.
- f. Strategic Planning – Connie Poulin will report on this topic later in the meeting.
- g. Concert at Salamanca Tuesday, December 16th. Christmas vacation is December 22 – January 2.
- h. Senior Citizens Dinner – very well attended, almost 75. Student Council did a great job serving and escorting the seniors. Tables were decorated, poinsettias were raffled off. Both the elementary and ms/hs students performed. The event was changed from Sunday to during the school day a few years ago and there is no comparison in the turnout of both the senior citizens and the students available to help and perform.
- i. Ugly Sweater/Shirt Day to benefit Project Christmas. Tuesday, December 16th. \$2.00 per student and \$5.00 per adult.
- j. Project Christmas is once again on our doorstep. Holiday Valley is assisting with a food drive that will benefit Project Christmas Families and Senior Citizens as well as the Ellicottville Food Pantry.
- k. PEP Grant – Federal Supporting funds for physical education, fitness, healthy choices, etc. Collaborating with West Valley and Franklinville on Grant. May be able to get enough money to purchase fitness room equipment. Grant would be for the 2015-2016 school year.
- l. Christmas Tree in front of school by sign. Put a well casing in ground. Each year a tree can be placed and lighted. Larger tree out front was getting to big and dangerous to decorate.

Consent Items

Moved by Hellwig, seconded by Zlockie, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools:

- a. That the board approve the minutes of the meetings of November 18, 2014
- b. Acknowledgement of the November 19, 2014 and December 3, 2014 Claims Auditor Reports
- c. Approval of October 2014 Treasurers Report
- d. Approval of a transfer from the Tax Collectors Account to the General Fund Savings Account in the amount of \$2,965,259.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Committee Reports
None

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Discussion Items

Strategic Planning - Connie Poulin stated that the initial Strategic Planning Meeting was held on Thursday, November 20, 2014. 26 people attended and 25 expressed interest in being on 1 of the 4 Task Forces. At the Superintendent's Faculty Meeting on December 3rd, teachers worked on the SWAT format used at the strategic planning meeting. The following facilitators have been assigned to the task groups:

Bill Delity, Melanie Kerns, Blair Wood – Academic

Mark Ward, Aimee Kilby, Kevin Blendinger – Financial & Facilities

Shawne Hunt & Chris Edwards – Technology

Bob Miller, Clayton Silvernail, Dan LaCroix – Communications Systems & Programs

The task groups will meet on their own after the first of the year and the whole committee will meet again in March. The committee's goal is to have a plan for the board to approve at the July 2015 reorganizational meeting.

Programs & Staffing 2015-2016 – Superintendent Ward stated that he thought it would be a good time to start talking about staffing and programs for next year. He stated that he and Mrs. Kilby have looked at numbers and things look positive for the addition of an elementary teacher (3 sections of 1st grade and the possibility of having 3 sections of kindergarten). He added that since the budget looks better, he would like to see the business teacher position added back in. He said the teacher was not replaced a few years ago because of budgetary concerns. Superintendent Ward stated that the district will also have a 12:1:1 class for next year. He stated that he would also like to purchase computers for grades 9th and 10th graders. He added that the Smart Bonding passed in November which could equate to \$300,000 for ECS. Niki Klein asked about adding support help for Mrs. Hunt (Technology). Superintendent Ward stated that the district would need to increase tech support. He stated that you cannot keep adding computers and not increase the tech help. He stated that the district will save \$575,000 over 5 years by leasing buses instead of purchasing them.

Old Business

None

New Business

Moved by Hellwig, seconded by Klein, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of SEI as Architects, Timothy McGill as Bond Counsel, Campus Construction as Construction Manager and BPD Inc. as Financial Consultants on the \$925,000 Capital Project (to be presented to voters for approval on January 21, 2015).

Yes – 6

No – 0

Carried

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Cortez, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the following Movies: *Bully* to be used in Ms. James PIG Class. *Iron Jawed Angels* to be used in Ms. James US History Classes and *History Channel Men Who Built America* to be used in Ms. James US History Classes.

Yes – 6

No – 0

Carried

Moved by Hellwig, seconded by Zlockie, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Ellicottville Central School's agreement for participation in the New York State Education Department's Child Nutrition Program (Single Permanent Agreement).

Yes – 6

No – 0

Carried

Moved by Hellwig, seconded by Zlockie, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Home School Students for the 2014-2015 school year.

Diego Dirito

4th Grade

Sophia Dirito

6th Grade

Yes – 6

No – 0

Carried

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Moved by Murphy, seconded by Cortez, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Shirley Ditcher, Sandra Reed and Eileen Hostuttler as election inspectors at a rate of \$100 each for the January 21, 2015 Capital Project Vote.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Klein, seconded by Zlockie, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Richard Ehman as the voting machine custodian and technician at a rate of \$125 for the January 21, 2015 Capital Project Vote.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Hellwig, seconded by Klein, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution to be submitted to the New York State and Local Employees’ Retirement System. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ellicottville Central School District hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body.

Title	Name	Social Security Number (Last 4 digits)	Registration Number	Standard Work Day (Hrs/day)	Term Begins/Ends	Participates in Employer's Time Keeping System (Y/N)	Days/Month (based on Record of Activities)
Elected Officials							
None							
Appointed Officials							
District Clerk	Melissa Sawicki			8.0	07/01/14-06/30/15	Y	
Tax Collector	Marjorie Halloran			8.0	07/01/14-06/30/15	Y	
District Treasurer	Aimee Kilby			8.0	7/1/2014-6/30/2015	Y	

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Zlockie, seconded by Cortez, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of a Data Access and Security Agreement between the New York State Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC) and Ellicottville Central School District effective January 1, 2015.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Hellwig, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of up to \$8,000 to assist the Town of East Otto and Cattaraugus County in appealing a recent court decision.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

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**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Personnel

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Klein, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval Christine Prey to the position of P/T Teacher Aide effective December 10, 2014 at a rate of \$8.75 per hour. This position carries a one year probationary period which will commence on December 10, 2014 and end on December 10, 2015.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Principals Reports

Connie Poulin – Elementary Principal/CSE-CPSE Chairperson

- a. Eagle Time 12/18/14: 1st grade Generosity towards animals.
- b. Eagle Time January 2015: 3rd grade Appreciation

Robert Miller – MS/HS Principal

- a. Senior Citizens Dinner – compliment student council volunteers. They did a great job. Connor Schmick Student Council President did an outstanding job. Superintendent Ward stated that Connor attends County Government and is a leader.
- b. Robotics Team – competed at University of Rochester this past weekend. 7th grade team won the “Strategic & Innovation Award”. They placed 6 out of 36.
- c. Quiz Bowl will compete this weekend.
- d. Social Studies teachers attended Common Core Training.
- e. Student Council went Project Christmas shopping today. 7 volunteers went shopping to Walmart and purchased gifts for 15-20 students. They brought the gifts back to school and wrapped them.

Policies

Moved by Hellwig, seconded by Zlockie, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, 2nd reading and approval of proposed changes to the following district policies:

3420	Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment in the School District (Update)
6120	Equal Employment Opportunity (Update)
6121	Sexual Harassment of District Personnel (Update)
6122	Employee Grievances (New Policy)
7551	Sexual Harassment of Students (Update)
8130	Equal Educational Opportunities (Update)

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

1st Reading of proposed changes to the following policies:

7222	Credential Options for Students with Disabilities
7610	Special Education: District Plan
7611	Children with Disabilities
7617	Declassification of Students with Disabilities
7619	Use of Time Out Rooms
7620	Students with Disabilities Participating in School District Programs
7621	504 Policy
7640	Student Individualized Education Program (IEP): Development and Provision

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CSE/CPSE Report

Moved by Klein, seconded by Cortez, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, 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 (#900500568, 900500324, 900500348, 900500824, 900389329, 900500758, 900500130, 900500014, 900500762, 900500506, 900500847, 900500844, 900500062, 900500363, 900500061, 900365376) at its meeting on December 9, 2014 and approves all necessary arrangements as the most reasonable and appropriate special service(s) and/or program(s) for the implementation of those recommendations (October 1-31, 2014 and November 1-30).

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Adjournment of Meeting

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Hellwig, to adjourn the regular meeting of December 9, 2014 at 9:27 p.m.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

District Clerk

Deputy District Clerk