

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Ellicottville Central School**

**Budget Hearing  
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**Sht. No. 1683  
May 11, 2010**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

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

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Mark Ward, Sharon Morton, Melissa Sawicki

**Staff Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Margaret Signore, Larry Mack, Nancy Rogan, Kim Logel, Cindy Goodin,  
Connie Hellwig, Colleen Bower, Robert Miller, Connie Poulin

**Call to order of meeting**

President McAndrew called the budget hearing of May 11, 2010 of the Ellicottville Central School School District to order at 7:35 p.m. The pledge to the flag of the United States was recited.

**Roll Call**

All Present

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

None

President McAndrew thanked everyone for coming to the 2010/2011 Budget Hearing. She stated that candidates running for the Board will address the audience. Connie Hellwig and Cindy Goodin addressed the board and community present at the hearing. Mrs. McAndrew thanked the candidates for speaking.

President McAndrew turned the meeting over to Superintendent Ward to outline the proposed 2010/2011 budget.

Superintendent Ward gave a powerpoint presentation and reviewed the budget flyer explaining the components of the proposed budget to be put before district voters on May 18, 2010. Superintendent Ward stated that he felt the budget was very solid. He added that educational programs have not been compromised and that there may not be a tax increase in the end, but that could not be determined until July when the tax rates are set and approved by the Board.

President McAndrew opened the floor to questions from the audience.

Larry Mack thanked Superintendent Ward for the budget presentation. Mr. Mack asked Superintendent Ward about the retirement incentive offered to staff members. Superintendent Ward stated that three support staff members took advantage of the incentive which offered \$100 for each year of service and \$50 dollars for each unused sick day.

Mr. Mack stated that the STAR exemption may be taken away by State leaders for homeowners. He stated that Mr. Ward has dual positions (County Legislature and School Administrator) and asked if he had any insight on this program being taken away from homeowners. Superintendent Ward stated that he did not feel the program would be taken away, but it was a State program not a County program.

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Mr. Mack stated that Humphrey could have a big jump in their assessments. He stated that he was concerned if they go to 100%. He asked that the school district not take advantage of Humphrey. Superintendent Ward stated that the district has no input on assessments. He added that the board can only work with the numbers that they are given.

Mr. Mack stated that he was denied a list of all employee's salaries through the Freedom of Information Act. President McAndrew stated that the purpose of meeting this evening was to review the proposed 2010-2011 budget and that the board would not be discussing individual contracts.

Mr. Mack stated that the Board was a Rubber Stamp Board and asked why the Board would not answer his questions. He asked when he could ask his questions and have them answered. He stated that if he wants to come to a board meeting he has to be on the agenda. President McAndrew stated that she would meet with him anytime and that there is a time at every board meeting for the public to address the board.

Mrs. Nancy Rogan thanked Superintendent Ward for explaining the budget and for a good presentation. She thanked the Board for presenting district residents with an excellent budget. Mrs. Rogan thanked Steve Ward for his 10 years on the board and his hard work.

President McAndrew stated that the public hearing concluded at 8:30 pm.

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District Clerk