

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
Ellicottville Central School**

**Regular Meeting
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**Sht. No. 1855
March 28, 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: John Thomas (The Villager), Elizabeth Riggs (Ellicottville Times)

Call to order of meeting

President Calarco called the regular meeting of March 28, 2017 of the Ellicottville Central School Board of Education to order at 7:10 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:

15e. Moved by _____, seconded by _____ upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of an MOA between the Ellicottville Central School District and the Ellicottville Central School Teachers Association regarding a teacher's (Ann Chamberlain) employment and benefits for the 2017/2018 school year.

Deletions:

15d. ~~Wayne Marsh~~ as a volunteer for the baseball teams for the 2016-2017 school year.

18a. 2017/2018 school calendar

Public Comment

None

Approve Agenda

Moved by Zlockie, seconded by Klein, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the agenda of the March 28, 2017 Board of Education Meeting with additions and deletions.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Presentations & Reports:

None

Communications, Commendations:

None

Informational Items:

- a. 2017/2018 School Calendar – 186 day draft calendar presented to board members for their review. Superintendent Ward stated that there are a couple of emergency days built into the calendar. He stated that teachers and staff are paid for 184 days in their contracts. Superintendent Ward asked board members to review the calendar and let him know if they have any questions or concerns. He stated that the approval of the calendar would be on the next board meeting agenda.
- b. BOCES Annual Meeting (April 5, 2017)

Superintendent's Report (Mark J. Ward):

- a. Continuing to fine-tune the budget. Aimee will walk the board through the budget a bit later in the meeting. The board will vote on the budget at the April 4, 2017 meeting.
- b. Letters have been mailed to Assemblyman Giglio and Senator Young explaining Ellicottville's lack of funding. In the last few years the district has used \$1M in reserves to improve facilities and balance the budget. In the letter a comparison was presented of Ellicottville tax rates and neighboring district's tax rates.
- c. Closing in pretty soon on NYS Budget.

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- d. April newsletter has been sent to print. Work will begin on the May issue which has the budget insert. Part IV of the budget series will focus on taxes, STAR and Enhanced STAR. STAR equates to \$253.80 per taxpayer in the Ellicottville District (if the taxpayer applies for the STAR exemption).
- e. Going over the Tax Cap would require a Super Majority, which equates to 60% voter approval on the budget. ECS cannot continue to live off of the reserves.
- f. Superintendent's Day held on March 17th. Very productive day. A lot of good programs and software training (teachers training teachers. Bob updated the teachers on the shortened APPR form and also NYSPHSAA Bulling presentation. Jeff Weiss from Harris Beach gave an excellent presentation to all staff members regarding "Social Media."

Principals Reports:

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

-No Report written report

- a. First day of testing went smoothly. Very few opt outs in the elementary. 19 students in grades 3-8 did not take the tests. Mrs. Poulin stated that the tests were fair but very challenging.
- b. Odyssey of the Mind Teams – 2 teams (coached by Mr. Silvernail and Mr. Pfeffer) will be going to Binghamton for States the weekend of April 8th). One of the teams scored 190 out of 200 points. Superintendent Ward commented that it was almost unheard of to score so well.

MS/HS Principal (Robert Miller):

a. NHS Banquet:

- Banquet = Sunday, March 26th, 6PM at Great Valley Firemen's Clubhouse.
- We will be inducting 9 new members this year.
 - 7 Juniors
 - 2 Seniors
- Total membership will be 16 members.

b. Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts High School juried Art Exhibition:

- a. On March 15th, Allison Raecher was selected as a winner for her pastel work "Moon."
- b. Over 300 submissions from 20 schools spanning 4 counties.
- c. 107 winners
- d. Award = \$1000 scholarship to attend St. Bonaventure, professional artist portfolio, and art supplies

c. NYS 3-8 Assessments

- a. Please see attached letter that Connie and I collaborated on to send to parents.

d. Musical:

- a. The excitement has been building...show time is almost here! Stage props are elaborate and students / advisors have been working hard on them. Sound system has been fixed, checked, and is ready.
- b. Three shows this year:
 - "Anything Goes"*
 - Thursday, March 30th at 7:00 PM
 - Friday, March 31st at 7:00 PM
 - Saturday, April 1st at 2:00 PM
 - 40 students in grades 7-12 involved
 - Tickets = \$7.00 each

- e. **Quiz Bowl** - Mr. Miller and Superintendent Ward met with a couple of seniors who were requesting to go to Washington D.C. for competition. Mr. Miller stated that the ECS team came in second place but was invited to attend the D.C. competition. Four members and one alternate will travel with Mrs. Chamberlain to D.C. for the competition in early June. The students are thinking about having Quiz Bowl become a recognized student activity and they would be able fund raise and help defer costs. Superintendent Ward stated that he has spoken with Mrs. Chamberlain about the possibility of ECS hosting a Quiz Bowl competition in the future and inviting 12-15 schools to compete.

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Consent Items:

Moved by Spell, seconded by Murphy, 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 March 7, 2017
- b. Acknowledgement of the March 8, 2017 and March 22, 2017 Claims Auditor Reports
- c. Approval of the February 2017 Treasurer's Report

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Committee Reports:

- a. **Budget (3/28/17)** – President Calarco stated that the budget committee (Mark, Aimee, Connie, Bill and himself) met before the board meeting this evening. He stated that board members had been provided an outline of the proposed budget and if they had any questions they could contact Mark or Aimee. Aimee Kilby reviewed the proposed 2017/2018 budget and highlighted codes where there were increases or decreases. She explained that there are two options for the Tax Cap. 1. Going over the Cap or 2. Putting the buses in the budget as a capital exclusion. Superintendent Ward stated that the committee felt it is a good budget and keeps the district in the direction it has been going over the last several years. He stated that there is money in the budget for an additional elementary teacher if needed and a new phone system. He added that the Tax Cap decision needs to be made at the board meeting next Tuesday, April 4th in order to have time to prepare all budget items (newsletter, report card, etc.).

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Moved by Klein, seconded by Spell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the film *Hotel Rwanda* to be shown to students in English 12 classes. The movie is rated PG-13.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Hellwig, seconded by Zlockie, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the film *Women in Gold* to be shown to students in JCC Drawing classes. The movie is rated PG-13.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Spell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of a Trading Partner Agreement dated March 6, 2017 between Ellicottville Central School (Trading Partner) and the New York State Department of Health (“NYS Medicaid”).

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Zlockie, seconded by Klein, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Rules For The Use Of Voting Machines And The Submission Of Questions Or Propositions To Be Placed Thereon.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

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Moved by Spell, seconded by Van Wicklin, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval to advertise on Auctions International the sale of a 2005 Chrysler Town & Country van with 260,000 miles.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Personnel

Moved by Zlockie, seconded by Spell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Donna McVaugh to the substitute teacher aide list at a rate of \$9.70 per hour. 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 Joe Schultz to the substitute cleaner list at a rate of \$11.62 per hour. The appointment date is retroactive to March 8, 2017.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Zlockie, seconded by Klein, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Ryan Winship as a boys modified baseball coach for the 2016-2017 school year.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Spell, seconded by Murphy, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Nick Smith as a volunteer for the baseball teams for the 2016-2017 school year.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Zlockie, seconded by Murphy, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of an MOA between the Ellicottville Central School District and the Ellicottville Central School Teachers Association regarding a teacher's (Ann Chamberlain) employment and benefits for the 2017/2018 school year.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
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**Policies & Regulations:
None**

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CSE/CPSE Recommendations:

Moved by Spell, 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 (#900501043, 900500007, 900500167, 900501047, 900500289, 900501025, 900500996, 900384149, 900440340, 900409063, 900500400, 900399442, 900500960, 900500404, 900297536, 900384261, 900423395, 900440337, 900398411, 900414333, 900500506, 900500859, 900501069, 900500246, 900500455, 900500925) at its meeting on March 28, 2017 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, 2017).

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

Discussion Items:

- 2017/2018 school calendar – discussed previously in meeting
- 2016/2017 school year budget – discussed previously in meeting

Executive Session

Moved by Zlockie, seconded by Spell, to enter into executive session at 8:36 pm to discuss a personnel matter.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Hellwig, seconded by Spell, to come out of executive session at 9:54 p.m. and return to the regular meeting of March 28, 2017.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

Adjournment of Meeting

Moved by Klein, seconded by Zlockie, to adjourn the regular meeting of March 28, 2017 at 9:55 pm.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

District Clerk

Deputy District Clerk