

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
Ellicottville Central School**

**Regular Meeting
Page 1**

**Sht. No. 1654
February 10, 2009**

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Members Present: Linda McAndrew, Mary Ellen Campbell, Steve Crowley, Stephen Ward, Roger Spell, James Wiley

Members Absent: Lynn Eddy

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

Staff Absent: None

Others Present: None

Call to order of meeting

President McAndrew called the regular meeting of February 10, 2009 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

Lynn Eddy - absent

Changes, Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

None

Statements and questions from the audience

None

Approve Agenda

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Spell to approve the agenda for the February 10, 2009 board meeting as presented.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Communications, Commendations

a. January 2009 Cafeteria Report - President McAndrew stated that the report looked very good.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Ward stated that he has been working with the administrators on Task Forces for Strategic Planning. He stated that the next meeting is Wednesday, February 18th. He invited all board members to come to the meeting and encouraged them to be on one of the committees. He added that the internal survey will be complete by tomorrow. Superintendent Ward stated that there will be an external survey as well. He stated that it would be in the district newsletter as well as perhaps at the Ellicottville Library. Steve Crowley stated that he felt it was key to have it in the district newsletter. Superintendent Ward stated that he addressed the staff at his last faculty meeting on new ideas in regards to technology. He stated that there was excitement about the new ideas. Superintendent Ward stated that he would like to suggest having a voter registration for the Annual Budget Vote and Board Member Election. He stated that the District Clerk would hold registration days and compile the names and applications. They would then be given to the county and registration books would be made. Residents who want to vote would then sign the book the day of the election. He stated that it would be the same procedure followed for local elections. Superintendent Ward stated that he would like to see foreign language classes start at the elementary level. He stated that besides a new language it would bring culture and diversity to the elementary students. Superintendent Ward provided board members with a copy of the All County program that was used this past

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
Ellicottville Central School**

**Regular Meeting
Page 2**

**Sht. No. 1654
February 10, 2009**

weekend when ECS hosted the concert. He stated that BOCES did a wonderful job creating the program. He added that it did not cost the district anything as the County Music Association was paying for it. He stated that it was a nice keepsake for the students. Superintendent Ward stated that two calendar options will be discussed later in the meeting for the 2009/2010 school year. Superintendent Ward stated that he would like to form an ad hoc committee to look at grades 5-9 education.

Consent Items:

Moved by S. Ward, second 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 January 27, 2009.
- b. Acknowledgment of the Claims Auditor Report dated February 5, 2009.
- c. Approval of the December 2008 Treasurer's Report.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

New Business

Motion by Campbell, second by Wiley that it be hereby resolved; that in accordance with Education Law 2035 (I), 2031; 2022(3) that at the Annual Budget vote and Board Member election, to be held in accordance with Section 1716 of the Education Law on the third Tuesday of May each year, a voting machine will be used to record the vote on the budget, on all propositions, and on the election of members of the Board of Education. The District Clerk is hereby directed to arrange for the use of one voting machine to be borrowed from either the town of Great Valley or the Town of Ellicottville for said District Budget Vote and Election.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Motion by Wiley, second by Campbell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to approve Donald McIntosh (St. Bonaventure University) as a student teacher with Jaye Zelko (Spanish Teacher) for the Spring 2009 semester (March 23-May 22, 2009).

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Motion by S. Ward, second by Spell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to approve the following resolution: **WHEREAS**, the State of New York continues to cause reductions in State aid payments to local school districts in the present year thereby harming our cash flow between March, 2009 and December, 2009 and

WHEREAS, Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming Counties BOCES has proposed to alleviate part of the financial impact of these State aid reductions or delays by borrowing funds to replace temporarily the usual monthly payments by component school districts to BOCES so that this District will make one payment to BOCES on June 19, 2009 for all BOCES services invoices from March to June and one payment to BOCES on December 18, 2009 for all BOCES invoices for the period of September through December, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THIS Board supports the proposal by Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming BOCES to borrow funds for the above stated purpose in the amount of \$10,000,000.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
Ellicottville Central School**

**Regular Meeting
Page 3**

**Sht. No. 1654
February 10, 2009**

Motion by Campbell, second by Crowley, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools that the Ellicottville Central School District approves the proposed basis of service charges of the Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming BOCES for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Motion by Spell, second by S. Ward, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to form an Ad Hoc Committee to study education delivery in grades 5-9.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Old Business

None

Personnel:

Motion by S. Ward, second by Campbell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to approve Thomas Paprocki as a volunteer for the 2008/2009 school year.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Motion by Campbell, second by Spell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to approve Danielle Hall as a substitute teacher aide (on an emergency conditional basis). This appointment is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Motion by Crowley, second by Campbell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to appoint, on an emergency conditional basis, Christopher Edwards, who holds a permanent certificate in the New York State Public Schools in Technology Education, in the certification area of Technology Education for a probationary period of two years commencing on September 1, 2009 and ending on September 1, 2011. Furthermore, Christopher Edwards will be placed on Step 12 of the ETA salary schedule at a base salary of \$48,600 with additional salary credit for a Master's Degree and 30 graduate hours as provided for in the ETA contract.

**Yes - 6
No - 0**

Principal's Reports

Connie Pound (Elementary Principal/Director of Curriculum):

None

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
Ellicottville Central School**

**Regular Meeting
Page 4**

**Sht. No. 1654
February 10, 2009**

Robert Miller (Middle School/High School Principal):

1. Master Schedule
2. NYS Assessments
3. 2nd Semester Switch
4. Distance Learning Opportunity
5. Winter Weekend
6. Curriculum Meetings by Department
7. Recognitions

Discussion: Mr. Miller stated that the senior class is closer to getting individual student e-mail accounts. He stated that Shawne Hunt is working with BOCES on an Acceptable Use Policy for the students. Mr. Miller stated that Dan LaCroix DJ'd for the Winter Weekend dance. He stated that Mr. LaCroix did an excellent job.

Policies:

Motion by Spell, second by S. Ward, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to approve the changes to the Admission of Non-Resident Student Policy (#7131). The increase in tuition per year will be 3% per year for the years 2009-2012 and will be as follows:

2009/2010	\$495 per student
2010/2011	\$510 per student
2011/2012	\$525 per student

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee (2009/2010 Budget): Linda McAndrew stated that Superintendent Ward and Sharon Morton put a list together of things that can be purchased out of this years budget. Steve Ward stated that the committee talked about using around \$300,000 and would prioritize a list. Sharon Morton will have a preliminary budget for the February 24, 2009 board meeting.

Discussion Items:

2009/2010 School Calendar: Superintendent Ward stated that two draft calendars were provided in board packets for review. He stated that BOCES has not adopted a calendar yet and is looking at the third week in April for a week of break. He stated that this does not coincide with Easter as it falls on April 4th and the third week of April is the week of April 18th. He added that he will contact BOCES and see if they have made any further decisions. Mr. Ward stated that he will show the two drafts to Kim Woodarek, ETA President.

Adjournment of Meeting:

Moved by Wiley, second by S. Ward to adjourn the regular meeting of February 10, 2009 at 10:16 pm.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

District Clerk