

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Ellicottville Central School**

Regular Meeting  
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Sht. No. 1869  
October 3, 2017

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Connie Hellwig, William Murphy, Carl Calarco, Nicole Klein, Roger Spell, Robert Van Wicklin, Leonard Zlockie

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Robert Miller, Melissa Sawicki, Connie Poulin, Erich Ploetz, Aimee Kilby

**Staff Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Sharon Turano (The Villager), Rick Miller (Times Herald)

**Call to order of meeting**

President Hellwig called the regular meeting of October 3, 2017 of the Ellicottville Central School Board of Education to order at 7:04 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:**

**Old Business**

- 14a.** Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the French Club trip to Quebec, Canada in the Spring 2018.
- 14b.** Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Washington, D.C. in June 2018.

**Personnel**

- 16a.** Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of an increase in the substitute bus driver rate to \$16.50 per hour effective October 6, 2017.
- 16b.** Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, accept a letter of resignation from Frank A. Miller, Jr. as a cleaner effective October 13, 2017.
- 16c.** Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Mary Abbinatnti to the substitute teacher aide list at a rate of \$9.70 per hour. This appointment is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State.
- 16d.** Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Randi-Anne Metzger to the position of part-time teacher aide effective tentatively October 16, 2017 at a salary of \$9.75 per hour. This position is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State.

**CSE/CPSE Recommendations:**

- 18a.** 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 (#900500747, 900501147, 900501148, 900501120, 900500941, 900500236, 900500376, 900409063, 900500808, 900500809, 900500414, 900500413, 900500246, 900500032, 900500530, 900500758, 900500376, 900501189, 900500580, 900501205, 900500859, 900500080, 900500059, 900500348) at its meeting on October 3, 2017 and approves all necessary arrangements as the most reasonable and appropriate special service(s) and/or program(s) for the implementation of those recommendations (August 1 – September 30, 2017).

**Changes:**

- 18a.** Becomes 19a. (Executive Session)

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**Public Comment**  
None

**Approve Agenda**

Moved by Spell, seconded by Klein, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the agenda of the October 3, 2017 Board of Education Meeting with additions and changes.

**Yes – 7  
No – 0  
Carried**

**Presentations & Reports:**

RA Mercer (External Auditors): Denise Veloski presented the 2016-2017 school year audit. She stated that the audit was reviewed prior the meeting with Mr. Miller & Mrs. Kilby and then a separate meeting was held with the Board Audit Committee.

**Communications, Commendations:**

Bob Van Wicklin stated that he attended a NYSSBA conference in Albany on Friday, September 8, 2017. The conference was about ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) Building Level Expenditure vs. District Expenditure Reporting Requirements and what it will mean for school districts.

**Informational Items:**

None

**Superintendent's Report (Robert Miller):**

1. Lacrosse Tournament – from all indications it was a success. The organizations running the tournament – Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce and Rhino Lacrosse were very easy to work with. Quite a few ECS staff members worked the event and will be paid directly by Rhino Lacrosse.
2. NYSED – received a survey regarding districts meeting the 180 day requirement.
3. NYSCOSS – great conference. The majority of the seminars were very informative.
4. NYSSBA Convention – October 12-14, 2017 in Lake Placid, NY

**Principals Reports:**

**Elementary Principal/CSE-CPSE Chairperson (Connie Poulin):**

1. Eagle Time: The first program was a huge success. Special thanks to the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade team for preparing a highly educational program that will be able to be revisited and utilized all through the school year. The emphasis on historical non-fiction was a highlight of the program as was thinking historically. A video of the program can be accessed and viewed by going to the ECS website:  
<https://livestream.com/accounts/15625735/events/7699926/videos/163491903>
2. CTE Students in Mrs. Steinbroner's class are working with ECS students. There are twelve interns this year from BOCES (none are from ECS). Mrs. Steinbroner does a great job with the students.

**MS/HS Principal (Erich Ploetz)**

1. Homecoming Highlights: Our Spirit Week was a success with plenty of unity to go 'round! The week was full of home contests in the afternoons where we saw all Varsity teams win a home match. Our pep rally on Friday was timed perfectly, and we were joined by Franklinville and West Valley cheerleaders in addition to a few dozen students from West Valley. Next year, our staff will need to get organized a little better for the Tug o' War – we almost had the seniors but they pulled off a narrow victory. The Homecoming Dance was a huge success with approx. 180 students attending from Ellicottville, Franklinville, and West Valley. The dance was organized by the Sophomore Class and they did a tremendous job decorating, creating a nice atmosphere for a semi-formal event. Credit goes to Julianna Giannicchi for developing the play list, which had students dancing all night long. Thanks goes to our Sophomore Class advisors Mrs. Aimee Kilby and Ms. Cathie Nason, and our Social Studies teacher Mr. Chris Keenan for chaperoning, and to our custodial staff for support setting up and cleaning up the event. Please note the attached photo collage to get a true feel for the Pep Rally!
2. Costa Rica Field Trip Update: On Wednesday, September 27, families and students attended an informational session for the February trip to Costa Rica. Some new students are still considering jumping on to the trip and the roster is up to 15 students, which meets a threshold to lower costs for the group.
3. Buffalo Peace House Field Trip: I will provide an overview of an upcoming field trip the French Club will take to the Buffalo Peace House on October 18, 2017. More information regarding this organization can be found at <http://www.buffalopeacehouse.org/>.

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4. **Senior Lounge for Lunch:** Beginning Monday, October 2, we will be piloting the ability for seniors to eat lunch unsupervised in the Home Economics classroom. Students have been informed and agree this is on a trial basis and the privilege can be taken away unilaterally at any time.

**Consent Items:**

Moved by Klein, seconded by Zlockie, 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 meeting of September 19, 2017
- b. Acknowledgement of the September 20, 2017 Claims Auditor Report
- c. Approval of the August 2017 Treasurer's Report

**Yes – 7  
No – 0  
Carried**

**Committee Reports:**

Budget: Met on 10/3/17 at 6:00 pm. In attendance: Superintendent Miller, Aimee Kilby, Connie Hellwig, Carl Calarco and William Murphy. They reviewed the 2016/2017 audit and reviewed where the budget stands to date.

**Discussion Items:**

Senior Trip: Superintendent Miller stated that the seniors were not interested in the Quebec trip. They are quite excited about the trip they are proposing to Lake George, New York. They are asking for a three-day (Saturday, Sunday, Monday) trip in May. Superintendent Miller stated that at this point in time he is asking the Board for the green light for the class to proceed with planning the trip and getting concrete numbers of students interested and a solid price for the trip. The Board members agreed that it looks like a good trip and gave the go ahead to proceed with planning the trip. A formal approval will be made at a later board meeting.

**Old Business:**

Moved by Van Wicklin, seconded by Spell, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the French Club trip to Quebec, Canada in the Spring 2018.

**Yes – 7  
No – 0  
Carried**

Moved by Klein, seconded by Zlockie, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Washington, D.C. in June 2018.

**Yes – 7  
No – 0  
Carried**

**New Business:**

Moved by Calarco, seconded by Spell, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the 2016-2017 school year audit (as presented by RA Mercer – External Auditors).

**Yes – 7  
No – 0  
Carried**

**Personnel:**

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No – 0  
Carried**

**Policies & Regulations:**

Moved by Spell, seconded by Zlockie, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, second reading and approval of policy: Combining of Sports on an Individual Basis.

**Yes – 7  
No – 0  
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**CSE/CPSE Recommendations:**

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**Executive Session**

Moved by Spell, seconded by Zlockie to enter into executive session at 8:16 pm to discuss two personnel items and one contractual item.

**Yes – 7  
No – 0  
Carried**

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Zlockie to come out of executive session and return to the regular meeting at 9:30 pm.

**Yes – 7  
No – 0  
Carried**

**Adjournment of Meeting:**

Moved by Spell, seconded by Klein to adjourn the regular meeting of October 3, 2017 at 9:31 pm.

**Yes – 7  
No – 0  
Carried**

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District Clerk

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Deputy District Clerk