

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
Ellicottville Central School**

**Regular Meeting
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**Sht. No. 1990
July 25, 2023**

OFFICIAL MINUTES

- Members Present:** Debra Golley, Karl Northrup, Jenna O’Connell, Kristen Pearl, Robert Van Wicklin
- Members Absent:** Shana Chudy, William Murphy
- Staff Present:** Robert Miller, Melissa Sawicki, Aimee Kilby, Katie Mendell, Erich Ploetz
- Staff Absent:** None
- Others Present:** Kathy Weller, Chris Edwards

Call to order of meeting
President Golley called the regular meeting of July 25, 2023, of the Ellicottville Central School Board of Education to order at 6:12 p.m. The Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America was recited.

Roll Call
Shana Chudy and William Murphy

Changes, Additions and Deletions to the Agenda
None

Approve Agenda
Moved by Pearl, seconded by Northrup, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the agenda of the July 25, 2023, Board of Education Meeting.

**Yes – 5
No – 0
Carried**

Public Comment
None

Presentations & Reports
None

Communications, Commendations
Thank you cards from: Katryna Jennings, Giancarlo Nuzzo, Alysa Williams

Informational Items
None

- Superintendent’s Report – Robert Miller**
1. Safety Plans – will approve at the August 29, 2023 Board Meeting
 2. CTLE Plan – approve tonight. Moved from a one-year plan to a four-year plan to coincide with the ETA contract. Required through NYSED. Worked with the ETA on the plan.
 3. Capital Outlay
 4. Repairs to the climbing rocks on playground and brickwork to statues in front of the school.
 5. Utica Insurance Risk Assessment – inspection every three years. We have done well. Dave Andera, Shawn Croker and cleaning staff took care of things and had the building and grounds ready for the inspection. Good report.
 6. Building Condition Survey this Friday. We can use the report for the next capital project and capital outlays.
 7. Hodgson & Russ – Social Media Class Action Lawsuit
 8. Board Retreat – what do we want to do. More discussion later in the meeting.
 9. Hiring

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Principals Reports:

Katie Mendell – Elementary Principal/Director of Curriculum

1. 3rd and final round of master schedule for 2023-2024
2. Class Lists are ready
3. Completed non-resident approvals
4. Completed prek final reports. Working on the classroom. There will be another round for the prek grant. Hopefully, we will get some support from the state. This will be the first year we transition to full day prek.
5. Interviews and reviewing applications
6. Professional development going on

Erich Ploetz - MS/HS Principal

1. Thank you for your support at the Superintendent’s Retreat. Thank you for the opportunity to be there.
2. Non-Resident: Interviews next week.
3. Staff Interviews
4. Finishing the Code of Conduct
5. Professional Development
6. Finished VADIR Report: 4 incidents of marijuana and zero alcohol
7. Almost done with Advisors for extracurricular.
8. Drivers Ed underway
9. Shout out to Sarah Pepper. 6th Grade summer school finished today (for 2 students). Both students will move on to 7th grade.
10. Introduction of Karl Gesing. He’s doing a great job. Karl Gesing stated that he is thankful to be at ECS.

Consent Items:

Moved by Pearl, seconded by Northrup, 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 July 11, 2023
- b. Acknowledgement of the July 10, 2023 & July 18, 2023 Claims Auditor Reports

**Yes – 5
No – 0
Carried**

Committee Reports:

None

Discussion Items:

NYSSBA Convention – Buffalo, New York (October 26-28, 2023): Superintendent Miller stated that registration opens on August 8th. President Golley asked board members to let her know if they would like to attend.

Board Retreat: Superintendent Miller asked for ideas. He stated that he has struck out trying to get presenters. He stated that summer is a difficult time to book anyone. The board agreed to have a short meeting on August 8th and then have a dinner/retreat. Superintendent Miller and President Golley will work on this.

Old Business:

None

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New Business:

Moved by Pearl, seconded by O’Connell, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval for ECS to provide transportation for the Ellicottville Summer Park Program to the Little Valley Pool retroactive to July 20, 2023.

**Yes – 5
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Van Wicklin, seconded by O’Connell, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the 2023-2027 CTLE Plan.

**Yes – 5
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Pearl, seconded by Van Wicklin, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Ellicottville Central School combining with Franklinville Central School for Boy’s Modified Soccer for the 2023-2024 school year.

**Yes – 5
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Van Wicklin, seconded by Pearl, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, accept a letter of resignation from Mrs. Erin Schweers-Cornelius from the Ellicottville Central School Board of Education effective July 16, 2023.

**Yes – 5
No – 0
Carried**

Board Member – Oath

Moved by Pearl, seconded by Northrup, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that, William Murphy be and hereby is appointed as a member of the Board of Education of the Ellicottville Central School District to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Erin Schweers Cornelius, such appointment, pursuant to law, shall continue from July 25, 2023, until May 21, 2023 (when at such time an election will be held to fill the remainder of the term from May 21, 2023 – June 30, 2026).

- Administration of Oath of Office to William Murphy (Mr. Murphy was not present at the meeting, he will be sworn in at the next board meeting).

**Yes – 5
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Pearl, seconded by O’Connell, upon the recommendation of Debra Golley, Board President, approval of the following committees and members for the 2023-2024 school year:

DISTRICT COMMITTEES:

Athletics & Performing Arts: Shana Chudy & Karl Northrup

Health & Safety: Shana Chudy & Jenna O’Connell

Technology: Robert Van Wicklin

Strategic Planning: Kristen Pearl

BOARD COMMITTEES:

Audit: Kristen Pearl

Buildings, Grounds & Transportation (BG&T): Robert Van Wicklin & Karl Northrup

Negotiations: Shana Chudy & William Murphy

Budget: Shana Chudy & William Murphy

NYSSBA: Deb Golley - Delegate

Shana Chudy - Alternate

ACASB: Deb Golley - Delegate

Shana Chudy - Alternate

**Yes – 5
No – 0
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Personnel:

Moved by Northrup, seconded by O’Connell, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the following Fall Sports Coach for the 2023-2024 school year:

- Girls Modified Volleyball Andrew Kruszka

**Yes – 5
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Pearl, seconded by Van Wicklin, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Karl Gesing as a Liaison for Homeless Children and Youth for the Ellicottville Central School District for the 2023/2024 school year.

**Yes – 5
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Pearl, seconded by O’Connell, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Josie Canones to the position of Cleaner effective tentatively July 31, 2023, 2023. This position carries a one-year probationary period which will begin on July 31, 2023 and ends on tentatively July 31, 2024. This appointment is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State.

**Yes – 5
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Van Wicklin, seconded by Pearl, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Rebecca Pierce to the substitute bus monitor list retroactive to July 13, 2023 at a rate of \$15.00 per hour. This appointment is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State.

**Yes – 5
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Northrup, seconded by O’Connell, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Rebecca Pierce to the substitute teacher list (certified) at a rate of \$135.00 per day. This appointment is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State.

**Yes – 5
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Northrup, seconded by O’Connell, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Donna Warner as a piano accompanist, at a rate of \$20 per hour, for the 2023-2024 school year.

**Yes – 5
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Van Wicklin, seconded by O’Connell, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Donna Warner as a volunteer in the music department for the 2023-2024 school year.

**Yes – 5
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Pearl, seconded by Northrup, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Dennis Cogley to the substitute bus driver list at a rate of \$17.40 per hour. This appointment is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State.

**Yes – 7
No – 0
Carried**

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Moved by Pearl, seconded by O’Connell, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Lorraine Mitchum to the position of part-time cafeteria worker effective September 5, 2023 at a rate of \$15.00 per hour. This position carries a one-year probationary period which will begin on September 5, 2023 and end on September 5, 2024. This appointment is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State.

**Yes – 5
No – 0
Carried**

Policy
None

CSE/CPSE Recommendations

Moved by Northrup, seconded by Pearl, 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 (#900501395) at its meeting on July 25, 2023, and approves all necessary arrangements as the most reasonable and appropriate special service(s) and/or program(s) for the implementation of those recommendations June 15 – July 21, 2023.

**Yes – 5
No – 0
Carried**

Executive Session

Moved by Van Wicklin, seconded by O’Connell, to move into Executive Session at 6:55 p.m. to discuss:

- The medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation.
- collective bargaining pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law.

**Yes – 5
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Van Wicklin, seconded by O’Connell, to come out of Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. and return to the regular meeting.

**Yes – 5
No – 0
Carried**

Adjournment of Meeting

Moved by Van Wicklin, seconded by Pearl, to adjourn the regular meeting of July 25, 2023, at 7:15 p.m.

**Yes – 5
No – 0
Carried**

District Clerk

Deputy District Clerk