

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
Ellicottville Central School**

**Regular Meeting
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**Sht. No. 1908
May 21, 2019**

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Members Present: Connie Hellwig, William Murphy, Carl Calarco, Debra Golley, Nicole Klein, Robert Van Wicklin, Leonard Zlockie

Members Absent: All Present

Staff Present: Robert Miller, Erich Ploetz, Maren Bush, Melissa Sawicki, Aimee Kilby

Staff Absent: All Present

Others Present: Louisa Benatovich (Ellicottville Times), Shana Chudy

Call to order of meeting

President Hellwig called the regular meeting of May 21, 2019 of the Ellicottville Central School Board of Education to order at 8:09 p.m. The pledge to the flag of the United States was recited.

Roll Call

All Present

Connie Hellwig (Board President) will speak on behalf of the Board of Education:

On behalf of the Ellicottville Central School Board of Education I wish to address the controversy that was created last week regarding the request from Native American Students to wear a "Native American Stole" during the ECS Graduation Ceremony.

We are saddened that inaccurate information was posted on social media sites, and the personal attacks & accusations directed towards Mr. Erich Ploetz. Mr. Ploetz was acting under the direction and support of the Superintendent & Board of Education.

Over the past few days, we've learned & confirmed with the Seneca Nation that these stoles signify academic achievement and accomplishment. Therefore, we will permit these stoles to be worn during this year's Graduation ceremony as they do, indeed, celebrate academic achievements & accomplishments. Thank you.

Changes, Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

Additions to the Agenda:

17. Personnel:

- a. Moved by _____, seconded by _____, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Dave McCann to the position of Athletic Director effective June 1, 2019. Mr. McCann shall receive a salary of \$12,000 (pro-rated for the 2018-2019 school year) and \$12,000 for the 2019-2020 school year.
- b. Moved by _____, seconded by _____, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, the Ellicottville Central School District Board of Education does hereby appoint Ashley Hellwig, who holds a Provisional Certificate in Students with Disabilities (1-6), to the position of a FTE Special Education Teacher effective September 1, 2019. This position is in the tenure area of Special Education and is for a four-year probationary period commencing on September 1, 2019 and ending on September 1, 2023. Mrs. Hellwig will be placed on Step 4 of the ETA Salary schedule (B step schedule) with additional salary credit for graduate hours as provided in the ETA Contract.
- c. Moved by _____, seconded by _____, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Heather Nicholson to the position of substitute teacher (non-certified) at a rate of \$75.00 per day. This appointment is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State.
- d. Moved by _____, seconded by _____, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of a maternity leave request from Tamara Peters from May 28, 2019 – December 1, 2019.
- e. Moved by _____, seconded by _____, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, the Ellicottville Central School District Board of Education does hereby appoint Jennifer Gesing, who holds a Permanent Certificate in Childhood Education (1-6), to the position of a FTE Elementary Teacher effective September 1, 2019. This position is in the tenure area of Elementary Education and is for a three-year probationary period commencing on September 1, 2019 and ending on September 1, 2022. Mrs. Gesing will be placed on Step 6 of the ETA Salary schedule (B step schedule) with additional salary credit for graduate hours and a Master's Degree as provided in the ETA Contract.

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19. CSE/CPSE Recommendations:

- a. Moved by _____, seconded by _____, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, 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 (#900500969, 900501246, 900500530, 900501257) at its meeting on May 21, 2019 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 30 – May 16, 2019).

19. Executive Session becomes 20.

Public Comment

None

Approve Agenda

Moved by Van Wicklin, seconded by Zlockie, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the agenda of the May 21, 2019 Board of Education Meeting with additions.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Presentations & Reports:

None

Communications, Commendations:

None

Informational Items:

None

Superintendent's Report (Robert Miller):

1. Working on water supply, installing water meter to measure amount used. This will help determine the type of sanitation unit that would be need. Sanitation unit is not an immediate need. Response to Health Department is required by June 6, 2019.
2. Sports Banquet will be June 3, 2019 @ Holiday Valley.

Principals Reports:

MS/HS Principal (Erich Ploetz)

1. Big 30 Academic Banquet – Monday, May 13, 2019
2. Character Council Awards Dinner – Monday, May 20, 2019
3. Heroes of Ellicottville, N.Y. – Mr. Bill O'Brian, Ashford N.Y. presented ECS with a book containing the names of local servicemen who perished in World War I and II. The book will be housed in the High School Library.
4. Upcoming Events: High School Awards Banquet, May 22; All-District Band Concert, May 30; Darien Lake Band Trip, June 1; Spring Sports Banquet, June 3 and Club Jazz, June 6.

Elementary Principal/Director of Curriculum (Maren Bush)

1. Making Rectangular 3-D Prisms with Mrs. Moore's 5th Grade Class
2. Pre-K Kindness Ninjas on the Move!
3. Kindergarten Screening (May 6, 7 & 8)
4. Mother & Son Dance
5. 4th Grade Crook's Farm fieldtrip
6. Special Moments

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School Business Executive Report (Aimee Kilby) – No Report

Consent Items:

Moved by Zlockie, seconded by Golley, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval to adopt the following Consent Agenda items:

- a. That the board approve the minutes of the meetings of May 7, 2019 and May 14, 2019
- b. Acknowledgement of the May 14, 2019 Claims Auditor Report

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Committee Reports:

None

Discussion Items:

None

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Moved by Golley, seconded by Murphy, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Matthew Piontek to complete student teaching at ECS September 3, 2019 – October 18, 2019. Mr. Piontek's cooperating teacher will be Ms. Jaelyn James.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Zlockie, seconded by Calarco, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the following resolution: RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Ellicottville Central School District hereby agrees to enter into the attached contract with the Erie 1 BOCES for a five – year period commencing on July 1, 2019 to authorize the Western New York Regional Information Center to furnish certain computer services to the District pursuant to Education Law 1950 (4) (JJ) for an amount not to exceed \$34,574.40 and authorizes 60– monthly payments to be made to Erie 1 BOCES in the amount not to exceed \$576.24. Be it further RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Ellicottville Central School District hereby authorizes the Board President or the District Clerk to execute the contract on behalf of the District.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
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Moved by Calarco, seconded by Golley, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the Ellicottville Central School Budget Vote and Board Member Election results (May 21, 2019).

-Proposition #1 - BASIC BUDGET

Yes _158_ NO _20_

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 \$13,073,797 for the 2019/2020 school year budget. The Basic Budget will provide funds for all of the educationally related services and the maintenance of our school building.

-Proposition #2 - SCHOOL BUS LEASE

Yes _157_ NO _20_

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) \$21,000 to lease 2 (two) 30 passenger Trans Tech school buses and \$19,500 to lease 1 (one) IC CE 66 passenger 2020 International School Bus for each of the next five years (five annual payments) commencing with the 2019/2020 school year.

-Proposition #3 - ELLICOTTVILLE MEMORIAL LIBRARY TAX

Yes _136_ NO _39_

Resolved: Shall the proposition be approved authorizing the Board of Education of the Ellicottville Central School District to levy taxes annually in the amount of \$32,042 and to pay over such monies to the trustees of the Ellicottville Memorial Library.

-Board of Education Member Election

The candidates receiving the two highest numbers of votes will each serve a five-year term, beginning on July 1, 2019 and expiring on June 30, 2024.

Vote for TWO (2) (Please check):

147 Robert Van Wicklin

118 Shana Chudy

14 (Write-in Candidate)

- Ginna Hensel 3
- Nikki Klein 3
- Eileen Finn 2
- Erin Cornelius 2
- Kevin Eagan 1
- Doug Bush 1
- Bob Scharf 1
- Connie Poulin 1

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**Policy & Regulation
None**

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No – 0
Carried**

Executive Session

Moved by Zlockie, seconded by Klein, to enter into executive session at 8:32 pm to discuss two contract negotiations and tone specific personnel item.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Klein, seconded by Van Wicklin, to come out of executive session at 9:58 pm and return to the regular meeting.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Adjournment of Meeting

Moved by Zlockie, seconded by Calarco, to adjourn the regular meeting of May 21, 2019 at 9:58 p.m.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

District Clerk

Deputy District Clerk