

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
Ellicottville Central School**

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**Sht. No. 1851
January 10, 2017**

OFFICIAL MINUTES

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

Members Absent: None

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

Staff Absent: None

Others Present: Rick Miller (Times Herald), Sharon Turano (The Villager), Colleen Bower

Call to order of meeting

President Calarco called the regular meeting of January 10, 2017 of the Ellicottville Central School Board of Education to order at 7:08 p.m. The pledge to the flag of the United States was recited.

Roll Call

All Present

Changes, Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

Additions:

14c. Moved by _____, seconded by _____,
upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of an MOA with ECSRPA
pertaining to the Technical Support Specialist position.

18. Executive Session (at end of meeting) for a personnel matter.

Public Comment

None

Approve Agenda

Moved by Spell, seconded by Klein, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the agenda of the January 10, 2017 Board of Education Meeting with additions.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Presentations & Reports:

None

Communications, Commendations:

None

Informational Items:

None

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Superintendent's Report (Mark J. Ward):

1. Teacher Aide positions – having a few substitutes fill in. Will most likely have recommendations for the January 24th board meeting.
2. Appointment of part-time cafeteria worker at tonight's meeting.
3. Budget committee met this evening. Already know it will not be a good year for NYS revenue. The board committee will continue to work on a solid plan for the 2017-2018 school year.
4. PDP plan has been submitted to NYS.
5. MOA with ECSRPA regarding Civil Service position – Technical Support Specialist.
6. MOA at future meeting with ETA regarding OM coaches and stipends.
7. Bob Lowery from NYSCOSS took a quote from me for a presentation he is preparing for superintendent's across New York State.
8. Mechanical problems – HS library heater not working, heater outside of gym (south side) not working, two units on the roof above band room not working, controls on one of the boilers are shot.
9. After tonight's meeting driving to Albany for a State Athletic Association meeting.

Principals Reports:

Elementary Principal/CSE-CPSE Chairperson (Connie Poulin)

Mrs. Poulin presented a slide show regarding Aimsweb. She stated that the district has gone back to the old version 1.0 because the newer version Plus did not provide the information as it did in 1.0. She stated that the district will use it for the remainder of this year and next year and then revisit whether New York State will continue with the plan for computer based testing for elementary children. She also had a slide showing the 1st graders and December Eagle Time – Generosity. 4th graders will present in January. 6th grade moving up will be held on January 26th. Parents and students will be treated to guest speakers who will talk about internet bullying and the dangers of cell phones and social media. A dance will be held for the students after the presentation.

MS/HS Principal (Robert Miller)

1. 7th Grade Leadership Workshop – January 18th @ Dresser Rand Challenger Center in Allegany. 2 – 7th grade class officers and 2 – 7th grade student council members will attend with Mrs. Elizabeth Weber.
2. Spanish Club Field Trip to Costa Rica – 13 students have officially enrolled with the travel company. 5-9 students are still considering going on the trip.
3. Senior Privileges – almost identical to last year.
4. January 2017 Regents Exams – 28 students taking 8 different exams
5. Senior Class Blanket Drive – 12th grade students are collecting fleece blankets and will deliver them to the VA Hospital in Buffalo on Friday, January 13th.
6. Keeping Students Safe in the Digital Communication Age – speakers from the Sheriff's Department, New York State Police, DA's Office, Forensic Experts (from County and State) and Advocacy Center in Olean are scheduled to speak to students and staff. Dates being looked at are January 19th or right before February break.

Consent Items:

Moved by Van Wicklin, seconded by Hellwig, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval to adopt the following Consent Agenda items:

- a. That the board approve the minutes of the meeting of December 6, 2016
- b. Acknowledgement of the December 14 & 28, 2016 Claims Auditor Reports
- c. Approval of November 2016 Treasurer's Report

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Committee Reports:

President Calarco stated that the budget committee met this evening. Superintendent Ward covered it in his report. The committee will continue to meet in the upcoming months.

Old Business:

None

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New Business:

Moved by Spell, seconded by Murphy, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Amber Klusek to observe middle school and high school English classes at ECS (retroactive) from January 3 – 13, 2017, as part of the English Adolescent Education program at SUNY Fredonia.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Klein, seconded by Van Wicklin, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of a SAT Prep Course from January 9-March 10, 2017 from 7:15 – 8:00 am.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Zlockie, seconded by Spell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of an MOA with ECSRPA pertaining to the Technical Support Specialist position.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Personnel

Moved by Hellwig, seconded by Van Wicklin, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of (retroactive) Stacey Chapman as a Boy's & Girl's Basketball Scorer/Timer/30 Second Timers for the 2016/2017 school year.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Zlockie, seconded by Spell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of (retroactive) John Mowery as a Boy's & Girl's Basketball Scorer/Timer/30 Second Timers for the 2016/2017 school year.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Klein, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, accept a letter of resignation from Kate Benatovich effective December 31, 2016.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Spell, seconded by Van Wicklin, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, accept a letter of resignation from Elizabeth Milks. Mrs. Milk's last day of employment at ECS will be Friday, January 13, 2017.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

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Moved by Murphy, seconded by Zlockie, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Shannon Palmatier and Lynette Sexton as 8th grade class advisors for the 2016-2017 school year.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Zlockie, seconded by Klein, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Christina Conklin to the position of part-time cafeteria worker effective January 11, 2017. This appointment carries a one year probationary period which begins on January 11, 2017 and will end on January 11, 2018. Mrs. Conklin will receive a salary of \$9.70 per hour for the 2016-2017 school year.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Hellwig, seconded by Zlockie, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, accept a letter of retirement from Kimberly Opferbeck effective June 30, 2017. Ms. Opferbeck's last day of employment with the district will be June 30, 2017.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Spell, seconded by Van Wicklin, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Holly Richardson and Ann Chamberlain to teach an SAT Prep Class from January 9 – March 10, 2017 at a stipend of \$1,000 per teacher. Mrs. Chamberlain and Ms. Richardson will alternate teaching days (English and Math).

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Van Wicklin, seconded by Klein, upon the recommendation of Carl Calarco, Board President, to accept a letter of resignation for retirement purposes from Mark J. Ward, Superintendent effective June 30, 2017.

Discussion: President Calarco stated that it was with reluctance that the board accept a letter from Mr. Ward. President Calarco read a letter prepared by Mr. Ward. He then thanked Mr. Ward for his dedication to the district and on behalf of the board and wished him the very best in retirement. Mr. Ward thanked the board for all of their support as well as his past and present co-workers.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Policies & Regulations:

None

Discussion Items:

None

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Executive Session

Moved by Zlockie, seconded by Spell, to enter into executive session at 8:12 pm.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Spell, seconded by Murphy, to come out of executive session at 9:00 p.m. and return to the regular meeting of January 10, 2017.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

Adjournment of Meeting

Moved by Hellwig, seconded by Zlockie, to adjourn the regular meeting of January 10, 2017 at 9:07 pm.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

District Clerk

Deputy District Clerk