

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
Ellicottville Central School**

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**Sht. No. 1993
September 26, 2023**

OFFICIAL MINUTES

- Members Present:** Debra Golley, Shana Chudy, William Murphy, Karl Northrup, Jenna O’Connell, Robert Van Wicklin
- Members Absent:** Kristen Pearl
- Staff Present:** Robert Miller, Melissa Sawicki, Aimee Kilby, Erich Ploetz
- Staff Absent:** Katie Mendell
- Others Present:** Jackie James, Lori Antholzner, Alison Antholzner, Kathy Weller, Zachary Brennan, Danna Isaman, Rhiannon Zink, Cooper Sciara, Coleman Milks, Schavon Byroads

Call to order of meeting
President Golley called the regular meeting of September 26, 2023, 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
Kristen Pearl

Changes, Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

- Additions:**
14. Discussion Items
a. Board of Education member emails
16. New Business
f. Approval of the 8th grade trip to Washington, D.C. June 16-18, 2024
17. Personnel
l. Moved by _____, seconded by _____, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval to accept a letter of resignation from Nakida Redeye, teacher assistant, effective at the end of the day on October 27, 2023.

Approve Agenda
Moved by Murphy, seconded by Northrup, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the agenda of the September 26, 2023, Board of Education Meeting with additions.

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Public Comment
None

Presentations & Reports
8th Grade Washington, D.C. trip: Zachary Brennan, Cooper Sciara, Alison Antholzner and Coleman Milks reviewed a PowerPoint presentation they prepared. It outlined the proposed 8th grade class trip to Washington, D.C., June 16-18, 2023. President Golley thanked the students for the presentation and stated that she felt the class trip to D.C. was one of the best that the school sends kids on.

2022-2023 External Audit Presentation (Buffamante, Whipple & Buttafaro, PC): Danna Isaman and Rhiannon Zink attended the meeting and presented a PowerPoint of the 2022-2023 External Audit. Mrs. Isaman stated that the reports were positive overall. She added that the General Fund and Lunch Fund broke even. President Golley expressed to Aimee Kilby, School Business Executive, that she did a good job.

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Communications, Commendations
None

Informational Items
None

Superintendent’s Report – Robert Miller

1. New lights on the football field were dedicated on Friday, September 22nd. Superintendent Miller stated that he would like to thank the Pitillo Family and the entire community. He stated that the District will be forever grateful for the new lights. President Golley stated that the lights look great and work really well.
2. CA BOCES – Big Picture will present at the November 14th Board Meeting.
3. BCS (Building Condition Survey) will be completed in mid-October. The document will then need to be submitted to SED. The District is hoping for another bidding and hoping for better prices for the canopy over the loading dock.

Discussion: Karl Northrup asked how the new Director of Facilities is doing. Superintendent Miller stated that he is doing great and really impressing people.

Principals Reports:

Katie Mendell – Elementary Principal/Director of Curriculum - Absent

Erich Ploetz - MS/HS Principal

1. Opening of school: new instructional staff and faculty:
Alissa Steger, MS/HS Mathematics & Introductory Physics
Andrew Kruszka, Global Studies
Savannah Gonsiorek, Physical Education
Kira Seaman, Earth Science
2. Stories of Strength Assembly – Many thanks to Elizabeth and the entire Weber family for producing the event.
3. Homecoming 2023 – seniors with a strong victory over Juniors in PowderPuff game, Enjoyable spirit activities, including own Gwen Bush with the ice bucket challenge.
4. Fall Athletics are mid-season, teams are off to a good start
5. Upcoming Red Ribbon Week visit from Kid’s Escaping Drugs on October 26

School Business Executive Report: Aimee Kilby

Mrs. Kilby stated that she has no report this evening. She stated that the new staff member in the business office seems like a good fit and is working out well.

Consent Items:

Moved by Northrup, seconded by O’Connell, 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 August 29, 2023
- b. Acknowledgement of the August 31, 2023 & September 12, 2023, Claims Auditor Reports

**Yes – 6
No – 0
Carried**

Committee Reports:
None

Discussion Items:

Board of Education member emails: Superintendent Miller stated that there seems to be intermittent problems sending emails to Gmail accounts. He stated that if the problem continues the district may have to assign board members school email accounts.

Old Business:
None

Karl Northrup left the meeting.

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New Business:

Moved by Chudy, seconded by Murphy, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the 2022-2023 school year external audit (as presented by Buffamante, Whipple, Buttafaro, PC – External Auditors).

**Yes – 5
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Murphy, seconded by O’Connell, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the following resolution: **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Ellicottville Central School District hereby agrees to enter into a contract with Erie I BOCES for a five (5) year period commencing on or about October 11, 2023 to authorize the Western New York Regional Information Center to furnish certain computer services to the District pursuant to Education Law 1950 (4) (JJ) for an amount not to exceed \$11,806.80 and authorizes 60 monthly payments to be made to Erie I BOCES in the amount not to exceed \$196.78 per month. **Be it further RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Ellicottville Central School District hereby authorizes the Board President or District Clerk to execute the contract on behalf of the District.

**Yes – 5
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by O’Connell, seconded by Chudy, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval to change the rate of pay for substitute LPN’s from \$20 per hour to \$30 per hour effective September 27, 2023.

**Yes – 5
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Van Wicklin, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of a MOA with the ECSRPA regarding starting salaries for maintenance workers effective September 27, 2023.

**Yes – 5
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Chudy, seconded by O’Connell, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of a MOA with the ECSRPA for the 2023-2024 school year regarding the transportation of Ellicottville students being transported to athletic practices and contest by bus drivers employed by the Franklinville Central School District.

**Yes – 5
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by O’Connell, seconded by Van Wicklin, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the 8th grade trip to Washington, D.C. – June 16-18, 2024.

**Yes – 5
No – 0
Carried**

Personnel:

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Chudy, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of the following advisors for the 2023-2024 school year:

Computer Lab Monitors	Heather Reed, Randi Metzger
Trap Team	Stan Grochowina
SAT Prep Teachers (Math & ELA)	Holly Richardson, Ann Chamberlain

**Yes – 5
No – 0
Carried**

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Moved by O’Connell, seconded by Murphy, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Laura Whitmer to the substitute cafeteria worker list at a rate of \$15 per hour. This appointment is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State.

**Yes – 5
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Chudy, seconded by O’Connell, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Tammie Cummiskey to the substitute teacher list (certified) at a rate of \$135 per day. This appointment is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State.

**Yes – 5
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Van Wicklin, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Rebecca McAndrew to the substitute teacher list (certified) at a rate of \$135 per day. This appointment is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State.

**Yes – 5
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Chudy, seconded by O’Connell, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Haven Ford to the substitute school nurse list (RN) at a rate of \$35 per hour retroactive to September 8, 2023. This appointment is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State.

**Yes – 5
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Murphy, seconded by O’Connell, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Sara O’Neil to the position of LPN effective September 25, 2023. Mrs. O’Neil will be paid \$32.00 an hour for this position for the 2023-2024 school year. This position carries a 12-month probationary period beginning on September 25, 2023 and ending on September 25, 2024. This position is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State.

**Yes – 5
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Chudy, seconded by O’Connell, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Elizabeth Hoover to the substitute teacher list (non-certified) at a rate of \$115 per day. This appointment is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State.

**Yes – 5
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by O’Connell, seconded by Van Wicklin, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Jason Kosinski as a timer for football for the 2023/2024 season.

**Yes – 5
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Chudy, seconded by Murphy, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval to accept a letter of resignation from Kevin Rowland (bus driver) effective at the end of the day on September 28, 2023.

**Yes – 5
No – 0
Carried**

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Moved by O’Connell, seconded by Chudy, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Jordan Pierce to the substitute teacher list (non-certified) at a rate of \$125 per day. This appointment is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State.

**Yes – 5
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Murphy, seconded by Van Wicklin, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval of Jacob Rust to the position of Cleaner effective tentatively September 27, 2023. Mr. Rust will be paid \$15.00 an hour for this position for the 2023-2024 school year. This position carries a 12-month probationary period beginning on tentatively September 27, 2023 and ending on tentatively September 27, 2024. This position is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State.

**Yes – 5
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Chudy, seconded by O’Connell, upon the recommendation of Robert Miller, Superintendent of Schools, approval to accept a letter of resignation from Nakida Redeye, teacher assistant, effective at the end of the day on October 27, 2023.

**Yes – 5
No – 0
Carried**

Policy
None

CSE/CPSE Recommendations

Moved by Murphy, seconded by O’Connell, 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 (#900501608, 900501574, 900501575, 900501579, 900500236, 900501449, 9000501148, 900500430, 900500807, 90050906, 900501606, 900501508, 900501609) at its meeting on September 26, 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 August 23 – September 20, 2023.

**Yes – 5
No – 0
Carried**

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Executive Session

Moved by Chudy, seconded by O’Connell, to move into Executive Session at 6:50 p.m. to discuss:
Executive Session 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
- Discussions involving proposed, pending, or current litigation: Budget

**Yes – 5
No – 0
Carried**

Moved by Chudy, seconded by Van Wicklin, to come out of Executive Session at 7:16 p.m. and return to the regular meeting.

**Yes – 5
No – 0
Carried**

Adjournment of Meeting

Moved by Van Wicklin, seconded by Chudy, to adjourn the regular meeting of September 26, 2023, at 7:16 p.m.

**Yes – 5
No – 0
Carried**

District Clerk

Deputy District Clerk