

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Ellicottville Central School**

**Regular Meeting  
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**Sht. No. 1942  
November 17, 2020**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Robert Van Wicklin, William Murphy, Shana Chudy, Debra Golley, Karl Northup, Roger Spell, Leonard Zlockie

**Members Absent:** All Present

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

**Staff Absent:** None

**Others Present:** None

**Call to order of meeting**  
President Van Wicklin called the regular meeting of November 17, 2020 of the Ellicottville Central School Board of Education to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Roll Call**  
All Present

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

**ADDITIONS:**

16f. Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Melissa Schultz to the position of Full-Time Teacher Aide at a rate of \$11.80 per hour effective November 18, 2020. This appointment carries a one-year probationary period which will begin on November 18, 2020 and end on November 18, 2021.

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16h. Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Kyle Mendell to the permanent position of Grounds & Mechanics helper, effective retroactive to November 6, 2020 after successfully completing one year of probation.

**Approve Agenda**  
Moved by Spell, seconded by Northrup, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the agenda of the November 17, 2020 Board of Education Meeting with additions.

**Yes – 7  
No – 0  
Carried**

**Public Comment**  
None

**Presentations & Reports**  
None

**Communications, Commendations**  
None

**Informational Items**  
None

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**Superintendent's Report:**

1. We could not open the MS/HS today because contract tracing was not completed by the DOH. We are down 10 teachers and support staff tomorrow. Maren & Erich will be subbing tomorrow if we open for MS/HS. Superintendent Miller stated that he may have to sub as well. There is a very difficult decision to make regarding going remote tomorrow. We may be able to keep the elementary open. We simply don't have enough subs. Maren, Erich and Superintendent Miller will be meeting after the board meeting this evening to make the decision.
2. Budget – continue to work with Rick Timbs. Have to replenish reserves. It was a very good meeting we had.
3. State Aid – Governor holding up transportation aid. Not getting aid for meals, transportation or employees during COVID.
4. Estimate it would cost around \$30,000 to get “Hot Spots” for district residents. Trying to figure all of this out is insane.
5. Robo Calls – Superintendent Miller stated that he knows a lot of his calls have been later in the evening, but he has to wait for info from the Department of Health and they have not been getting back to him until 7 pm or after. He stated that he can make a call earlier, but that would mean going to remote learning and at this point the administrators are trying not to miss an opportunity to have students in the building learning.
6. Good News is there are a few workshops coming up regarding State Aid. Also, we are in the process of going through our FEMA Grant.
7. Still working with the cable and phone companies. 3 municipalities have said that if we can get high speed internet, we can use their parking lots.
8. Construction Project – we keep getting our approvals. Superintendent Miller stated that he thinks people will be pleased, especially with the parking lots and lighting. Anticipate getting bids out just before or after Christmas.
9. Winter Sports – NYSPHSAA released info for “High Risk” winter sports. They stated that they can start practices on January 4<sup>th</sup>. This is contingent on guidance from New York State. Watching Skiing – they can begin practice on November 30<sup>th</sup>. We may be the only school in our Section with skiing.
10. Closing and Covid – in a yellow zone you have to test 20% to keep students and teachers in building and do random testing every week. If we go remote, we still have to test 20% of whoever comes in the building to work.
11. After this meeting – Maren, Erich and Superintendent Miller will be meeting to discuss options for opening tomorrow. Whether it will be Elementary in person and MS/HS remote or everyone remote. Superintendent Miller stated that the District Administrators are going to do the best for the students. He added that they are in a tough spot.
12. Thursday P/T Conferences – All Conferences will be remote. Teachers have been given the opportunity to do their conferences from home or stay at school and do them.

**Principals Reports:**

Erich Ploetz: MS/HS Principal

1. Day 3 of full remote. November 2<sup>nd</sup> was day 1 and yesterday and today were 2 & 3. Started using a tally sheet to track remote engagement for students in grades 7-12. Teachers are reaching out to kids who we have not heard from in the AM.
2. Report cards will be mailed shortly.
3. Scholastic Challenge has a series of events tomorrow. Competitions in the AM. If they come in the top two, they will be in the Championship in the pm.
4. Congratulations to the boys and girl's soccer teams. It was nice to see sports again and cheer the Eagles on. Great seasons!

Maren Bush: Elementary Principal/Director of Curriculum

1. Everything seems to be running smoothly in the Elementary.
2. Teachers came up with a survey for the parents regarding remote learning. Responses will be reviewed at tomorrow's faculty meetings.

**School Business Executive Report:**

1. Working with Rick Timbs on financials.
2. Something new Aimee and Lola are learning in the business office is tracking COVID time off.

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**Consent Items:**

Moved by Golley, 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 November 3, 2020
- b. Acknowledgement of the November 10, 2020 Claims Auditor Report

**Yes – 7  
No – 0  
Carried**

**Committee Reports:**

None

**Discussion Items:**

None

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

Moved by Northrup, seconded by Murphy, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the 2020-2021 Tax Collector’s Report.

**Yes – 7  
No – 0  
Carried**

**Personnel:**

Moved by Spell, seconded by Northrup, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Ashley Mumm to full-time status as a teacher aide effective retroactive to Monday, November 9, 2020.

**Yes – 7  
No – 0  
Carried**

Moved by Northrup, seconded by Zlockie, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Glenn Hall to the position of long-term substitute for HS Science at a rate of \$140 per day. This appointment is retroactive from November 12, 2020 through tentatively December 22, 2020.

**Yes – 7  
No – 0  
Carried**

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Northrup, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the following winter sports coaches for the 2010-21 school year (contingent upon number of students in each sport and clearance from the NYSPHSAA / New York State to allow winter sports):

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|--------------------------|-------------------|
| •Boys & Girls Alpine Ski | Kelly Fredrickson |
| •Boys & Girls Bowling    | Diana Olson       |

**Yes – 7  
No – 0  
Carried**

Moved by Golley, seconded by Spell, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Kristin Rocco (Teacher) to Family Medical Leave (FMLA) from November 4 - December 22, 2020.

**Yes – 7  
No – 0  
Carried**

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Moved by Golley, seconded by Spell, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Tracie Myers to the position of long-term substitute teacher for Kristin Rocco November 4, 2020 through December 22, 2020.

**Yes – 7  
No – 0  
Carried**

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**Yes – 7  
No – 0  
Carried**

**Policy:**  
None

**CSE/CPSE Recommendations:**

Moved by Chudy, 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 (#900501424, 900500387, 900500878, 900501379, 900501064, 900500807, 900501025, 900500581, 900500580, 900500433, 900501178) at its meeting on November 17, 2020 and approves all necessary arrangements as the most reasonable and appropriate special service(s) and/or program(s) for the implementation of those recommendations (October 29 – November 12, 2020).

**Yes – 7  
No – 0  
Carried**

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**Executive Session**

Moved by Northrup, seconded by Spell, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval to enter into executive session at 6:47 pm to discuss 2 contractual items and 2 specific personnel items (ETA & ECSRPA).

**Yes – 7  
No – 0  
Carried**

Moved by Chudy, seconded by Spell, to come out of executive session at 6:54 pm and return to the regular meeting.

**Yes – 7  
No – 0  
Carried**

**Adjournment of Meeting**

Moved by Golley, seconded by Spell, to adjourn the regular meeting of November 17, 2020 at 6:54 p.m.

**Yes – 7  
No – 0  
Carried**

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District Clerk

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Deputy District Clerk