

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
Ellicottville Central School**

**Regular Meeting
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**Sht. No. 1667
September 8, 2009**

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Members Present: Linda McAndrew, Mary Ellen Campbell, Steve Crowley, Roger Spell, Stephen Ward, James Wiley, Lynn Eddy

Members Absent: None

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

Staff Absent: None

Others Present: Tammy Eddy, Dan LaCroix

Call to order of meeting

President McAndrew called the regular meeting of September 8, 2009 of the Ellicottville Central School Board of Education to order at 7:33 p.m. The pledge to the flag of the United States was recited.

Roll Call

All Present

Changes, Additions and Deletions to the Agenda

None

Statements and questions from the audience

None

Approve Agenda

Moved by S. Ward, seconded by Spell to approve the agenda for the September 8, 2009 board meeting as presented.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

Presentations & Reports

Tammy Eddy and Dan LaCroix reported on the new program "CareerZone" which will be implemented in grades 6-12 starting in the 2009-2010 school year. Students will answer approximately 192 questions that will point them in the direction of careers that coincide with their interests. CareerZone is a free, on-line career exploration system that provides information on 974 different jobs. The program offers: a link to NY Mentor for the best educational information around, 200 career videos showing real people at work, a self-assessment tool that helps you identify career-related interests and links to jobs, a link to America's Job Bank to view job postings, an on-line resume, reference and cover letter build, a database of lesson plans for teachers. Each lesson plan is linked to the NYSED Standards, as well as Interactive Career Portfolios for middle and high school students - the electronic companion to the New York State Education Department Career Plan. Mrs. Eddy and Mr. LaCroix will meet with students four times a year as well as oversee the program. Superintendent Ward stated that the key to the program will be leadership from Mrs. Eddy and Mr. LaCroix. Superintendent Ward stated that the Board met a few weeks ago and talked about the District's Strategic Plan. He stated that from that discussion the Board suggested having a Career Fair at ECS with local business partners.

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Communications, Commendations

None

Informational Items

None

Superintendent's Report

1. **Enrollment Numbers:**
2008-2009 started the year with 616 students and ended the year with 610 students
2009-2010 starting the year with 606 students
Superintendent Ward stated that the district registered 40 new students for the 2009-2010 school year with 9 being out of district and 31 being in district.
2. **Press Box:** Superintendent Ward will be meeting with Jerry Musall and the maintenance crew to discuss ideas for a new press box.
3. **Alternative Education Program:** the program currently has 24 students.
4. **Executive Session:** Superintendent Ward stated that an executive session will be needed at the end of the meeting to discuss negotiations.
5. **Computers:** Superintendent Ward stated that currently five elementary classrooms have no computers other than the teachers computer. He added that the other classrooms currently have outdated Mac computers. He asked the board to authorize him to purchase 60 new computers for elementary classrooms. He stated that there is currently money in the budget to cover the purchase. The board authorized Mr. Ward to proceed with the purchase of approximately 60 new computers.

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 August 25, 2009
- b. Acknowledgment of Claims Auditor Reports dated September 2, 2009
- c. Approval of July 2009 Treasurer's Report

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

New Business

Moved by S. Ward, seconded by Eddy, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to approve the Ellicottville Central School District's *Strategic Plan*.

Discussion: Superintendent Ward stated that the entire Strategic Plan will be printed in the October District Newsletter.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

Old Business

None

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Personnel:

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Spell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to approve the following "SEE" study hall teachers for the 2009-2010 school year: Glenn Hall, Pam Illig, Deb McGowan, Marie Kleiderlein and Holly Richardson.

Discussion: Mary Ellen Campbell stated that she was concerned that there wasn't a math person approved. Mr. Miller (MS/HS Principal) stated that he will check with the teachers and see if any are interested.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Spell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to approve Mary Hartsell (on an emergency conditional basis) to the substitute teacher aide, substitute teacher assistant and substitute teacher list (non-certified). This appointment is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State.

Roll Call:

Campbell	Yes
Crowley	Yes
Spell	Yes
Ward	Yes
Eddy	Yes
McAndrew	Yes
Wiley	Abstain

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Abstain - Wiley
Carried**

Moved by Campbell, seconded by S. Ward, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to approve Megan Roll (on an emergency conditional basis) to the substitute teacher list (certified). This appointment is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Spell, seconded by Campbell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to approve Amy Swalcy (on an emergency conditional basis) to the substitute teacher list (non-certified). This appointment is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

Moved by Wiley, seconded by Spell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to approve Melanie VanWicklin (on an emergency conditional basis) to the substitute teacher list (non-certified). This appointment is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

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Moved by S. Ward, seconded by Campbell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to approve Colby Rehrauer (on an emergency conditional basis) to the substitute teacher list (certified). This appointment is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State.

Roll Call:

Campbell	Yes
Crowley	Yes
Spell	Yes
S. Ward	Yes
Eddy	Yes
Wiley	Yes
McAndrew	Abstain

**Yes - 6
No - 0
Abstain - McAndrew
Carried**

Moved by S. Ward, seconded by Campbell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to approve Danielle Gleason (on an emergency conditional basis) to the substitute teacher list (non-certified). This appointment is contingent upon a successful fingerprint clearance from New York State.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

Principal's Reports

Connie Poulin (Elementary Principal/Director of Curriculum):

1. Staff Development Day, October 13, 2009 will center around Technology
2. Fire Prevention Activities (week of October 4th)
3. Elementary Picture Day - September 29th
4. Digital Fingerprinting - Tpr. Ciesla and Cattaraugus County Sheriff's Department
5. Student Agenda - printed by Catt/Allegany BOCES
6. Elementary Faculty Meeting
7. Data Warehouse Binder (available for review)
8. Successful start to school year!

Robert Miller (Middle School/High School Principal):

Mr. Miller had no written report but stated that the district will have one foreign exchange student from Norway for at least the first three months of the school year. Mr. Miller added that the MS/HS is also experiencing a successful start to the new school year.

Policies:

Motion by Campbell, second by Spell, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent, to have the second reading and approve proposed changes to the policy: Class Rank.

Discussion: in item #4 the line "or endorsed by ECS" will be added. Superintendent Ward stated that Mr. Miller (MS/HS Principal) did an excellent job with this policy. Mr. Miller stated that board members can take Administrative Regulation #7224 out of the silver regulation book. He stated that he combined the policy and regulation.

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The board read and reviewed the Administrative Regulation: Academic Eligibility.

Motion by Campbell, second by Wiley, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent, to have the second reading and approve the proposed changes to the policy: Grading for Students in Grades 6-12.
Discussion: Superintendent Ward stated that he would like to see the proposed policy approved and if changes are necessary they can be made a later time. Steve Ward stated that he would like to see a percentage added addressing how (what percentage) homework will count towards a students grade.

Committee Reports:

Superintendent Ward stated that meetings will be set up in the next week or so for: Health & Safety, Buildings & Grounds and the Board Audit Committee.

Discussion Items:

Athletic Field Maintenance: Superintendent Ward suggested that the district look at contracting with an outside company to maintain the athletic fields. He stated that he has spoken with Steve Beattie about what it would entail. Steve Crowley stated that the district should bid it out. He suggested also contacting Green Care out of East Otto. He also stated that he will have more information for the next board meeting. He supplied the board with a note from Mr. Beattie that outlined the current field situations. Superintendent Ward stated that the district has nice fields and it would be a shame not to maintain them.

Real Property Tax Law (Senior Citizens - partial exemption) - Superintendent Ward will speak with Nancy Barney (Cattaraugus County Real Property Office) and report to the Board at the September 22, 2009 meeting.

Executive Session

Motion by Spell, seconded by Wiley, to enter into executive session at 9:50 p.m. to discuss negotiations.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

Motion by Spell, seconded by Crowley, to come out of executive session at 10:15 p.m. and return to the regular meeting.

**Yes - 7
No - 0
Carried**

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Adjournment of Meeting

Motion by S. Ward, seconded by Wiley to adjourn the regular meeting of September 8, 2009 at 10:16 pm.

Yes - 7

No - 0

Carried

District Clerk

Deputy District Clerk