

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
Ellicottville Central School**

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**Sht. No. 1684
May 18, 2010**

OFFICIAL MINUTES

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

Members Absent: None

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

Staff Absent: None

Others Present: Crystal Wilder

Call to order of meeting

President McAndrew called the regular meeting of May 18, 2010 of the Ellicottville Central School Board of Education 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

Additions:

New Business:

- 11i.** Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby (a) rescinds its June 24, 2008 resolution establishing the Insurance Fund of the District; (b) accordingly directs that the Insurance Fund be discontinued; and (c) directs that the entire current balance of the Insurance Fund be transferred to the Capital Reserve Fund; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools is directed and authorized to undertake all actions necessary to effectuate the intent and operation of this resolution.
- 11j.** Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to transfer \$3,000 from 2630.2 (Computer Equipment) to 2630.46 (Software), to purchase music software.
- 13e.** Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to accept a letter of resignation from Theresa Hart (social studies teacher) effective June 30, 2010.

Statements and questions from the audience

None

Approve Agenda

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Crowley to approve the agenda for the May 18, 2010 board meeting with additions.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

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Presentations & Reports

Crystal Wilder (Music Teacher) stated that she was at the meeting on behalf of Jaye Zelko, Pat Waldron and herself to submit a proposal to the Board and Administration in regards to taking Music and Drama Club Students (grades 9-12) to New York City in May 2011. The trip would include staying in New Jersey (to make the trip more affordable), touring the city and going to a Broadway show. Mrs. Wilder stated that all breakfasts and dinners would be included except on the way home. Students would be responsible for paying for their own lunches. Superintendent Ward stated that he felt it is a great idea to take the students to NYC. He added that it is one of the greatest cities on earth and will be wonderful for the kids to be able to explore it. Mrs. Wilder thanked the Board for their time. President McAndrew thanked Mrs. Wilder for her presentation.

Communications, Commendations

a. Crayon Project - Superintendent Ward reported on a special project that Diana Olson (Americor Worker @ ECS) did with elementary students. Students collected old and used crayons and sorted them by colors. The crayons were then melted down and poured into candy molds to make new crayons in different shapes. A 20 lb. box of crayons is being shipped to Uganda. The new crayons will also be donated to several organizations within our own community, Superintendent Ward reported. Samples of the "new" crayons were passed around for Board members to view.

Informational Items

- a. April 2010 Cafeteria Report
- b. Athletics - Superintendent Ward asked the Board to think about purchasing a new scoreboard for the athletic fields. He stated that the new scoreboard would be around \$10,350 (which includes installation). Superintendent Ward stated that Sports Boosters has a bulk of the money already for the new scoreboard and that the district would have to put in around 4 or 5 thousand dollars. Mary Ellen Campbell suggested the district do a five year plan for all of the sports needs. Superintendent Ward stated that there is a problem with the sod on the baseball field. He stated that the sod was rolled too much and that would cost around \$2,600 to re-seed the sod on the field.
- c. Buildings & Grounds - Superintendent Ward stated that he would like to create parking for spectators behind the soccer field. He stated that people are driving up to the baseball field and this would provide parking for them.
- d. Taxes - Superintendent Ward stated that the district has seen a \$23,000,000 increase in taxable property. This increase would amount to a 6¢ tax increase in the tax rate.

Superintendent's Report

- 1. Draft Business Office Manual
- 2. Baccalaureate Breakfast will be at St. Pauls Lutheran Church on Friday, June 25, 2010 for the Senior Class and their parents.

Consent Items:

Moved by Spell, seconded by Eddy, 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 meeting of April 6, 2010, the special meeting of April 27, 2010 and the budget hearing of May 11, 2010.
- b. Acknowledgment of Claims Auditor Reports dated April 30, 2010 and May 13, 2010.
- c. Approval of March 2010 Treasurer's Report.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
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New Business

Moved by Wiley, seconded by Campbell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, acceptance of the District's Internal Audit dated February 2010.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Crowley, seconded by Spell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, acknowledgment of the District's response to the Internal Audit dated February 2010.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Crowley, seconded by Campbell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, the Board Education of the Ellicottville Central School District hereby adopts a resolution in support of the anticipated New York State Race To The Top Phase 2 application due on or about June 1, 2010 and hereby authorizes the Superintendent and Board President to execute the necessary documents in support of such application.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Wiley, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the following IPA resolution with Erie 1 BOCES: RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the **Ellicottville Central School District** hereby agrees to enter into a contract with the Erie 1 BOCES for a five - year period commencing on May 12, 2010 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 \$40,051.20 and authorizes 60 - monthly payments to be made to Erie 1 BOCES in the amount not to exceed \$667.52. 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
Carried**

Moved by Spell, seconded by Eddy, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to approve a volleyball clinic at ECS July 26-28, 2010 (with proper insurance coverage).

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by S. Ward, seconded by Spell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to approve Debbie Golley and Tammy Curtis as chaperones for the 8th grade field trip to Washington, D.C. May 21-22, 2010.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

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Moved by Crowley, seconded by Wiley, to approve the results of the Ellicottville Central School 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 \$10,680,131** for the 2010/2011 school year budget.

Yes - 257

No - 76

Passed

Yes - 7

No - 0

Carried

Moved by Eddy, seconded by Spell, to approve the results of the Ellicottville Central School Board Member Election: **Vote to fill the one expiring five-year term on the Board of Education Seat #1**

257 Connie Hellwig

108 Cynthia Goodin

-0- (*Write-in Candidate*)

Discussion: the Board and Administration congratulated Mrs. Hellwig on winning the Board Member election.

Yes - 7

No - 0

Carried

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Yes - 7

No - 0

Carried

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Spell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to transfer \$3,000 from 2630.2 (Computer Equipment) to 2630.46 (Software), to purchase music software.

Yes - 7

No - 0

Carried

Old Business

Moved by S. Ward, seconded by Campbell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to approve the Bus Drivers Handbook.

Yes - 7

No - 0

Carried

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Personnel

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Eddy, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools approval of Dennis Hurlburt to the substitute bus driver list.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Spell, seconded by Campbell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to approve Eugene (Vinnie) Smith to the substitute teacher list (certified) at a rate of \$85 per day. This position is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by S. Ward, seconded by Wiley, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the tenure appointment of Daniel LaCroix in Guidance. Mr. LaCroix has his Provisional Certification as a School Counselor. Tenure is effective September 1, 2010.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Crowley, seconded by Spell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the tenure appointment of Ann Chamberlain in Math. Mrs. Chamberlain has her Permanent Certification in Math 7-12. Tenure is effective September 1, 2010.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Spell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to accept a letter of resignation from Theresa Hart (Social Studies Teacher) effective June 30, 2010.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

Principal's Reports

Connie Poulin (Elementary Principal/Director of Curriculum): no written report

1. Field trip season
2. New York State testing is over - unofficial results indicate students scored well.
3. Moving Up (5th, 6th and 8th graders) went well. Good turnout, especially in 5th grade.
4. Arbor Day Celebration (May 13th) Japanese Lilac tree (donated).
5. PTO Can Drive 5/15/10
6. PTO movie night 5/28/10

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

1. Banquet/Awards season
2. Big 30 Academic Award - ECS recipient Cameron Zerbian
3. Foy/Davies Award - ECS nominated Cameron Zerbian and Kim Telaak
4. Cattaraugus County Youth Bureau Awards - Jolene Dunkleman, Courtney McNeight, Rosemary Lanza
5. JCC Awards - Rosemary Lanza (senior) and Samuel Doro (junior)
6. National Honor Society (County) - Anna Pierce
7. National Merit Scholarship (PSAT) - Chris Snyder (junior) placed in top 50,000 in country, which represents top 3% of students in USA.
8. Deanna Michaels took 3rd place in NYS Skill Competition (BOCES)
9. Scholastic Challenge (Middle School) 18 students involved. National average score was 53, ECS had 10 students above that.
10. Alfred College Robotics Competition - Nick DeChane took 1st place.
11. Prom went well.
12. May 6th blood drive went well.
13. 17 days of classes left in MS/HS.
14. June 8th @ 7:00 pm public hearing on Student Attendance Policy and Code of Conduct

Policies

None

Committee Reports

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Eddy, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, acknowledgment of Audit Committee Meeting held May 11, 2010.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

Discussion Items

Superintendent Ward stated that he would like an executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss a few student issues.

Executive Session

Moved by Spell, seconded by Crowley, 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 (#9900256841, 900342988, 900433750, 900384160, 900390862, 900500063, 900500065, 900500062, 900500061, 900304003) at its meeting on May 18, 2010 and approves all necessary arrangements as the most reasonable and appropriate special service(s) and/or program(s) for the implementation of those recommendations from April 1-30, 2010.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

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Moved by Campbell, seconded by Spell to enter into executive session at 9:25 pm to discuss student issues.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Eddy, seconded by S. Ward to come out of executive session and return to the regular meeting at 9:55 pm.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

Adjournment of Meeting

Motion by S. Ward, seconded by Wiley to adjourn the regular meeting of May 18, 2010 at 9:56 pm.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

District Clerk

Deputy District Clerk