

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Ellicottville Central School**

**Regular Meeting  
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**Sht. No. 1662  
June 9, 2009**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

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

**Members Absent:** None

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

**Staff Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Chris Michel (Salamanca Press Newspaper)

**Call to order of meeting**

President McAndrew called the regular meeting of June 9, 2009 of the Ellicottville Central School Board of Education to order at 7:34 p.m. The pledge to the flag of the United States was recited.

**Roll Call**

James Wiley arrived at 7:36 pm

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

- 11b. Approval of transportation by the Ellicottville Central School District for the Ellicottville Recreation Department Summer Youth Program 2009.
- 13g. Accept a letter of retirement from Margaret Signore effective June 30, 2009. Mrs. Signore shall receive the retirement incentive as agreed between the ETA and the Ellicottville Central School District.
- 13h. Approval of Margaret Signore to the substitute teacher list (certified).

**Statements and questions from the audience**

None

**Approve Agenda**

Moved by Spell, seconded by S. Ward to approve the agenda for the June 9, 2009 board meeting with additions.

**Yes - 6  
No - 0  
Carried**

**James Wiley arrived at 7:36 pm**

**Presentations & Reports**

Students from the 2008-2009 ECS Envirothon Teams were at the meeting to thank the board and administration for their support of this year of the teams. Bill Berglund, Carolyn Wellman, Christine Kurtis and Jessica Kurtis stated that it was a very rewarding experience. Bill Berglund and Christine Kurtis were on the team won the county wide competition and then went on to the State Competition at Keuka College. Jessica Kurtis and Carolyn Wellman were on Team B that participated in the County Wide Competition. Students stated that it was a very positive and rewarding experience, adding that they met a lot of new people and learned to rely on each other as team mates. Mrs. Joanne Kurtis stated that she is involved in the County Envirothon Competition and stated that students work very hard and it shows how much they study when it comes to competition time. She thanked the board and administration for supporting the program. President McAndrew thanked the students for representing the school in such a positive way. Superintendent Ward thanked the students and stated that they would learn and grow from this experience and thanked them for coming to the meeting.

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**Communications, Commendations**

- a. Superintendent Ward stated that he received a Thank You card from a member of the staff. He stated that it thanked him for his and the district's support of the "American Cancer Society Relay for Life". Mr. Ward read the card which stated that the event raised over \$30,000 with the Ellicottville Teacher's Association Team raising over \$4,000. President McAndrew thanked Mr. Ward for bringing the event back to ECS.
- b. Superintendent Ward stated that ECS 12th grader Emily Foster was named as one of Western New York's top 100 students making the 2nd team in the Business First School Rankings.

**Informational Items**

- a. May 2009 Cafeteria Report

**Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Ward reviewed results as published in the latest edition of the Business First School Rankings. He stated that the magazine is very unfair in its ranking of ECS in regards to the socioeconomic class. He stated that it makes it look like Ellicottville is a wealthy district. Superintendent Ward stated that the CAI Lab teacher assistant position will be eliminated beginning next year. He stated that the classes will be covered with Shawne Hunt and the district will have a BOCES tech 3 days a week. Superintendent Ward stated that he has a couple of items for executive session in regards to staffing. Superintendent Ward stated that the amount from the roof damage was \$1,132 of which \$1,064 was for labor. He suggested having someone on the maintenance staff certified to do the roof repair which would save the district money in the long run. Superintendent Ward stated that two teaching positions have been advertised (English and Music). He also stated that the bids for the electronic signs will be opened on Friday, June 12th. He asked board members to look at electronic signs at different schools in the next few weeks, in particular Salamanca City School's and give him their feedback. Superintendent Ward stated that several classrooms will be moved over the summer and that three rooms on the lower level high school will be cleaned out and rented to BOCES for the 2009-2010 school year. Superintendent Ward reviewed tax info with board members in regards to assessed values of homes in the communities within the school district.

**Consent Items:**

Moved by Crowley, seconded by Eddy, 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 May 19, 2009
- b. Acknowledgment of Claims Auditor Report dated June 2, 2009
- c. Approval of April 2009 Treasurer's Report

**Yes - 7  
No - 0  
Carried**

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**New Business**

Moved by Spell, seconded by Wiley, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools approval to accept the highest bids for surplus vehicles to Charles Marek: \$1,067 for the 1999 Ford Taurus; \$2,315 for the 1994 Chevy One Ton Truck and \$1,489 for the 2002 Chevy Impala.

**Yes - 7  
No - 0  
Carried**

Moved by Campbell, seconded by S. Ward upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward , Superintendent of Schools, approval of transportation by the Ellicottville Central School District for the Ellicottville Recreation Department Summer Youth Program 2009.

**Yes - 7  
No - 0  
Carried**

**Old Business**

None

**Personnel:**

Moved by S. Ward, seconded by Spell upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to approve an MOA between the Ellicottville Central School District and the Ellicottville Teachers Association regarding a teacher's employment and benefits for the 2009/2010 school year.

**Yes - 7  
No - 0  
Carried**

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Wiley upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to accept a letter of resignation from Jackie Chamberlain (bus driver) effective July 31, 2009.

**Yes - 7  
No - 0  
Carried**

Moved by S. Ward, seconded by Crowley, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to approve Stephanie Morella (on an emergency conditional basis) to the substitute teacher list (certified). This position is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State.

**Yes - 7  
No - 0  
Carried**

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Spell upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to approve Ashley Yantomasi (on an emergency conditional basis) to the substitute teacher list (certified). This position is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State.

**Yes - 7  
No - 0  
Carried**

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Moved by Crowley, seconded by Wiley upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to approve the following temporary summer workers (students): Thomas Lamphier, Samantha Woodin, Ashley Golley, Sabrina Tocha and Nicholas DeChane. Students shall be paid \$7.25 per hour.

**Yes - 7  
No - 0  
Carried**

Moved by Spell, seconded by Campbell upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to approve the following part-time temporary summer workers: Michelle Stuve, Cheryl O'Brien, Dlo Bickell, Anne Golley, Jennifer Hasper and Sandra Byroads. Workers shall be paid as per ECSRPA agreement.

**Yes - 7  
No - 0  
Carried**

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Crowley, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to accept a letter of retirement, from Margaret Signore, effective June 30, 2009, with sincere appreciation and gratitude for over forty years of service in teaching. Mrs. Signore shall receive the retirement incentive as agreed between the ETA and the Ellicottville Central School District.

**Yes - 7  
No - 0  
Carried**

Moved by Spell, seconded by Ward, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to approve Margaret Signore to the substitute teacher list (certified).

**Yes - 7  
No - 0  
Carried**

**Principal's Reports**

**Connie Poulin (Elementary Principal/Director of Curriculum):**

1. ELA and Math Testing results
2. PTO Movie Night - Mrs. Poulin stated that it was a very nice event and several movie nights are going to be planned for next school year.
3. Peace Corp Volunteer assembly
4. Kindergarten Screening
5. Field Trips - list of elementary field trips was provided
6. Technology Mapping
7. Elementary Field Day - June 22nd
8. Honoring the success on our NYS Assessment scores - cake will be displayed and provided for everyone in the elementary on Monday, June 15th.

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**Robert Miller (Middle School/High School Principal):**

1. NYS Assessments
2. Distance Learning - Mr. Miller stated that he has been approached by another district in regards to the Russian class that will be taught at ECS next year.
3. Code of Conduct and Attendance Policy - will be reviewed later in the meeting.
4. Graduation
5. End of year events and activities - list was provided

**Policies:**

**Code of Conduct:** Mr. Miller reviewed minor changes to the Student Code of Conduct. He stated that a committee reviewed the "Code" and a public hearing will be held on June 30th and he will be asking for board approval of changes at the June 30th board meeting.

**Comprehensive Student Attendance Policy:** Mr. Miller reviewed minor changes that will be reflected in the "Parent Notification of Excessive Absences portion of the policy. Mr. Miller stated that a public hearing will be held on the policy on June 30th. He will be asking he board to approve changes to the policy at the June 30th board meeting.

**Committee Reports:**

None

**Discussion Items:**

None

**Executive Session:**

Motion by Spell, seconded by Campbell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to enter into executive session at 9:42 pm to discuss negotiations and staffing matters.

**Yes - 7  
No - 0  
Carried**

Motion by Campbell, seconded by Wiley, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to come out of executive session and return to the regular meeting at 10:23 p.m.

**Yes - 7  
No - 0  
Carried**

**Adjournment of Meeting:**

Moved by Crowley, seconded by Spell to adjourn the regular meeting of June 9, 2009 at 10:24 pm.

**Yes - 7  
No - 0  
Carried**

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District Clerk

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Deputy District Clerk