

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
Ellicottville Central School**

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**Sht. No. 1650
December 9, 2008**

OFFICIAL MINUTES

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

Members Absent: James Wiley

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

Staff Absent: None

Others Present: Matt Finn, Scott Reed

Call to order of meeting

President McAndrew called the regular meeting of December 9, 2008 of the Ellicottville Central School Board of Education to order at 7:50 p.m. The pledge to the flag of the United States was recited.

Roll Call

James Wiley - absent

Changes, Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

None

Statements and questions from the audience

None

Approve Agenda

Moved by Spell, seconded by Eddy to approve the agenda for the December 9, 2008 board meeting as presented.

Yes - 6

No - 0

Carried

Discussion Items

Softball Trip (Matt Finn)- Matt Finn outlined a proposed trip that he would like to take softball players on April 6-8, 2009 in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Mr. Finn stated that last year players went to Virginia Beach and played a school from there. Mr. Finn stated that the entry fee for the tournament is \$650. He stated that out of 12 girls that went last year, 9 parents joined them. The board advised Mr. Finn that he can proceed with the trip plans and see how much interest there would be from players and parents.

Communications, Commendations

- a. November 2008 Cafeteria Report
- b. November Character Trait Role Models (Elementary)
- c. Reminder: Special Board of Education Meeting Tuesday, December 16, 2008 6:30 pm HS Library Advisory Solutions (Strategic Planning)

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Superintendent's Report

1. Folder with information on Reserve Funds
2. Data Warehouse (Regents test scores)
3. Project Christmas - going full speed ahead
4. Music Concerts coming up: December 11th (Elementary) and December 17th (MS/HS)
5. 403B plan meeting for staff - Monday, December 15th
6. Consideration of using BOCES internal auditor - Board agreed not to pursue this
7. M&T Bank will be at Financial Aid night. Also, Tammy Eddy will be meeting with them regarding programs they can offer to our students.
8. Start budget process. Board Finance Committee will meet with Superintendent Ward on January 6th at 7:30 pm.
9. Sharon Morton (District Treasurer) will have a notebook at board meetings with the warrants in it so board members can review.

Consent Items:

Moved by S. Ward seconded by Spell, 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 November 18, 2008.
- b. Approval of September 2008 and October 2008 Treasurer's Reports.

Discussion: Steve Crowley asked if board members could be provided with a trial balance listing. Sharon Morton (District Treasurer) will provide board members with that information once a month.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

New Business

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Eddy, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward , Superintendent of Schools to approve Ashley Yantomasi as a student teacher (St. Bonaventure University for the Spring 2009 semester). Miss Yantomasi will be under the direction of Mr. Timothy Bergan and Mr. Chris Mendell.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by S. Ward, seconded by Spell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward , Superintendent of Schools to approve an increase in the salary of substitute school nurses (RN's) to \$80 per day.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Crowley, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward , Superintendent of Schools to approve Lisa Washburn as a student teacher in the area of Special Education for the Spring 2009 semester at ECS through Grand Canyon University.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Old Business

Superintendent Ward reported that the Staff Appreciation luncheon went very well on Monday, November 24th. He stated that he thought the concept was well received. President McAndrew stated that Vicky Williams did a very nice job.

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Personnel:

Moved by Spell, seconded by Eddy, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to accept a verbal resignation from Myrle Fuller as the modified boys basketball coach for the 2008/2009 season.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by S. Ward, seconded by Campbell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to appoint Matt Finn as the boys modified basketball coach for the 2008/2009 season.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Crowley, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to appoint John Golley and Glenn Hall as basketball time and scorekeepers for boys and girls basketball for the 2008/2009 season.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Spell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to appoint Alan Ciesla as Trap Team Coach for the 2009 season. Salary shall be \$1,825.

Discussion: Roger Spell asked that the Trap Team schedule be placed on the school's web site.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by S. Ward, seconded by Spell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to approve Greta Gregory (on an emergency conditional basis) to the substitute teacher list (certified). This position is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Principal's Reports

Connie Pound (Elementary Principal/Director of Curriculum):

- NY State Assessment Test Sheet Scanning - additional information was given out at the meeting.
- Child Study Team/Response to Intervention
- Grade 5 NYS Social Studies Assessment
- Technology Training
- Parent Teacher Conferences
- Report Cards
- Data Analysis in Data Warehouse
- Family Fun Night Activity (December 4th)
- Elementary School Newsletter

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Robert Miller (Middle School/High School Principal):

Mr. Miller stated that Grace Arzacate is in the "Buffalo Bills Leadership Program" and as part of the program tickets were given out to students for doing good deeds or for being on the honor roll and a drawing was held for two tickets to the December 28th Buffalo Bills game. Mr. Miller stated that Ariel Wiser won the tickets in the drawing.

Committee Reports:

None

Policies:

None

Executive Session:

Moved by Crowley, seconded by Campbell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, the following CSE/CPSE recommendations dated October 1- November 30, 2008: 900500136, 900342774, 900500134, 900384149, 900399339, 900500081, 900500134, 900500078, 900400062, 900019639, 900500084, 900303690, and 900303689.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Discussion:

District Reserve Funds (Scott Reed - Buffamante, Whipple, Buttafaro, PC): Superintendent Ward provided board members with a folder of information in regards to Reserve Funds and the district's current reserve funds. Scott Reed discussed possible ideas for new reserve funds and balances in current accounts. Superintendent Ward stated that he thought out of Strategic Planning some ideas may emerge in regards to reducing some of the current funds. Superintendent Ward stated that perhaps Mr. Reed could be made part of the budget process. The board will discuss reserve funds over the next few months.

Adjournment of Meeting:

Moved by Crowley, second by Spell to adjourn the regular meeting of December 9, 2008 at 9:50 pm.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

District Clerk