

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
Ellicottville Central School**

**Regular Meeting
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**Sht. No. 1776
January 28, 2014**

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Members Present: Roger Spell, Connie Hellwig, Carl Calarco, Steve Crowley
William Murphy, James Wiley (via Adobe Connect), Leonard Zlockie

Members Absent: None

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

Staff Absent: None

Others Present: Jann Wiswall (Ellicottville Times), Sharon Turano (Villager),
Christa Nianiatius (Salamanca Press), SEI Design, Campus Construction

Call to order of meeting

President Spell called the regular meeting of January 28, 2014 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

All Present

Changes, Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

Addition: Executive Session at the end of the meeting to discuss personnel/staffing.

Statements and questions from the audience

None

Approve Agenda

Moved by Hellwig, seconded by Zlockie, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to approve the agenda for the January 28, 2014 Board of Education meeting with the addition of the Executive Session at the end of the meeting.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

Presentations & Reports

Capital Project – SEI (Mike Ebertz and Ted Mountain) Mike Ebertz reported that the paperwork for the project is waiting approval in Albany, and is still target with the hopes of architects from SED looking at it in a few weeks and the Engineers by mid-April. Handouts and updated large posters were given to Board Members and Administration with views of the vocal music room, LGI/Stage (Large Instruction Room) and the Instrumental Music Room. Ted Mountain reported that the district went through the variance process in October and it was approved (in regards to the sprinkler system). By being granted this variance, it made a difference in the project of between \$300,000-\$400,000. Mark Vorhees from Campus Construction reviewed the alterations list for the capital project with Board Members. The consensus of the group is to put the sports lighting upgrades for the football field on the Project Enhancement Alternate list (\$164,000).

Communications, Commendations

None

Informational Items:

None

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Superintendent's Report:

1. Budget Process: have been meeting with Bernard Donnegan's office in regards to budget process and the capital project. The district will put \$240,000 next years (2014/2015) budget and \$127,000 in the 2015/2016 budget as the District's share.
2. Tax Rate Comparisons with neighboring districts – Ellicottville Central \$7.96 per thousand.
3. Budget meetings in February to talk about components of budget. 2014/2015 budget will be the toughest to date.
4. Medical issue with student in elementary. Had an air quality survey done. Received info today, but did not have time to review it. Will send Board Members a copy.
5. Will have Budget Preparation Calendar for next board meeting.
6. Property Tax Cap looking to be around 1.46% but have not received information yet. Losing around \$52,000 in transportation aid. Formula is very difficult to understand. Chuck Bastian from Bernie Donnegan's office will be meeting with Aimee Kilby and Mr. Ward on Thursday.
7. Budget article will appear in the Jan/Feb 2014 District Newsletter
8. Closing School – a very tough decision with a lot of time and effort put into making it. Mr. Ward stated that he feels the right decision was made. He added that parents were notified to keep children in the house until they see the bus pull up to their home. The district has no walkers.

Consent Items:

Moved by Zlockie, seconded by Hellwig, 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 meeting January 14, 2014
- Acknowledgement of Claims Auditor Report dated January 15, 2014
- Approval of December 2013 Treasurer's Report

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

Committee Reports:

None

New Business:

Moved by Zlockie, seconded by Hellwig, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Abby L. Cohen (St. Bonaventure University student) to complete 40 hours of counseling practicum experience at Ellicottville Central School under the guidance of Tammy Eddy (GuidanceCounselor).

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

Old Business:

None

Personnel:

Moved by Crowley, seconded by Murphy, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Karl Gesing to the substitute teacher list (non-certified) at a rate of \$75.00 per day. This appointment is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

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Moved by Zlockie, seconded by Calarco, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Katherine Benatovich to the substitute teacher list (non-certified) at a rate of \$75.00 per day. This appointment is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Hellwig, seconded by Zlockie, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Laura Caldwell to the substitute teacher list (non-certified) at a rate of \$75.00 per day. This appointment is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

Principal's Reports:

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

1. Congratulations to 35 students in grades 4-6 who attended Solo Fest last weekend at Allegany-Limestone.
2. CSE/CPSE Annual Reviews have begun
3. Eagle Time last Thursday – 2nd grade presented “Perseverance”.
4. 6th grade parent teacher conference have been held with seven families.
5. Situation with student with allergies.
6. “Big Time Friends” – Connie Poulin and Bob Miller will be visiting Victor School District in near future to find out more information about the program that matches students up with other students. Follow-up to Bullying Program held at ECS for 7th & 8th grade students and parents.

Robert Miller (MS/HS Principal):

1. Bullying Program held at ECS. 120 people attended (about 50 out of 70 families in attendance). Dr. Nickerson from the University of Buffalo presented. Pioneer Central School District has been working with the program for the past two years.
2. Thursday, January 30th is 6th grade moving up celebration. Roller Skating in Franklinville during day, celebration in evening and dance. Dan Lacroix has taken over and done a great job coordinating the activities. NHS is sponsoring the dance.
3. Four 7th graders attended a Leadership Conference in Olean last week. Dave McCann attended with the students.
4. JCC On-Line Courses – six students taking seven courses.
5. Financial Aid Night this evening. Tammy Eddy hosted the event.
6. 80 students and 16 adults attended the musical “Wicked” at Shea’s Performing Arts Center in Buffalo on Sunday, January 26th. Pat Waldron did a fantastic job coordinating the fieldtrip. The fieldtrip was run through a BOCES Coser and Music Association covered a portion of the cost for the students making it a very affordable experience at \$10.00 per student. The group was very well behaved and represented the District in a very respectable manner.
7. Technology – Ann Chamberlain is using “Flipped Learning” in her classroom. Students view the lessons on their computers, iPhones or iPads and answer a few questions at the end. The next morning Ms. Chamberlain reviews the work with the students. Mr. Miller is going to ask Mrs. Chamberlain to attend a meeting and give a presentation to board members.
8. Channel 4 (WIVB) will be at ECS on Wednesday, January 29, 2014 to interview Elizabeth Wendel for the Scholar Athlete of the Month Award.

Policies:

None

Discussion Items:

None

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CSE/CPSE Recommendations:

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Zlockie, 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 (#900500747, 900500580, 900430438, 900500086, 900330432, 900500748, 900342774) at its meeting on January 28, 2014 and approves all necessary arrangements as the most reasonable and appropriate special service(s) and/or program(s) for the implementation of those recommendations (December 1-31, 2013).

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

Executive Session

Moved by Calarco, seconded by Zlockie to enter into executive session at 9:27 pm to discuss personnel/staffing.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

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

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

Adjournment of Meeting

Moved by Calarco, seconded by Hellwig, to adjourn the meeting of January 28, 2014 at 10:11 p.m.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

District Clerk

Deputy District Clerk