

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Ellicottville Central School**

**Regular Meeting  
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**Sht. No. 1875  
February 27, 2018**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Connie Hellwig, William Murphy, Carl Calarco, Nicole Klein, Roger Spell, Robert Van Wicklin

**Members Absent:** Leonard Zlockie

**Staff Present:** Robert Miller, Melissa Sawicki, Aimee Kilby, Connie Poulin

**Staff Absent:** Erich Ploetz

**Others Present:** John Thomas (The Villager), Rich Place (Salamanca Press)

**Call to order of meeting**

President Hellwig called the regular meeting of February 27, 2018 of the Ellicottville Central School Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. The pledge to the flag of the United States was recited.

**Roll Call**

Leonard Zlockie - Absent

**Changes, Additions and Deletions to the Agenda**

**Additions:**

**16. Personnel:**

- a. Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Tracy Ploetz as a part-time cafeteria worker at a rate of \$10.40 per hour effective tentatively March 5, 2018. This appointment is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State. This appointment carries a one-year probationary period, which will begin tentatively on March 5, 2018, and end tentatively on March 5, 2019.
- b. Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the following Spring Sports Coaches for the 2017-2018 school year:

Varsity Baseball	Chris Mendell
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- f. Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Linda Baldwin to the substitute cafeteria worker list effective February 28, 2018 at a rate of \$10.40 per hour.

**Public Comment**

None

**Approve Agenda**

Moved by Spell, seconded by Van Wicklin, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the agenda of the February 27, 2018 Board of Education Meeting with additions.

**Yes – 6  
No – 0  
Carried**

**Presentations & Reports:**

None

**Communications, Commendations:**

None

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**Informational Items:**

None

**Superintendent's Report (Robert Miller):**

School Safety – Superintendent Miller stated that he has received several phone calls and emails from concerned parents regarding school safety. He stated that parents have been appreciative of the fact that the school district is doing everything we can to protect their children. He stated that there would be time devoted to staff training and school safety at the March 16, 2018 staff development day. Superintendent Miller stated that Erich Ploetz (HS Principal) would be attending a training sponsored by Utica Mutual on understanding mental health; he stated that he (Mr. Miller) would be meeting with Sheriff Whitcomb, Joe Giglio and other superintendents on March 12<sup>th</sup> regarding school safety. Later this summer ECS will be sending a team of school representatives to a Trauma Summit sponsored by CA BOCES.

1. ECS was awarded (through the BOCES lottery) a silver mini van. The van has fewer than 20,000 and is being sold at a very reduced rate.
2. Superintendent Miller stated that Section VI denied its appeal to stay in Class D for football next year. He stated that the combined team with Franklinville, will play in Class C. Football has a different system to determine its classifications.
3. Governor's Budget Proposal – Governor Cuomo would like to shift costs back to the districts regarding expense-based aids. Superintendent Miller stated that his would be devastating to the districts in our area. He stated that he might do a newsletter article regarding the shifting of these costs and their impact on the school district.

**Principals Reports:**

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

Mrs. Poulin stated that in addition to the Elementary Newsletter she submitted she would like to comment on the presentation regarding Transition Services that she attended today with Mrs. Rocco and Mrs. Eddy. She stated that Cattaraugus County Civil Service presented, Chautauqua County Civil Service and One Stop. She added that students should have more exposure to Civil Service and the opportunities that are out there for jobs. She stated that the shift might be going back to the 80's where there are different graduation pathways.

Mrs. Poulin thanked all who volunteer in the Elementary. She stated that ESPRA, Student Council, teachers, aides and community members.

PTO Talent Show was a huge success. Many talented students performed.

1. February & March – Elementary Newsletter

**MS/HS Principal (Erich Ploetz)**

1. 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Faculty vs. Sheriff's Office Charity Basketball Game – raised \$600 for Shriners Hospital.
2. NHS Candidacy Packets
3. HS Musical "The Drowsy Chaperone"
4. Robotics Update
5. 2018-2019 Master Schedule Work

**Consent Items:**

Moved by Murphy, 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 6, 2018
- b. Acknowledgement of the February 7, 2018 and February 21, 2018 Claims Auditor Reports
- c. Approval of the January 2018 Treasurer's Report

**Yes – 6  
No – 0  
Carried**

**Committee Reports:**

None

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**Discussion Items:**

**a.** West Valley Sports Merger: Superintendent Miller discussed the current sports merger agreement with West Valley, which has one more year in the agreement (2018-2019). He stated that the West Valley kids are great and wonderful friendships have been made. He stated that the four-year agreement started out with larger numbers and now they have dwindled. Superintendent Miller explained that keeping a merger with West Valley would likely push Ellicottville up to Class C in most sports based on BEDS numbers, which is used to determine a school's classification. Superintendent Miller said Ellicottville on its own has a BEDS number of 149, which is the highest number for a Class D school. He stated that if ECS continues the merger into next year, then ECS would go up to the C's. He added that when all of this was first brought together five years ago ECS knew there could be a possibility of moving up. Superintendent Miller stated that five years ago West Valley was sending a larger number of athletes than they are now. Some sports this year didn't have any West Valley students competing on the Ellicottville teams. And yet, those teams would still have to move up to the C's next year. Adding to the mix, Superintendent Miller stated that if the agreement ended this year and ECS went on it's own next year, then we are a D. But would most likely move up to a C the following year, depending on the class sizes.

The Board asked Superintendent Miller to speak with West Valley Superintendent Eric Lawton to determine West Valley's interest in continuing the sports merger and proceed depending on whether West Valley continues to need Ellicottville's assistance in fielding teams. Carl Calarco stated that the true spirit of the agreement was to assist West Valley so their kids could participate in sports. Board Members stated that the agreement should be all or none. Mr. Calarco stated that if they (West Valley) are good to go on their own, that is fine, if they still need help, ECS is here and their students can continue to participate on ECS teams for the and the last year of the agreement (2018-2019) will continue.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

Moved by Calarco, seconded by Murphy, upon the request of District Superintendent, Robert Miller, approval for Mr. Miller to attend the following meetings / conferences for the 2017-18 school year at the expense (if applicable) of the District: ACSBA events / meetings, CA BOCES CSO Meetings, Cattaraugus/Allegany County Council of School District Superintendents meetings, Western New York Joint Management Team (WNY JMT) meetings/conferences, NYSSBA meetings/conferences, NYSCOSS meetings/conferences and workshops and local training options offered by and through the CA & Erie I BOCES.

**Yes – 6  
No – 0  
Carried**

Moved by Spell, seconded by Van Wicklin, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of an MOA with the ETA (Ellicottville Teacher's Association) in regards to an assistant golf coach for the 2017-2018 school year.

**Yes – 6  
No – 0  
Carried**

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Van Wicklin, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Robert Sawicki & Ryan Winship as volunteer coaches with the baseball program for the 2017-2018 school year.

**Yes – 6  
No – 0  
Carried**

Moved by Spell, seconded by Klein, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of a home schooling request for a first grader for the 2017-2018 school year.

**Yes – 6  
No – 0  
Carried**

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**Yes – 6  
No – 0  
Carried**

Moved by Van Wicklin, seconded by Spell, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Robert Sawicki as the pitch count keeper for baseball for the 2017-2018 school year at a rate of \$25.00 per game.

**Yes – 6  
No – 0  
Carried**

Moved by Van Wicklin, seconded by Murphy, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, accept a letter of resignation from Linda Baldwin as a cafeteria worker effective February 28, 2018.

**Yes – 6  
No – 0  
Carried**

Moved by Van Wicklin, seconded by Klein, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Linda Baldwin to the position of full-time bus driver effective February 28, 2018.

**Yes – 6  
No – 0  
Carried**

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**Policies & Regulations:**

Moved by Van Wicklin, seconded by Spell, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and approval of policy: #7131 Admission of Non-Resident Students.

**Yes – 6  
No – 0  
Carried**

Moved by Spell, seconded by Van Wicklin, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval to delete the following policies: #4211 Line Responsibility; #4220 Abolishing an Administrative Position; #4240 Administrative Latitude; #4420 Compensation and Related Benefits.

**Yes – 6  
No – 0  
Carried**

**CSE/CPSE Recommendations:**

Moved by Klein, seconded by Calarco, 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 (#900500167, 900500568, 900501001, 900500244, 900500587, 900500898, 900500457, 900501057, 900501097, 900501003, 900409063, 900500236, 900500050, 900500054, 900500941, 900440340, 900500756, 900501223, 900500767, 900500059, 900500169, 900433750, 900500101, 900500177, 900500065, 900500506, 900500530, 900501025, 900501097, 900500580, 900500436) at its meeting on January 9, 2018 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 1-31, 2018).

**Yes – 6  
No – 0  
Carried**

**Executive Session**

Moved by Van Wicklin, seconded by Spell, to enter into executive session at 7:51 pm to discuss one specific personnel items and one contract negotiation.

**Yes – 6  
No – 0  
Carried**

Moved by Klein, seconded by Murphy, to come out of executive session and return to the regular meeting at 10:13 p.m.

**Yes – 6  
No – 0  
Carried**

**Adjournment of Meeting:**

Moved by Calarco, seconded by Klein, to adjourn the regular meeting of February 27, 2018 at 10:13 pm.

**Yes – 6  
No – 0  
Carried**

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District Clerk

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Deputy District Clerk