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**Ellicottville Central School**

**Regular Meeting  
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**Sht. No. 1884  
May 29, 2018**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

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

**Members Absent:** Roger Spell

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

**Staff Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Caitlin Croft, Frank Watson, Jamie Edwards, John Thomas, Deb Golley

**Call to order of meeting**

President Hellwig called the regular meeting of May 29, 2018 of the Ellicottville Central School Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. The pledge to the flag of the United States was recited.

**Roll Call**

Roger Spell – absent, Len Zlockie arrived at 7:05 p.m.

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

None

Len Zlockie arrived at 7:05 p.m.

**Public Comment**

Mr. Frank Watson addressed the Board regarding his desire to have his son enrolled in Prek in the fall of 2018. He stated that the current rule from NYSED is you have to be four by December 1<sup>st</sup> and his son will be four on December 4<sup>th</sup>. He asked the board to overlook the rule and allow his child to enter Prek in the fall. He stated that he has already been told the answer is no, but he is seeking for the board to ask for a waiver from the NYS Department of Education. He stated that the Board could either enforce the rule or overlook it. Superintendent Miller stated that he would be in touch with Mr. Watson.

**Approve Agenda**

Moved by Klein seconded by Van Wicklin, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the agenda of the May 29, 2018 Board of Education Meeting.

**Yes – 6  
No – 0  
Carried**

**Presentations & Reports:**

Jamie Edwards showed a short video of the trip students took to Costa Rica in February 2018. She stated that the trip was a success and the chaperones (Tammy Eddy, Glenn Hall and herself) really got to know the students. She added that everyone on the trip experienced something new. President Hellwig thanked Mrs. Edwards for taking the students on the trip. Carl Calarco stated that the trip was well organized. Mrs. Edwards stated that she thought she would come to the meeting this evening with an idea of where the next trip would be in 2020, but after careful thought she decided it would be better to wait until the new foreign language teacher is hired (Mrs. Whistler is retiring in June 2018). She added that she would love to explore a combined French/Spanish trip, stating that ECS is too small to have two different trips. In the meantime Mrs. Edwards is going to continue researching trips. She provided board members with a handout with possible choices for another trip (which included Paris/Barcelona, Argentina, Costa Rica, Peru and Puerto Rico). Superintendent Miller stated that he didn't know if he would recommend a trip to Europe, given the current political environment. Bob Van Wicklin stated that he might disagree with that. Fundraising was discussed and Mrs. Edwards stated that she has mixed feelings on fundraising. Adding that she did not want to take away from the school fundraising and the idea of going to the community again for donations. Mr. Ploetz stated that he would be willing to brainstorm with Mrs. Edwards to come up with some ideas for larger fundraisers. Mrs. Edwards stated that she will most likely have a proposal in September for the Board to review.

**Communications, Commendations:**

None

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**Informational Items:**

None

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

1. Awards Banquet – Mr. Ploetz will talk about the awards banquet in his report. It was Mr. Ploetz's first one and he did an admirable job. 1 hour and 45 minutes.
2. End of year calendar. Elementary last four days will end at 1:30 instead of noon. Met with union presidents and they were on board. Next year won't be an issue.
3. NYSCOSS - 180 day regulation. Waiting on school budget reporting. Won't affect us next school year budget, but may in the future. School budget votes - fourth year in a row, yes votes declined more than no votes. Low voter turnout.

**Principals Reports:**

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

- No Report

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

1. Awards Banquet Thank You's – Mrs. Williams (for meal – great job). Mrs. Reedy and Mr. Wood for organizing and doing a great job with banquet. Mr. Ploetz stated that he has seen many but this was the nicest. He stated that he heard comments about how it is a motivator for students. Carl Calarco stated that Mr. Ploetz's presentation at the banquet was spot on and well done. Bob Van Wicklin stated that he would like to see the same discipline at the sports banquet. He stated that it would be nice to see banquets uniform.
2. Thank you to Crystal Wilder and band students for a job well done at Memorial Day ceremony on Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at the Gazebo in Ellicottville.
3. Upcoming Events: Writing Contest, Band Concert, Dairen Lake Band Competition, Prom, Sports Banquet, Science Written Tests, Club Jazz, Local & Regents Exams.

**Consent Items:**

Moved by Murphy, 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 May 15, 2018
- b. Acknowledgement of the May 16, 2018 Claims Auditor Report

**Yes – 6  
No – 0  
Carried**

**Committee Reports:**

Athletic Committee - The Committee met on Thursday, May 17, 2018. Included in the discussions at the meeting were the following forms: ECS Students Requesting to Combine in a Sport on an Individual Basis with Another School, Sports Team Apparel Guidelines/Checklist and Sports Camp Survey.

**Discussion Items:**

NYSSBA Conference (October 25-27, 2018) – Superintendent Miller asked board members to start thinking about if they would like to attend the conference in New York City.

Financial Advisors (RFP) – Aimee and Superintendent Miller will develop a RFP (Request for Proposals) regarding financial advisors. The district has been with the same firm for a long time and are happy with them, but it would not hurt to do an RFP. Superintendent Miller stated that it is a good business practice and should be reviewed periodically.

**Old Business:**

None

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**New Business:**

Moved by Calarco, seconded by Klein, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval to change the date of the July 10, 2018 Board of Education Reorganizational Meeting to Monday, July 9, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

**Yes – 6**  
**No – 0**  
**Carried**

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Zlockie, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval to renew the Capital Reserve account.

**Yes – 6**  
**No – 0**  
**Carried**

Moved by Van Wicklin, seconded by Calarco, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the following rates for temporary summer workers (July 1, 2018 – August 30, 2018): Cleaners \$10.40 per hour and \$10.40 for bus garage workers.

**Yes – 6**  
**No – 0**  
**Carried**

Moved by Klein, seconded by Van Wicklin, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of 2018 ECS Youth Soccer Camp @ Ellicottville Central School June 25-27, 2017. This camp is for ECS students grades 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> and will be instructed by ECS coaches and students.

**Yes – 6**  
**No – 0**  
**Carried**

**Personnel:**

Moved by Van Wicklin, seconded by Calarco, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the tenure appointment of Catherine Nason. Mrs. Nason has her Permanent Certificate in Business and Distributive Education. Tenure is effective September 1, 2018.

**Yes – 6**  
**No – 0**  
**Carried**

Moved by Klein, seconded by Zlockie, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the tenure appointment of Lillian Lechner. Mrs. Lechner has her Permanent Certificate in Art. Tenure is effective September 1, 2018.

**Yes – 6**  
**No – 0**  
**Carried**

Moved by Van Wickin, seconded by Klein, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Chris Mendell as the Summer Driver Education teacher at ECS (July – August 2018). Mr. Mendell shall receive a salary of \$33.00 per hour for his services.

**Yes – 6**  
**No – 0**  
**Carried**

**Policies & Regulations:**

None

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**CSE/CPSE Recommendations:**

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Zlockie, 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 (#900500086, 900500085, 900500769, 900500256, 900500400, 900501079, 900500898) at its meeting on May 29, 2018 and approves all necessary arrangements as the most reasonable and appropriate special service(s) and/or program(s) for the implementation of those recommendations (April 1-30, 2018).

**Yes – 6  
No – 0  
Carried**

**Executive Session**

Moved by Zlockie, seconded by Van Wicklin, to enter into executive session at 7:55 pm to discuss four personnel items and one contract negotiation (ETA).

**Yes – 6  
No – 0  
Carried**

Moved by Calarco, seconded by Murphy, to come out of executive session at 10:24 pm and return to the regular meeting.

**Yes – 6  
No – 0  
Carried**

**Adjournment of Meeting:**

Moved by Klein, seconded by Zlockie, to adjourn the regular meeting of May 29, 2018 at 10:25 pm.

**Yes – 6  
No – 0  
Carried**

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District Clerk

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Deputy District Clerk