

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
Ellicottville Central School**

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**Sht. No. 1781
March 18, 2014**

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Members Present: Roger Spell, Carl Calarco, Connie Hellwig, Steve Crowley
William Murphy, Leonard Zlockie

Members Absent: James Wiley

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

Staff Absent: None

Others Present: Jann Wiswall (Ellicottville Times), Sharon Turano (Villager),
Phillip Kurtis, Noah Butler

Call to order of meeting

President Spell called the regular meeting of March 18, 2014 of the Ellicottville Central School Board of Education to order at 7:43 p.m. The pledge to the flag of the United States was recited.

Roll Call

James Wiley - Absent

Changes, Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

Changes:

12b. Should read board member election (not trustee election).

Additions:

6b. ACASB Legislative Breakfast – Steve Crowley
7a. Acknowledgement of letter from the Town of East Otto
12d. Approval of overnight trip for the Envirothon Team (April 22 & 23, 2014) to Allegany State Park
12e. Change April 22, 2014 Board Meeting time from 7:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Statements and questions from the audience

None

Approve Agenda

Moved by Zlockie, seconded by Murphy, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to approve the agenda for the March 18, 2014 Board of Education meeting with additions and changes.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Presentations & Reports

Envirothon Team – Phil Kurtis and Noah Butler were at the meeting to seek permission for the 2013-2014 Envirothon Team to be able to attend an overnight fieldtrip to Allegany State Park on April 22 and 23, 2014. The first day and evening will be spent studying and practicing for the Envirothon Competition, which will be held on April 23rd. ECS will have two teams attend the competition with no more than twelve students. The topic of this years competition is “sustainable farming.”

ACASB Legislative Breakfast - Steve Crowley reported on the Legislative Breakfast held on Saturday, March 1, 2014 at Cattaraugus/Little Valley Central School. He stated that the attendees were welcomed by Richard Chapman. Presenters for the breakfast were: Linda Quick, Senator Cathy Young, Assemblyman Joseph Giglio, Joe Sempolinski (representing Congressman Tom Reed) and Brian Fessler from NYSSBA. Steve Crowley provided board members with a detailed outline of the day’s activities.

Communications, Commendations

Acknowledgement of letter from the Town of East Otto – regarding Assessments

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Informational Items:

None

Superintendent's Report:

1. Special Education Quality Assurance Review – in the process of making changes for corrective action plan.
2. Dolores Whistler attended professional development through Niagara University, brought back information regarding bullying. "Common Sense Media" website has good information on it. Dan LaCroix could possible use with 6th, 7th and 8th grade students. The link provides 42 minute lessons.
3. Letter to the Editor sent to Times Herald. Superintendent Ward wrote a letter regarding Senator Young and her support of downstate rather than upstate. The letter will also be sent to the local papers.
4. Mr. Ken Slentz, Deputy Commissioner of Education will be visiting ECS on Thursday, March 20, 2014. He will be meeting with teachers and administrators regarding Common Core, as well as observing a few classes.

Consent Items:

Moved by Calarco, 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 February 25, 2014, March 6, 2014 and March 11, 2014
- Acknowledgement of Claims Auditor Report dated February 26, 2014 and March 12, 2014
- Approval of January 2014 District Treasurer's Report

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Committee Reports:

None

New Business:

Moved by Crowley, seconded by Zlockie, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution to be submitted to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ellicottville Central School District hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Hellwig, seconded by Murphy, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of a resolution pertaining to the legal notice, annual budget/proposition vote and trustee election.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Zlockie, seconded by Calarco, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of a resolution pertaining to the "RULES FOR THE USE OF VOTING MACHINES AND THE SUBMISSION OF QUESTIONS OR PROPOSITIONS."

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

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Moved by Hellwig, seconded by Murphy, to approve an overnight trip for the Envirothon Team (April 22nd and 23rd) to Allegany State Park (for competition).

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Calarco, seconded by Zlockie to change the time of the April 22, 2014 Board Meeting from 7:30 pm to 4:30 pm.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Old Business:

None

Personnel:

Moved by Zlockie, seconded by Hellwig, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, accept a letter of intent to retire from Marion Polasik effective June 30, 2014.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Crowley, seconded by Calarco, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, accept a letter of intent to retire from Teresa Gemza effective June 30, 2014.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Zlockie, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the permanent appointment of Kevin Blendinger to the position of Senior Maintenance Mechanic effective retroactive to January 3, 2014 after successfully completing one year of probation.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Hellwig, seconded by Zlockie, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the permanent appointment of William Hasper to the position of Grounds & Mechanics Helper effective retroactive to February 3, 2014 after successfully completing one year of probation.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Principal's Reports:

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

1. Thank you to PTO – another wonderful Dime Carnival.
2. OM Team Coached by Caitlin Keller and assisted by Isabella Brown and McKenzie Robinson moving on to States. Members of the team include: Courtney Sexton, Elsa Woodarek, Jamison Caldwell, Matthew Ives, Kolby Aldrich, Lucas Adams and Gabriel Snyder.
3. Gearing up for State Testing in April and May (students will be provided snacks again this year).
4. Kindergarten Screening (May 6th & 7th)
5. 4th & 5th Grade attended performing arts program “Freedom Train” at Franklinville Central (today).
6. Special Education Quality Assurance Review – almost finished with corrections.

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Robert Miller (MS/HS Principal):

1. Video Production Class won 1st place out of 105 entries in Holiday Valley safety contest. Bill Steinbroner, Bonnie Koschir and Jane Eshbaugh came to ECS to congratulate the students. The video is on the district's web site.
2. Dr. Stephen Chong – Harvard University came to ECS and talked to the Computer Programming class.
3. OM Team coached by Aimee Kilby moving on to States. Members of the team include: Megan Stuve, Madisyn Kilby, Allison Calarco, Hannah DeChane, Samantha Van Wicklin and Abbey DeChane.
4. Winter Sports Banquet
5. Courtney Scanlan went to States for Bowling.
6. MS Leadership Team (7th & 8th Grade students) putting together a survey on “bullying”
7. NHS Induction (moved to 3/30/14) @ 6 pm at the Great Valley Fireman's Clubhouse.
8. National Technical Honor Society – Dennis Davies being inducted.
9. Scholarship time – new this year: Sports Boosters \$250.

Policies:

None

Discussion Items:

2014-2015 Budget:

No new news to report, if we receive more State Aid and if we do, we will try to conserve more, not spend more.

CSE/CPSE Recommendations:

Moved by Crowley, seconded by Hellwig, 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 (#900500007, 900500167, 900500163, 900500409, 900406673, 900500580, 900500414, 900500054, 900500050, 900500470, 900355476, 900500455, 900500749, 900500405, 900500101, 900433750, 900440337, 900347688, 900256868, 900438629, 900384149, 900342774) at its meeting on March 18, 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 (February 1-28, 2014).

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

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Executive Session

Moved by Zlockie, seconded by Murphy, to enter into executive session at 9:04 pm to discuss personnel and negotiations.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Zlockie, seconded by Murphy, to come out of executive session at 9:30 pm and return to the regular meeting.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Adjournment of Meeting

Moved by Hellwig, seconded by Murphy, to adjourn the regular meeting of March 18, 2014 at 9:31 p.m.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

District Clerk

Deputy District Clerk