

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Ellicottville Central School**

**Regular Meeting  
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**Sht. No. 1837  
May 17, 2016**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Carl Calarco, Connie Hellwig, Nicole Klein, William Murphy, Roger Spell, James Wiley, Leonard Zlockie

**Members Absent:** All Present

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

**Staff Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Jann Wiswall (Eville Times), Nick Percio (The Villager), Karl Schwartz

**Call to order of meeting**

President Calarco called the regular meeting of May 17, 2016 of the Ellicottville Central School Board of Education to order at 8:35 p.m. The pledge to the flag of the United States was recited.

**Roll Call**

All Present

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

**Additions to the Agenda:**

- 14a.** Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Samantha Kuhn to the substitute teacher list (certified) at a rate of \$88.00 per day. This position is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State.
- 14b.** Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Sammantha Bass to the substitute teacher list (non-certified) at a rate of \$68.00 per day. This position is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State.
- 14c.** Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Rachel Schank to the substitute teacher list (non-certified) at a rate of \$68.00 per day. This position is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State.

**Public Comment**

Karl Schwartz addressed the board regarding a meeting he attended with Athletic Directors to unify school district calendars. He stated that the split breaks are a disadvantage to students academically along with the sports scheduling. He stated that there are more negatives than positives in every aspect. In surveying 33 schools, he said all felt the split breaks are not good. ECS board members and administrators stated that they agree Mr. Schwartz, but it may be too late to change for the 2016/2017 school year. They stated that he should ask the teacher's union to write a letter to Lynda Quick, the BOCES Superintendent, and explain the advantages of going back to a two week break. They added that in order to possibly get all districts to change for the 2017/2018 school year, they need to start working on it right now.

**Approve Agenda**

Moved by Hellwig, seconded by Spell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the agenda of the May 17, 2016 Board of Education Meeting with additions.

**Yes – 7  
No – 0  
Carried**

**Presentations & Reports**

None

**Communications, Commendations**

None

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**Informational Items**

- a. ACASB Annual Spring Dinner Meeting Minutes (April 28, 2016)
- b. Persuasive Essays (Mrs. Moore's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class) – Board members commented that the letters were very well written.

**Superintendent's Report**

- a. Superintendent Ward and Aimee Kilby are working with Standards & Poor to secure the bond rating for the serial bonds. He stated that the District has received an A rating.
- b. Meeting on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> with Bernie Donegan's office. It will be the final meeting on the Capital Project. The books need to be closed by June 30<sup>th</sup>. SLR begging for more money. They attribute this to the muddy and cold weather conditions during the build. Superintendent Ward sent a letter back outlining 16 reasons why the district should not give them more money. Importantly he noted, if the weather was nice, SLR would not reimburse the district any funds.
- c. Sent out RFP to 8 insurance companies for Liability and Transportation Insurance.
- d. Executive Session at the end of the meeting for contractual items.
- e. APPR Plan – working with union on plan. Close to goal of having the plan done by the end of this month.

**Consent Items**

Moved by Zlockie, seconded by Klein, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools:

- a. That the board approve the minutes of the meetings of April 26, 2016 and May 10, 2016.
- b. Acknowledgement of the May 4, 2016 Claims Auditor Report

**Yes – 7  
No – 0  
Carried**

**Committee Reports**

None

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

Moved by Spell, seconded by Zlockie, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval the 2016-2017 school year calendar.

**Discussion:** Roger Spell stated that he didn't think it was possible to change anything for the 2016/2017 school year. He stated that Mr. Schwartz, Athletic Director had discussed the calendar with him a few times. Len Zlockie and Nicole Klein stated that they thought it may be too late for 2016/2017 as well. Superintendent Ward stated that there may be a bit of wiggle room with two possible days. President Calarco asked members if they would like more time to think about the calendar.

Moved by Spell, seconded by Zlockie, to approve a motion to table the approval of the 2016/2017 school year calendar.

**Yes – 7  
No – 0  
Carried**

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Spell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Ann Zervas as a chaperone for the Quiz Bowl trip to Washington, D.C. June 2-5, 2016.

**Yes – 7  
No – 0  
Carried**

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Moved by Wiley, seconded by Zlockie, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of 2016 ECS Youth Soccer Camp @ Ellicottville Central School June 27-30, 2016. This camp is for ECS students grades 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> and will be instructed by ECS coaches and students.

**Yes – 7  
No – 0  
Carried**

Moved by Hellwig, seconded by Klein, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of a natural gas bid with Energy Mark, utilizing the 1-Year Option 1 rate of \$-0.31 from September 1, 2016 – August 31, 2017.

**Yes – 7  
No – 0  
Carried**

Moved by Spell, seconded by Zlockie, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Erin Dempsey (St. Bonaventure University) as a student teacher under the supervision of Mrs. Elizabeth Weber from (tentatively) September 6, 2016 – October 28, 2016.

**Yes – 7  
No – 0  
Carried**

Moved by Hellwig, seconded by Murphy, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the results of the Ellicottville Central School Basic Budget Vote - Proposition #1 **Resolved:** That the Board of Education of the Ellicottville Central School District in the County of Cattaraugus, State of New York, BE AND IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXPEND THE SUM OF \$11,903,306 for the 2016/2017 school year budget.

**Yes 215      No 34      (85%) approval**

**Yes – 7  
No – 0  
Carried**

Moved by Spell, seconded by Wiley, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the results of the Ellicottville Central School School Bus Lease - Proposition #2 **Resolved:** This proposition will authorize the Board of Education of the Ellicottville Central School District in the County of Cattaraugus, State of New York, to levy an additional (not to exceed) \$32,000 to lease 2 IC CE (66 passenger) 2017 International School Buses for each of the next five years commencing with the 2016-2017 school year.

**Yes 211      No 37      (85%) approval**

**Yes – 7  
No – 0  
Carried**

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Moved by Murphy, seconded by Zlockie, to approve the results of the Ellicottville Central School BOARD MEMBER ELECTION VOTING: The candidate receiving the highest number of votes will serve a five-year term beginning on July 1, 2016 and expiring on June 30, 2021. The candidate receiving the second highest number of votes will serve a three-year term beginning on July 1, 2016 and expiring on June 30, 2019 (to complete the term vacated by the resignation of Mrs. Michelle Cortez in May 2015).

Vote for TWO (2) (Please check):

81 Donald Hensel

214 Carl Calarco (**will serve a five year term**)

184 Robert Van Wicklin (**will serve a three year term**)

Thomas Schultz (1), John Kaleta (1), Eileen Finn (1) (Write-in Candidate)

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**Yes – 7  
No – 0  
Carried**

**Personnel**

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No – 0  
Carried**

**Principals Reports**

**Connie Poulin – Elementary Principal/CSE-CPSE Chairperson**

- a. May Elementary Bulletin (calendar of important dates for May and June are listed)
- b. Teacher Requests – deadline for submission is June 1<sup>st</sup>
- c. Copies of updated Strategic Plan (handed out)

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**Robert Miller – MS/HS Principal**

- a. Science and Technology Exposition
- b. NYS Tests
- c. Big 30 Academic Scholarship (Kaleigh Hunt)
- d. Final Exam Schedule
- e. Chasing the Dragon (video shown) – will be shown to all students grades 9-12 before the end of the year. Addresses the epidemic problem of Opioid Addiction. If we can save one person, it is worth the time.
- f. May and June Calendar Events
- g. Cameron Eddy and Alex Fisher qualified for States (golf). They will golf at Cornell June 3-6<sup>th</sup>.
- h. County NHS Banquet – ECS students were very well behaved and respectful. Austin Bishop won ECS outstanding member (voted on by his peers), Kaleigh Hunt won Outstanding Academic Member for ECS and Elijah DeChane won the Distinguished Member Award for ECS.

**Policies**

Moved by Hellwig, seconded by Spell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent, reading and approval of revisions to policy #7513 Administration of Medication.

**Yes – 7  
No – 0  
Carried**

**Discussion Items:**

None

**CSE/CPSE Recommendations:**

Moved by Klein, seconded by Murphy, 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 (#900500167, 900500996, 900500032, 900414333, 900500246, 900378498, 900500059, 900500063, 900500065, 900399442, 900447003, 900398320, 900399415, 900433743, 900500859, 900500969) at its meeting on May 17, 2016 and approves all necessary arrangements as the most reasonable and appropriate special service(s) and/or program(s) for the implementation of those recommendations (April 1-30, 2016).

**Yes - 7  
No - 0  
Carried**

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**Executive Session**

Moved by Zlockie, seconded by Spell, to enter into executive session at 10:12 pm to discuss 2 contractual items.

**Yes - 7  
No - 0  
Carried**

Moved by Hellwig, seconded by Klein, to come out of executive session and return to the regular meeting at 10:50 pm.

**Yes - 7  
No - 0  
Carried**

**Adjournment of Meeting**

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Spell, to adjourn the regular meeting of May 17, 2016 at 10:51 pm.

**Yes - 7  
No - 0  
Carried**

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District Clerk

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Deputy District Clerk