

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
Ellicottville Central School**

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**Sht. No. 1668
September 22, 2009**

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Members Present: Linda McAndrew, Mary Ellen Campbell, Steve Crowley, Roger Spell,
James Wiley, Lynn Eddy, Stephen Ward (arrived at 8:30 pm)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Mark Ward, Robert Miller, Connie Poulin, Sharon Morton, Melissa Sawicki

Staff Absent: None

Others Present: None

Call to order of meeting

President McAndrew called the regular meeting of September 22, 2009 of the Ellicottville Central School Board of Education to order at 7:39 p.m. The pledge to the flag of the United States was recited.

Roll Call

Stephen Ward arrived at 8:30 pm

Changes, Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

None

Statements and questions from the audience

None

Approve Agenda

Moved by Spell, seconded by Crowley to approve the agenda for the September 22, 2009 board meeting as presented.

Yes - 6

No - 0

Carried

Presentations & Reports

Suzana Baker (blogging information): Mrs. Baker addressed the board in regards to a blogging site that she has set-up for her 9th grade English class. Mrs. Baker stated she has learned that many colleges use blogging sites for students to report their essays or answers instead of handing in paper copies. She stated that she will monitor and review all information before it is posted to the blog site. Superintendent Ward stated that computers have changed the way we write. He added that it has made us better writers. The board thanked Mrs. Baker for coming to the board meeting and speaking about the blogging site.

Communications, Commendations

None

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Informational Items

Superintendent Ward stated that information has been provided to board members in regards to a proposed trip to Washington, D.C. for 8th grade students. Steve Crowley stated that the board has talked about this several times over the past years. Mr. Crowley stated that perhaps the trip should be a day or so longer than the proposed two day, one night trip. Superintendent Ward stated that he will provide more information to the board as plans progress.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Ward stated that at Mr. Miller's faculty meeting last Wednesday, he and Mr. Miller discussed the grading policy, in particular the impact of final exams on a students average with the staff.

Superintendent Ward stated that ECS will be featured in "On Board" the NYSSBA newspaper on September 28th. He stated that it will feature information about the district's strategic planning.

Superintendent Ward invited board members to the September 28th Health & Safety Committee Meeting at 3:00 pm in the High School Library.

Superintendent Ward stated that a meeting was held afterschool with Mr. Miller and several teachers in regards to how to use Cassetta Funds.

Consent Items:

Moved by Wiley, seconded by Campbell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to adopt the following Consent Agenda items:

- a. That the board approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 8, 2009
- b. Acknowledgment of Claims Auditor Reports dated September 16, 2009

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

New Business

Moved by Crowley, seconded by Wiley, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Home Schooling requests for the 2009-2010 school year.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Spell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the 2009-2010 Adult Education Sponsorship Agreement with Cattaraugus/Allegany BOCES.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Eddy, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve a donation to Ellicottville Central School of \$4,000 from Stone Design.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

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Old Business

Moved by Wiley, seconded by Crowley, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent to approve the Real Property Tax Law (Senior Citizens - partial exemption - Sliding Scale), effective for the 2010 Assessment Roll:

\$18,500 or less	= 50% of assessed value exempt
\$18,501 but less than \$19,500	= 45% of assessed value exempt
\$19,500 but less than \$20,500	=40% of assessed value exempt
\$20,500 but less than \$21,500	=35% of assessed value exempt
\$21,500 but less than \$22,400	=30% of assessed value exempt
\$22,400 but less than \$23,300	=25% of assessed value exempt
\$23,300 but less than \$24,200	=20% of assessed value exempt

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Personnel:

Moved by Spell, seconded by Campbell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve Scott Wilson as a Mentor for Nicholas Smith.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Crowley, seconded by Campbell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve Sandra Tomblin as the Odyssey of the Mind Coordinator for the 2009-2010 school year at a salary of \$356.

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Carried**

Steve Ward arrived at 8:30 pm

Moved by Spell, seconded by S. Ward, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following Odyssey of the Mind coaches for the 2009-2010 school year at a salary of \$356 (per coach): Jackie Paddock, Lori Antholzner, April Donoghue, and Lisa Pawlowski. As well as, Jane Chew and Joanne Kurtis. These two appointments are contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State.

Discussion: Superintendent Ward stated that if there are six OM teams he will sign a MOU with the Teacher's Union for the sixth position as the contract states up to five coaches (paid) for OM. Superintendent Ward also stated that he will speak with Mrs. Tomblin in regards to all of the paid coaches having their fingerprint clearances completed.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Eddy upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following volunteers for the 2009-2010 school: Ralph Paddock, Joanne Timkey, Paul Timkey.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

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Moved by Wiley, seconded by Crowley, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to approve a Memorandum of Agreement to create the extracurricular position of Web Master for the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 school years (12 month position) with a stipend of \$2500 each year (for the Ellicottville Central School District).

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by S. Ward, seconded by Spell upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve Jaye Zelko and Ann Chamberlain as a SEE Study Hall advisor for the 2009-2010 school year.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Eddy, seconded by Wiley, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools approval of Ellicottville Central School becoming a partnering agency with the Cattaraugus County Youth Bureau, to have an AmeriCorps member for the 2009/2010 program year. The District cost for one full time position will be \$3,500.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

Principal's Reports

Connie Poulin (Elementary Principal/Director of Curriculum):

No report

Robert Miller (Middle School/High School Principal):

1. Parent Portal
2. Open House
3. Spirit Week
4. Academic Eligibility
5. Master Schedule and Class Size
6. Upcoming Events/Dates

Discussion: Mr. Miller reviewed his board report and added that a recent graduate, Sarah Robinson, has made the Liberty College Division I Travel Varsity Soccer Team.

Policies:

None

Committee Reports:

Superintendent Ward stated that the Buildings, Grounds and Transportation Meeting scheduled for today was postponed and will be rescheduled. He stated that a Health & Safety Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, September 28, 2009 at 3:00 pm in the High School Library.

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Discussion Items:

Athletic Field Maintenance: Superintendent Ward stated that he will be putting together a "Request for Proposals" in regards to maintaining the district's athletic fields.

Executive Session

Moved by Spell, seconded by Wiley, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent to approve the following CSE/CPSE recommendations dated July 1-August 31, 2009: 900500155, 900500103, 900500154, 900500065, 900339930, 900440377, 900500103.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

Adjournment of Meeting

Motion by Campbell, seconded by Eddy, to adjourn the regular meeting of September 22, 2009 at 9:10 pm.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

District Clerk