

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
Ellicottville Central School**

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**Sht. No. 1723
January 24, 2012**

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Members Present: James Wiley, Roger Spell, Steve Crowley, Carl Calarco, Connie Hellwig

Members Absent: Lynn Eddy

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

Staff Absent: Connie Poulin

Others Present: Shawne Hunt, Chris Edwards, Andrew LaBorde

Call to order of meeting

President James Wiley called the regular meeting of January 24, 2012 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
Connie Hellwig - arrived at 8:45 pm

Changes, Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

None

Statements and questions from the audience

None

Approve Agenda

Moved by Spell, seconded by Calarco, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to approve the agenda for the January 24, 2012 Board of Education meeting as presented.

Yes - 4

No - 0

Carried

Presentations & Reports

None

Communications, Commendations

None

Informational Items

- 1) Approved Policy: Pediculosis (head lice)
- 2) CA BOCES Administrative Budget and BOCES Board Member Election information
Budget Vote date April 24, 2012.

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Superintendent's Report

- 1) Superintendent has met with teaching staff members regarding next years anticipated staffing needs.
- 2) Possibility of merging more sports with West Valley. Supt. Ward will draft an e-mail to Superintendent and Athletic Director of West Valley.
- 3) State Aid Projections - Superintendent Ward talked with Rick Miller of the Times Herald regarding a misprint in an article he wrote in the newspaper regarding State Aid Projections. The article stated that ECS would be getting an increase when in fact they would be having a 2.2% decrease.
- 4) Transportation - leasing buses as opposed to purchasing them outright.
- 5) Internal Audit - would like to go forward with a 3 year RFP (request for proposals)
- 6) Executive Session - regarding contractual and staffing
- 7) Jan/Feb 2012 District Newsletter: Articles regarding Budget Info

Consent Items:

Moved by Crowley, seconded by Spell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to adopt the following Consent Agenda items:

- That the board approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 10, 2012
- Acknowledgment of Claims Auditor Report dated January 19, 2012.

**Yes - 4
No - 0
Carried**

New Business

Moved by Spell, seconded by Calarco, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Kerry Lyn O'Mally (St. Bonaventure University - School Counseling Program) to fulfill observation hours under the direction of Dan LaCroix from February - May 2012.

**Yes - 4
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Crowley, seconded by Spell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools accept a donation of \$2,000 from Standing Seam Systems, Inc. (Christopher Woodarek).

**Yes - 4
No - 0
Carried**

Old Business

None

Personnel

None

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Principal's Reports

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

- 1) Special Education Meetings
- 2) Character Education
- 3) 6th Grade Moving Up Activities - Thursday, January 26, 2012

Robert Miller (Middle School/High School Principal):

- 1) High School Book Club
- 2) Student County Government Intern Program
- 3) MS Spelling Bee
- 4) Poetry Out Loud
- 5) SED information on Regents/RCT Exams
- 6) Middle School Student Leadership Conference

Policies:

Review: Admission of Non-Resident Students: Superintendent Ward stated that he recommends putting the "Refunds" clause back into the policy. He stated that it was abbreviated in the current policy and really needs to be back in an updated policy to clarify refunds. Superintendent Ward asked Board Members to think about the tuition rate for the next meeting. He added that Mr. Miller will be working on wording regarding student schedules and accommodating students who transfer to ECS.

Connie Hellwig arrived at 8:45 pm

Committee Reports

Capital Improvements: Superintendent Ward stated that another meeting was held to discuss more options of a capital project. Superintendent Ward stated that perhaps the project should be put on the back shelf for now. Steve Crowley stated that perhaps the Board can pick-up discussion after the budget process (June). He suggested involving some of the members of the past Strategic Planning Committee. Superintendent Ward stated that the project needs people to believe in a vision and support it. He stated that maybe in 4-5 months the economy will be in a better place. Superintendent Ward stated that Carl Calarco made a very good point in stating that the project should stand on its own, regardless if the district sells land or not. Superintendent Ward stated that the district is talking about a project not because of the possibility of selling land but because it is the right thing to do for the kids. Superintendent Ward stated that the architects were interviewed last year and SEI was chosen by the Board. They worked with the district on the Building Condition Survey as required by New York State. Since then they have assisted the District in areas that are in need of improvement.

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CSE/CPSE:

Moved by Hellwig, seconded by Spell, 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 (#900500363, 900500145, 900433750, 900500392, 900500392, 900443017, 900447003, 900500063) at its meeting on January 24, 2012 and approves all necessary arrangements as the most reasonable and appropriate special service(s) and/or program(s) for the implementation of those recommendations (November 29, 2011 - December 31, 2012).

**Yes - 5
No - 0
Carried**

Executive Session

Moved by Crowley, seconded by Spell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to enter into executive session at 9:12 pm to discuss Contracts and Negotiations.

**Yes - 5
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Crowley, seconded by Spell, to come out of executive session at 10:35 pm and return to the regular meeting.

**Yes - 5
No - 0
Carried**

Adjournment of Meeting

Moved by Crowley, seconded by Calarco to adjourn the regular meeting of January 24, 2012 at 10:36 pm.

**Yes - 5
No - 0
Carried**

District Clerk

Deputy District Clerk