

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
Ellicottville Central School**

**Regular Meeting
Page 1**

**Sht. No. 1963
December 14, 2021**

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Members Present: Robert Van Wicklin, Leonard Zlockie, Shana Chudy, Erin Cornelius, Debra Golley, William Murphy, Karl Northup

Members Absent: None

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

Staff Absent: Robert Miller

Others Present: Luis Velazquez, Giana Garcia, Schavon Byroads

Call to order of meeting
President Van Wicklin called the regular meeting of December 14, 2021, of the Ellicottville Central School Board of Education to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America was recited.

Roll Call
All present

Changes, Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

Additions:
16. New Business
e. Moved by _____, seconded by _____, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby approves the following staff to work outside their regular work hours to assist the District by making phone calls related to COVID-19 Contact Tracing: Karin Hager, Tabitha Fisher, Vicky Williams, Lola Shaw, Aimee Kilby and Melissa Sawicki. For this work, the employees will be paid \$30/hour as assigned by the Superintendent until June 30, 2022. Prior to commencing work, the employees subject to this appointment will be informed of expectations related to confidentiality, and during the term of this appointment will report directly to the Superintendent or his designee.

Approve Agenda
Moved by Golley, seconded by Northrup, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the agenda of the December 14, 2021, Board of Education Meeting with additions.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Public Comment
Dr. Velazquez thanked the Board for having them at the meeting. He stated that he is at the meeting because he has 3 children who have been students at ECS since 2016. He stated that his children are fluent in speaking and writing Spanish and they speak it at home. Dr. Velazquez stated that his one child took French and then the teacher retired, and he is looking for a second language for his 7th and 8th grade children. He added that they are currently not getting anything out of their Spanish class because they are fluent in the language, and it is of no fault of the teacher. He asked if anything could be done to help his two children take a second language. He stated as taxpayers they would like to see their children get something. Dr. Velazquez stated that he has been talking with Mr. Ploetz and wanted to present at the Board meeting, knowing he would not get an answer tonight. He asked that someone please contact him and let him know if there is something that can be done for his 2 children. President Van Wicklin thanked Dr. Velazquez for offering his comments and stated that someone from the district will get back to him.

Presentations & Reports
None

Communications, Commendations
None

Informational Items
None

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
Ellicottville Central School**

**Regular Meeting
Page 2**

**Sht. No. 1963
December 14, 2021**

Superintendent's Report – Robert Miller
Absent

Principals Reports:

Erich Ploetz: MS/HS Principal

1. Senior Citizens Holiday Dinner – drive-thru only. 80 dinners were served. Crystal Wilder and some of her students provided music as dinners were picked up at the front high school entrance on Wednesday, December 1, 2021.
2. Winter sports are underway.
3. Actively working on plans for a HS musical in the spring. Currently 28 students are interested in participating. Number is expected to grow with lighting and stage crew. Trying to work out how to use stage for musical, when it is currently being used for a cafeteria. Very hopeful for a March musical.
4. Trying to cover the district during the day and contract trace at night.
5. Would like to publicly thank all substitutes that work in the district. We would not be able to stay open without them.

Discussion: Deb Golley asked where the district is with the fitness room and youth basketball. Mr. Ploetz stated that he has not been part of any conversations regarding the fitness room and youth basketball, but noted that we are currently not monitoring numbers in the gym (for games). Karl Northrup stated that part of it is, are we going to allow just ECS kids or kids from other schools. Deb Golley stated that she is disappointed and noted that youth basketball has been around forever. She stated that she does not want the kids to lose another season. Shana Chudy stated that Randolph & Salamanca and all schools locally are offering youth basketball. Karl Northrup noted that ECS youth teams are currently reaching out to other schools for tournaments. Deb Golley stated that attendees will have to sign-in, in case contract tracing needs to be done. Mr. Ploetz stated that he is not aware of any restrictions preventing the district from having youth basketball. Mr. Ploetz stated that Mrs. Wilder just started meeting with the whole band a couple of weeks ago. There are hopes for a concert in the future, not sure if it will be a winter concert or a spring concert.

Maren Bush: Elementary Principal/Director of Curriculum

1. Letters from Santa – are being read and answered by Mrs. Claus and her helper.
2. Curriculum and Instruction updates: STEM lab, sensory pathway and flexible seating budgets created. Will be discussing with the teachers at the faculty meeting tomorrow. Grade 4 Science Assessment 2021 Results: Overall proficient: 39 students (92%). Teachers just received ELA & Math scores and are currently reviewing the data.
3. Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts: Prek-5th Grade Juried Art Exhibition Work accepted from the following ECS students:
Ayla O'Neil (Grade 1), Pheobe Redeye (Grade 2), Nick Rocco (Grade 2), Anna Zeher (Grade 2), Shiloh Miller (Grade 3), Natalie Sciortino (Grade 3), Sophia Joesel (Grade 3), Quinn Kell (Grade 3), Lindsay Watson (Grade 5), Lilliana Horton (Grade 5), Cayda Kruszynski (Grade 5).
Tuesday December 7 at 5PM families were able to attend the exhibition and there was a reception in the theatre to follow.

School Business Executive Report: Aimee Kilby
No Report

Consent Items:

Moved by Golley, seconded by Cornelius, 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 November 16, 2021
- b. Acknowledgement of the November 30, 2021 & December 7, 2021 Claims Auditor Reports
- c. Approval of the August 2021 Treasurer's Report

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
Ellicottville Central School**

**Regular Meeting
Page 3**

**Sht. No. 1963
December 14, 2021**

Committee Reports:

Buildings, Grounds & Transportation – Capital Project: Len Zlockie reported that the freezers are still a problem. The rentals are costing \$4,500 a month. Second shift work continues on the door locks and security. Terrazzo and generator work will take place over winter break. Starting to plan for the second phase of the capital improvement project. This will include flooring in the elementary, bedding for the playground and a roof over the loading dock.

Budget: Aimee Kilby, School Business Executive, reported on the district’s reserves and proposed allocations for the 2021-2022 school year. Mrs. Kilby stated that the current suggestions to transfer money (\$245,000) to the reserves is as follows: to establish a Worker’s Compensation Reserve, to transfer to the EMBLR Reserve, to transfer to the Capital Project Reserve and/or to transfer to the Capital Reserve for Transportation. This will help the taxpayers by not having to increase taxes as much. Mrs. Kilby also discussed how the district may have to leave around \$100,000 in the unassigned fund balance but earmark it for use with capital outlay or replacement of the gasoline storage tank.

Gas Storage Tanks: The current storage tank is 30 years old and needs to be replaced. The current insurance company chose not to renew the tank and the district’s agent found another insurer after doing some research, but the deductible would increase from \$10,000 to \$50,000 a year.

Discussion: Mrs. Kilby stated that the premium price did not change, the deductible changed from \$10,000 to \$50,000 a year. Erin Cornelius asked if it was \$50,000 deductible for replacement cost or depreciated cost?? Mrs. Kilby stated that she would have to look at that. Karl Northrup stated that at his company they had new tanks installed and the cost was way less. He stated that he would be willing to help research costs if okay. Mrs. Kilby stated that any help he can offer would be helpful. Mrs. Kilby stated that the district needs to start looking at the budget and see if we can absorb it, or if a capital outlay needs to be done or money taken out of a repair reserve. Shana Chudy stated that she brought up capital outlay projects two years ago. Mrs. Kilby stated that the budget will take a hit the first year because it will be a line item. She added that capital outlays must go through SED and have engineers and architects. She added that there is a lot of info regarding capital outlay projects, and that it is not just cut and dry. She stated that it is a good way to do projects, but they must be done in a timely manner. Mrs. Kilby stated that thought needs to be put into it and see what is in the best interest of the district.

Discussion Items:

Foreign Language – President Van Wicklin asked Mr. Ploetz if the situation with the Velazquez children was unforeseen? Mr. Ploetz replied, he did not think it was unforeseen. President Van Wicklin asked if a teacher would need to be paid more to teach the extra language. Mr. Ploetz stated that he has a French option right now at no cost to the district because of other students on remote learning. He stated that this may not be an option in the future if there are not students on remote learning. He stated that the long term is more of a concern.

Old Business:
None

New Business:
Moved by Cornelius, seconded by Zlockie, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the transfer of \$5,930,214.75 from the Tax Collector’s account to the General Savings account.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Golley, seconded by Northrup, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval to accept a donation of a Christmas tree from Santa Klahn’s (The Klahn family).

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Northrup, seconded by Cornelius, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Ande Wilson as a volunteer in the Elementary January - June 2022.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
Ellicottville Central School**

**Regular Meeting
Page 4**

**Sht. No. 1963
December 14, 2021**

Moved by Chudy, seconded by Zlockie, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of an MOA with the ETA regarding the creation of an Art Club for MS/HS students at ECS.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Golley, seconded by Northrup, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby approves the following staff to work outside their regular work hours to assist the district by making phone calls related to COVID-19 Contact Tracing: Karin Hager, Tabitha Fisher, Vicky Williams, Lola Shaw, Aimee Kilby and Melissa Sawicki. For this work, the employees will be paid \$30/hour as assigned by the Superintendent until June 30, 2022. Prior to commencing work, the employees subject to this appointment will be informed of expectations related to confidentiality, and during the term of this appointment will report directly to the Superintendent or his designee.

Discussion: Karl Northrup asked why the Consent to Verify Covid-19 Vaccination was in the newsletter and a letter was not sent home to parents? He added that it seemed sneaky to him. He stated that most people do not read the newsletter. He added that people are asking if the district is going to vaccinate their kids and not tell them. Shana Chudy stated that she feels like it is violating personal rights of people. Deb Golley (BOCES) stated that she calls parents at her job, and she has never had anyone get mad because she gave them a heads up that the County may be calling to quarantine their child.

**Yes – 6
No – 1 (Chudy)
Carried**

Personnel:

Moved by Cornelius, seconded by Northrup, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Sydney Kresconko to the substitute teacher list (non-certified) at a rate of \$105 per day, retroactive to December 1, 2021. This appointment is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Golley, seconded by Zlockie, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of James Henneman to the substitute bus driver list effective retroactive to November 29, 2021.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Chudy, seconded by Northrup, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, the Ellicottville Central School District Board of Education does hereby appoint Wendy Regan, who holds a Permanent Certificate in Music, to the position of a FTE Music Teacher effective tentatively January 3, 2022. This position is in the tenure area of Music and is for a four-year probationary period commencing on tentatively January 3, 2022, and ending on tentatively January 3, 2026. Mrs. Regan will be placed on Step 5 of the ETA Salary schedule (B step schedule), which will be prorated for the 2021-2022 school year, with additional salary credit for a master's degree and graduate hours as provided for in the ETA Contract. Eligibility for tenure at the end of the probationary period is dependent on Mrs. Regan receiving APPR ratings of Effective or Highly Effective in 3 of 4 preceding years and no Ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Golley, seconded by Northrup, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval to amend a previous motion of an intent to retire letter from Scott Wilson effective at the end of the day on June 24, 2021, to read the end of the day on June 30, 2021. The motion was originally approved at the October 26, 2021 Board of Education Meeting.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
Ellicottville Central School**

**Regular Meeting
Page 5**

**Sht. No. 1963
December 14, 2021**

Moved by Golley, seconded by Northrup, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the following Basketball Scorers/Timer/30 Second Operators for the 2021-2022 school year, retroactive to November 15, 2021: Danielle Norton, Tim Grinols, Matt Finn, Tammy Eddy, Dave McCann, Glenn Hall, Chris Mendell, Tracie Myers, Dan Lacroix.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Policy
None

CSE/CPSE Recommendations

Moved by Cornelius, seconded by Northrup, 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 (#900500429, 900501475, 900501378, 900500110, 900501228, 900500892, 900500891, 900501140, 900500414, 900500413, 900500961, 900500906, 900500908) at its meeting on December 14, 2021, and approves all necessary arrangements as the most reasonable and appropriate special service(s) and/or program(s) for the implementation of those recommendations November 10 – December 2, 2021.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

Executive Session - NOT NEEDED

~~Moved by _____, seconded by _____, to move into Executive Session at _____ pm to discuss collective bargaining pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law.~~

~~**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**~~

~~Moved by _____, seconded by _____, to come out of Executive Session at _____ pm and return to the regular meeting.~~

~~**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**~~

Adjournment of Meeting

Moved by Golley, seconded by Cornelius, to adjourn the regular meeting of December 14, 2021, at 6:48 p.m.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

District Clerk

Deputy District Clerk