

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
Ellicottville Central School**

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**Sht. No. 1657
March 24, 2009**

OFFICIAL MINUTES

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

Members Absent: Steve Crowley

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

Staff Absent: None

Others Present: Glenn Hall, Kristen Hall, Chris Schena, Kaitlyn Schena, William Berglund,
Alan Brown

Call to order of meeting

President McAndrew called the regular meeting of March 24, 2009 of the Ellicottville Central School Board of Education to order at 7:33 p.m. The pledge to the flag of the United States was recited.

Roll Call

Steve Crowley - absent

Changes, Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

- 11e. Approval of an increase in salary for Richard Hadley (substitute cleaner) from \$7.15 per hour to \$7.50 per hour effective 3/25/09.
- 13c. Approval of John Mowery as a volunteer for the 2008/2009 school year.
- 13d. Approval of Carol Fisher to the substitute teacher list (non-certified). This appointment is on an emergency conditional basis and is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State.

Statements and questions from the audience

None

Approve Agenda

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Spell to approve the agenda with additions for the March 24, 2009 board meeting.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Presentations

Envirothon Team - Glenn Hall (advisor), Kristen Hall, Kaitlyn Schena, William Berglund and Alan Brown addressed the board and administration in regards to a proposed overnight stay at Allegany State Park the evening before the Envirothon Competition. Mr. Hall stated that the students and chaperones would leave afterschool on May 4th and return to school after the competition on May 5th. He stated that by allowing the students to go the evening before they can get settled in, work on their presentations and be at the competition on time when it starts on Tuesday am. Superintendent Ward stated that he thought this was a great idea. Roger Spell asked what the team members do at the competition. Glenn Hall stated that there are five content areas: Wildlife, Aquatics, Forestry, Soils and Bio-Diversity. He stated that there are written tests and stations that the team members must rotate through. Mr. Hall added that there are five students on each team. Superintendent Ward and President McAndrew thanked Mr. Hall and the students for attending the meeting and stated that the item would be on the agenda later in the meeting for approval.

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Communications, Commendations

- a. Two Odyssey of the Mind Teams are going on to the State Competition in Binghamton on April 4, 2009. Superintendent Ward has drafted letters for the students and coaches.
- b. The school musical "Oliver" was a great success. Superintendent Ward has drafted letters to cast members.

Informational Items

- a. February 2009 Cafeteria Report

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Ward stated that in an effort to go "Green" the district will be purchasing bowls and plates to use in the cafeteria. Superintendent Ward stated that styrofoam and plastic bowls will no longer be used. He stated that the cost of the bowls and plates was less than \$500 and to date (2008/2009 school year) \$1,100 has been spent on styrofoam and plastic products. Superintendent Ward stated that Vicky Williams, cafeteria manager is working on a \$5,000 grant. He stated that he will be assisting her with this. Superintendent Ward circulated an article in regards to the 2009/2010 budget which will be in the April 2009 district newsletter. Superintendent Ward addressed Health Insurance Premium increases for the 2009/2010 school year. He stated that the POS plan will increase 17.7% and the PPO will increase 29%. Superintendent Ward stated that the district may want to look at its Five Year Facilities Plan which should be redone in 2010. He stated that this would be a perfect time to do it, while the district is going through Strategic Planning. Superintendent Ward stated that he has still not receive any information from New York State in regards to aid. He suggested having a special board meeting on Thursday or Friday of next week to have the board approve the proposed budget which will be put before district voters on Tuesday, May 19, 2009.

Consent Items:

Moved by Spell, second by Campbell, 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 meetings of February 24, 2009 and March 10, 2009.
- b. Acknowledgment of Claims Auditor Reports dated March 5 & March 19, 2009.
- c. Approval of January 2009 Treasurer's Report.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

New Business

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Wiley, to approve an unpaid administrative internship for Greta Gregory under the direction of Superintendent Mark J. Ward effective February 23, 2009.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Spell, seconded by Eddy, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve Richard Ehman as an election inspector and to set-up and take down the Town of Great Valley voting machine for the May 19, 2009 ECS Budget Vote and Board Member Election. Mr. Ehman shall receive \$125 for his services.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

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Moved by Wiley, seconded by S. Ward, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve Mrs. Shirley Ditcher and Mrs. Eileen Hall as election inspectors for the May 19, 2009 ECS Budget Vote and Board Member Election. Mrs. Ditcher and Mrs. Hall shall each receive \$100 for their services.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by S. Ward, seconded by Spell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to approve the overnight trip by the ECS Envirothon team to Allegany State Park (May 4-5, 2009). This trip is in conjunction with the Envirothon Competition which will be held on May 5th.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Wiley, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to approve an increase in salary for Richard Hadley (substitute cleaner) from \$7.15 per hour to \$7.50 per hour, effective March 25, 2009.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Old Business

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Spell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the 2009/2010 ECS school year calendar.

Discussion: Superintendent Ward stated that he would like a line added to the bottom of the calendar before it is sent out. The line will read: If no emergency days are used, school will be closed on Friday, May 28, 2010.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Personnel:

Moved by Spell, seconded by Wiley, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to approve Dave McCann as a volunteer for the 2008/2009 school year.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Eddy, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to approve Christine Berglund to the substitute cafeteria worker list (\$7.15 per hour).

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by S. Ward, seconded by Spell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to approve John Mowery as a volunteer for the 2008/2009 school year.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

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

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Principal's Reports

Connie Pound (Elementary Principal/Director of Curriculum):

1. Teaching assignments
2. Grenada power point presentation (book drive)
3. DIBELS
4. Dime Carnival made a profit of \$1800
5. Professional Development plans
6. Electronic report cards

Robert Miller (Middle School/High School Principal): no written report

1. NHS invite given to board members (Sunday, March 29, 2009 @ 3:00 pm)
2. Grade 6-8 going to the Buffalo Philharmonic on Thursday, March 26th. Funded through the Cassetta Fund. 11th & 12th graders going to Pitt Bradford next week for a performance funded through the Cassetta Fund.
3. Ang Melaro Writing Contest (formerly the Principals Writing Contest) Katie Andera - ECS 9th grader took a fourth place.
4. Holocaust videos coming. 8-10 graders saw last week via the internet. Juniors and Seniors will see on Thursday.

Policies:

First Reading of policies:

- 1) Student Records: Access and Challenge
- 2) Student Directory Information
- 3) Idling School Buses on School Grounds

Committee Reports:

None

Discussion Items:

None

Executive Session:

Motion by Crowley, second by Spell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to approve the following CSE/CPSE recommendations dated February 1-27, 2009: 900500071, 900500046, 900398409, 900500130, 900304000, 900443017, 900303394.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

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Adjournment of Meeting:

Moved by Spell, second by Wiley to adjourn the regular meeting of March 24, 2009 at 9:34 pm.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

District Clerk